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

January 2016
January 11:
First day of classes (8 am)

January 27:
Lyceum Lecture Series: A Transborder History of Controlling Water in the Great Lakes- St. Lawrence Basin:
Lee Honors College lounge
12-1pm

February 2016
February 20:
Mentor/Mentee Game Day (2-4pm) Seita Scholars Office

March 2016
March 4:
Spirit Day (no classes)

A Winter Break Thank You

On behalf of all of the staff and students in the Seita Scholars Program, we would like to extend a warm thank you to each and every individual and group who took the time to provide our students with a meal over the winter closure. Due to the generosity of our volunteers and donors, we were able to provide hot meals to our students over a period of 17 days!

In addition, we were able to host a number of fun activities throughout the month of December for our students. These events, which have become end of semester favorites, include our Finals Week Celebration, our White Elephant Gift Exchange and our annual AFSCME Holiday Meal. The sense of community created through these events is indescribable, and would not be possible without the warm and generous community that surrounds and supports us every year.

So, again, thank you to all of our volunteers, mentors and donors who made this time of year so special for our staff and students.
March 7-11:
Spring Break (no classes)

Upcoming Events

During the spring 2015 semester, the Lee Honors College will host 13 multidisciplinary talks. These talks are free and open to the public and will be held from 12-1PM every Wednesday in the Lee Honors College lounge on WMU's main campus. No talk will be offered March 9 during spring recess. Attendees are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch.

January 27, 2016

"A Transborder History of Controlling Water in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Basin," presented by Dr. Dan McFarlane, environmental and sustainability studies will examine water issues in the Great Lakes region, with a special focus on Kalamazoo, and Part II (presented during Fall 2016) will broaden the perspective to consider global issues related to water. Given the current state of emergency declared in Flint, MI by President Obama, this event can serve as a wonderful exchange of knowledge and perspectives between mentors, mentees, and the WMU/Kalamazoo community.

For a full list of Lyceum Lecture events, please visit the Lee Honors College [website](#).

Mentor's Corner

Upcoming Career Mentor and Mentee Events

As we kick off the new academic semester, the Seita Scholars Program is planning some great events for mentors and mentees. We are also currently seeking a mentor who is involved in accounting - if you know someone in that field please send them our way!

Game Day at The Seita Scholars Program

The positive response to our first ever game day event for mentors and mentees was overwhelming, and so we are bringing you more game day fun! On February 20, the Seita Scholars Program will host our second game day event! This promises to be a great opportunity to connect with your mentee(s) while playing your choice of games (feel free to bring a favorite game with you).

If board games are not your thing, challenge your mentee and others to rounds of Words with Friends via your mobile device, or watch a football game in the lounge. Watch your email for more information. Please feel free to email [Maria](#) with any questions.
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
- Non-perishable snacks

Thank you for your continued support of our program and students!

Coat and Boot Drive

As the temperatures drop and the snow begins to fly, the Seita Scholars Program is looking to provide coats and boots to assist students through the winter months. Not having appropriate winter attire can impact a student’s ability to thrive on campus by compromising their health, and decreasing their likelihood of going to classes in very cold weather.

Because Seita Scholars do not come in a standard size, the Seita Scholars Program will be taking students shopping to pick out their own coats and boots throughout November and December. In order to make these shopping trips possible, we need your help!

Donations to cover full or partial cost of a coat and pair of boots are currently being accepted; estimates suggest that a pair of boots and a coat will each cost $50-75. Donations can be made using the information provided in the "Monetary Donations" section below.

For additional information or questions, please email seita-scholars@wmich.edu or call Maria Newhouse, Manager for Program Development, at (269) 387-8381.

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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