**Important Dates**

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

**August 2015**

- **August 21:** Welcome Pack Drop-Off (8 to 10 a.m., Harrison Hall)
- **August 25:** Final grades for summer II due
- **August 31:** Seita Scholars early move in (Welcome Week kick-off and welcome pack distribution)

**September 2015**

- **September 1-4:** Welcome Week
- **September 4:** Many campus offices closing at 2:30 p.m. (including Seita Scholars office) for the WMU/Michigan State game

**Upcoming Community Event**

**Breaking Chains: From Gang to Graduation**

On Wednesday, September 30 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Bernhard Center Ballroom the Real Talk Diversity Series will host Dr. Paul Hernandez. This event is free and open to the public, and may also be a great event for mentors to attend with their mentees!

**About**

Prior to earning his degrees, Dr. Paul Hernandez was engulfed in gang culture and deep poverty, surviving on the streets of Los Angeles. During this interactive presentation, Dr. Hernandez will openly share his unique personal story and how his path influenced his work. After his presentation, participants will have the opportunity to engage him in dialogue through a question and answer format.

Dr. Hernandez earned his doctorate in Sociology specializing in...
Welcome Packs

**Final Drop-Off Date**

Tomorrow marks the final drop-off date for Welcome Packs for the 2015-16 Seita Scholars cohort! Seita Scholars staff will be on hand Friday, August 21 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Harrison Hall to collect donations.

A full list of needed items is available online, with a list of those items that we are running low on featured in this month’s Donor’s Corner.

We have been told that the road to Harrison Hall will remain open. Please do not be deterred by the construction - we will be there!

Thank you in advance for your support! If you have any questions, please email Maria Newhouse.

**Mentor's Corner**

**Move In Day!**

Move in day is almost upon us! This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with your mentee if he or she is moving into a new residence hall or apartment during this time. Who doesn’t need help moving?

For first year students, move-in day is Monday, August 31. Times vary depending on the student’s last name, but all first-year students are asked to come to Harrison Hall first to pick up their Welcome Pack. Additional volunteers will also be on hand to help our first-year students settle into their residence halls.

If you have not had a chance to connect with your mentee recently, this could be a great time to do so! Reach out, make a plan and get moving!

**Donor's Corner**

**Item Donations for the Seita Scholars Program**

As we gear up for the welcome pack initiative, we still have current students in need of supplies. Items that are most needed include:

- Bathing sponges/puffs
- Laundry detergent and fabric softener
- Lotion
- Razors
- Shower caddies
- Twin comforters

**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 please indicate that your donation is for Seita Scholars. Thank you for your support!
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