Important Dates

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

November 2015
November 17:
Trans*, Gender Nonconforming, and Gender Creative Lived Experiences
Trimpe Multicultural Center
6:30-8:00 pm

November 14:
Mentor/Mentee Game Day
Seita Scholars Program office (Faunce Student Services)
3:30 - 5:30 pm

November 25:
Thanksgiving Lunch for Seita Scholars
Trimpe Multicultural Center
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

November 26-27:
Thanksgiving and Day After

Upcoming Community Events

Winter Closure Meal Donation

As many of our volunteers and mentors are aware, Western Michigan University closes for a period of several weeks in December and January each year. This year, residence halls will close from December 18 until January 8. Through our partnership with Residence Life, the Seita Scholars Program is able to ensure that our students have housing on campus if they do not have somewhere else to go during this time.

However, with the closure of the residence halls comes the closure of the dining halls during this three week period. This creates a gap for students staying on campus over the winter closure, which we rely on our volunteers and mentors to help us fill.

We know the holidays are a busy time of year, so we wanted to let you know that there are several options to help in this endeavor including providing frozen meals (home cooked or store bought) to feed our students, arrange for meals to be catered from...
Thanksgiving Holiday (Seita Scholars office closed)

**December 2015**

**December 13:**
Finals Week Celebration  
*Trinme Multicultural Center*  
2:00 - 4:00 pm

**December 14-18:**
Finals Week

**December 18:**
Frozen Meal Drop-off  
*Ackley-Shilling*  
1:00 - 3:00 pm

**December 19:**
Commencement  
Seita Scholars Move Day

**December 25:**
Christmas Day Holiday (WMU closed; Seita Scholars offices closed)

**December 26:**
Frozen Meal Drop-off  
*Ackley-Shilling*  
1:00 - 3:00 pm

**December 28-31:**
WMU Winter Closure (WMU closed, Seita Scholars offices closed)

**January 2016**

**January 1:**
New Year’s Day Holiday (WMU closed, Seita Scholars office closed)

Frozen Meal Drop-off  
*Ackley-Shilling*  
1:00 - 3:00 pm

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

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**Holiday Event**

**Holiday Film Screening with the Kalamazoo State Theater**

The Seita Scholars Program is excited to announce that the Kalamazoo State Theater will be hosting a special showing of the moving National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation at the Kalamazoo State Theatre on Friday, December 18!

$1 from every ticket sold will be donated to the Seita Scholars Fund!

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Frozen Meal Donations

This year, as we did last year, we will stagger drop off dates for frozen meals throughout the month of December due to our limited ability to store frozen meals.

Drop off dates for frozen meals will be as follows:

- Friday, December 18 from 1-3 at the Ackley-Shilling Residence Hall
- Saturday, December 26 from 1-3 at the Ackley-Shilling Residence Hall
- Friday, January 1 from 1-3 at the Ackley-Shilling Residence Hall

If you are interested in donating a frozen meal, please email seita-scholars@wmich.edu and let us know when you will plan to drop off a meal. If these dates and times do not work for you, please let us know and we will happily arrange to meet you on a date and time that works for you.

**Hot Meal Donations**

This year, we are going to organize our hot meal donations a little differently! If you are interested in providing a hot meal, or in having a hot meal delivered, please use our [Meal Train link] to sign-up or see what dates are available for meal drop off.

Hot meals are served daily at 3PM, to an average of 15-20 students, so please only sign up for this option if you are able to drop off a meal by 2:30PM on the date you sign up.

Please email seita-scholars@wmich.edu if you have any questions or issues in using this site, or have any additional questions regarding the holiday meals.

Thank you in advance for all of your support!

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**Mentor's Corner**

**Career Mentor and Mentee Events**

This has been a great year for the career mentor service at the Seita Scholars Program! We currently have nearly fifty actively matched mentors and Seita Scholars!

To support these matches, the Seita Scholars Program plans to host events for career mentors and students to connect in the spring semester.

**Game Day at The Seita Scholars Program**

This Saturday, the Seita Scholars Program is excited to host the first mentor/mentee game day! This promises to be a great opportunity to connect with your mentee(s) while playing household classics like Monopoly and Clue!

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. Game Day will be hosted on Saturday, November 14 at 3:30 PM in the Seita Scholars...
Mentoring Impact

Have you ever wondered what the Seita Scholars Program is all about, and what the impact is on our students? Take a moment and read this inspiring interview with one of our current mentor/mentee matches!

Among other things, this mentee shared that he values that his mentor "has always given me advice and shown me that she believes in me. I truly appreciate her time and effort to guide me in college."

Inspired by their story? Take a moment and consider being a mentor! We are currently accepting applications, with our next match event planned for the spring 2016 semester!

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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