**Seita Scholars Program Updates**

**Seita Scholars Graduates**

The Seita Scholars Program is proud to celebrate 78 program graduates upon the completion of the fall 2015 term. Our rates of graduation continue to exceed the national average for students who experienced foster care, with nearly 40% our first class of students being on track to graduate from WMU.

We expect to see nearly ten more Seita Scholars cross the stage of Miller Auditorium during the spring commencement ceremony, with as many as six additional students following closely behind during the summer ceremony. We are anticipating celebrating our 100th graduate of the Seita Scholars Program during the next academic year!

We are excited to share this journey with you, and cannot wait to see what the coming semesters bring for the Seita Scholars Program. It is, as always, a great day to be a Bronco!

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**Important Dates**

Check with your mentee about these dates - there may be great opportunities to connect!

**February 2016**

**February 20:**
Mentor/Mentee Game Day
Seita Scholars Office (2-4pm)
(CANCELLED)

**March 2016**

**March 4:**
Spirit Day (no classes)

**March 7-11:**
Spring Break (no classes)

**April 2016**

**April 17:**
Seita Scholars Open Mic Night
Bernhard Center (6-8PM)

**April 25-29:**
Mentor's Corner

Upcoming Career Mentor and Mentee Events

Due to circumstances beyond our control, our February Mentor/Mentee Event, Game Day, has been cancelled. Please be on the lookout for other events hosted by us to bond with your mentee in the future. In the meantime, we highly encourage our mentors to coordinate an activity or outing with their mentee outside of what our program has scheduled. We know things are getting busy around this time, but an hour out of our days can really make a difference for a student’s week!

Upcoming WMU Events

Western Michigan University theater students will perform the popular new rock musical "Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson" Feb. 12-28 in the York Arena Theatre at the Gilmore Theatre Complex.

This satirical dramatic musical follows emo rocker Andrew Jackson from his poor rural life in Tennessee to early victories and, eventually, to his American presidency. Along the way, he takes on the Founding Fathers, meets his wife, Rachel—and rocks like no president has ever rocked before.

All seating for "Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson" at York Arena Theatre is general admission. Tickets are $20, $18 for senior citizens and WMU employees, $6 for WMU students and $10 for all other students. They are available by calling (269) 387-6222, online or by visiting the Gilmore Theatre Complex or Miller Auditorium ticket offices. Group discounts are available by calling (269) 387-3227.

This a great way to bond with your mentee while appreciating the talent of WMU’s theater community.

Donor's Corner

Item Donations for the Seita Scholars Program

As we prepare for the winter months, the Seita Scholars Program continues to accept donations to support our students. Current items that are needed include:

- Umbrellas
- Toilet Paper
Thank you for your continued support of our program and students!

Monetary Donations

The Seita Scholars Program is sustained through ongoing Western Michigan University support, grants, and individual donations. Please consider how you might help current and future Seita scholars through providing financial support on a one-time or repeating-gift basis.

You may make a tax-deductible donation using your credit card or make your check payable to WMU Foundation. In the memo line enter Seita Scholars Emergency Fund, and mail it to:

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If you are interested in planned giving, please contact the Development and Alumni Relations office at (269) 387-8700.

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