Important Dates

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

October 2015

October 7:
Gail Griffin "Hearing Voices: Re/collecting a Femicide"
Lee Honors College Lounge
12-1pm

October 12:
"Tough Guise 2: Violence, Manhood and American Culture,"
Alamo Drafthouse, 180 Portage Street,
5:30 and 8 pm

October 14:
"The Dangers of InvisibiliT: Exploring Gendered Violence through the Transgender Experience"
Lee Honors College Lounge
12-1pm

Upcoming Community Events

The Lee Honors College Scholar Scare 5K

This 5K run, hosted by the Lee Honors College, is open to everyone, including Western Michigan University faculty, staff and students, community members, and the general public. This WMU event is not affiliated with the Seita Scholars Program, but may be a fun event for mentors and mentees to participate in together. Participants of all ages and physical abilities are welcome.

Held annually near Halloween, proceeds from the Scholar Scare 5K will be used to provide scholarships for students to defray the costs of study abroad and Study in the States experiences. Registration (discounted for WMU students) will be available for individuals and four-person student, WMU or public teams.

There is also a free 1K fun run for children ages 10 and under. There will be awards for top finishers in numerous categories,
October 18: 
Theatre of the Oppressed 
York Arena, Gilmore Theatre Complex, 7:30pm

October 22: 
Jackson Katz, “Violence and Silence: Why some men hurt women and how all men can help,” 
2452 Knauss Hall 
7 pm

October 27: 
Food Prisons: A Musical Play About Body Image 
Trimpe Multicultural Center 
6:30-8 pm

October 29: 
Scholar Scare 5K 
Lee Honors College 
6pm

November 2015 
November 6: 
Gloria Steinem 
Miller Auditorium 
7:30 pm

November 10: 
Hidden Disabilities: ADHD, Learning Disabilities, and the College Experience 
Trimpe Multicultural Center 
7:00-8:30 pm

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

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

November 26-27: 
Thanksgiving and Day After Thanksgiving Holiday (Seita Scholars office closed)

December 2015 
December 13: 
Finals Week Celebration 
Trimpe Multicultural Center 
2:00 - 4:00 pm

December 14-18: 
Finals Week

December 19: 
Commencement 
Seita Scholars Move Day

December 21: 
Christmas Day Holiday (WMU closed; office closed)

This year WMU is proud to present the Lyceum Lecture, Raise Your Voice and Real Talk Diversity series. Both the Raise Your Voice and Lyceum Lecture series center around the topic of gender and sexual based violence, while the Real Talk series looks at a wide range of college student identities and experiences.

These series are free and open to the public, and may be a thought provoking experience for mentors and mentees to share. They promise to be an excellent opportunity to engage with the WMU community around this important topic.

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 two additional events for career mentors and students to connect in the spring semester.

Bowling at Pinz
The first of these events, which is scheduled for Sunday, October 25, will be a bowling event at Pinz Bowling Alley. This event will be designed to connect unmatched mentors and Seita Scholars, as well as allow currently matched students and their mentors to connect. Mentors be sure to watch your inbox for an invitation soon!

Game Day at Trimpe
The second of these events will be a Game Day event featuring a few of everyone's favorite past and current games. You and your mentee could relive the joys of Nitendo 64 games while playing household classic’s 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. Game Day will be hosted on Sunday, November 15 in the Trimpe Multicultural Center on campus.

Feedback Needed
In order to accommodate as many students and mentors as possible, please complete the mentor and mentee survey. This feedback is critical to the success of our program. Thank you for your participation!
Welcome Packs

Thank You!

On behalf of the students and staff of the Seita Scholars Program, we want to take a moment and thank you for your generous donations during our annual Welcome Packs initiative.

The Welcome Packs, which have been a hallmark initiative of the Seita Scholars Program for the past eight years, gives each incoming Seita Scholar the opportunity to start the school year off on the right foot by providing them with a full pack of items to furnish their residence hall rooms. Your contribution to this initiative helped make the fall move-in a happy and supportive experience for over 40 incoming Seita Scholars!

Thank you again so much for your support of this initiative. Without your generosity, the success of this initiative would not have been possible!

Donor's Corner

Item Donations for the Seita Scholars Program

As we gear up for the school year, we still have new and current students in need of supplies. Items that are most needed include:

- Umbrellas
- Toilet Paper
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Non-perishable snack items

Look out for information in the next issues of Outreach Opportunities about our annual meal drive for Seita Scholars who stay on campus over the winter holidays.

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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