On Friday, April 17 we had a magnificent night at the Radisson hotel celebrating the achievements of many of our Western graduate students who make a difference, not just in their departments but on the entire campus and the Kalamazoo community. Thanks for sharing an evening of excellence with us. This year we were privileged to count with the presence of Britne Amos as our keynote speaker. Amos is a former president of this Association and a proud Western alumni. In addition, we had the University's Vice-president for student affairs and Dean of students Dr. Diane Anderson who along with our relentless companion the Dean of the Graduate College Dr. Susan Stapleton presented our awardees with their well-deserved prizes.

To see and download pictures of the event, please click on the following links: awards, miscellaneous and selfies, thanks again for sharing that lovely night with us. Moreover, If you are planning to stay around for the summer, please check our website and your email, as we have planned more activities to share and enjoy our precious summer.

Thank you for joining us last, April 3 at Airway Fun Center for a night of bowling, food, and fun. We had a really good time in which we celebrated our national appreciation week. We Were able to refresh and relax and had a fund time with many graduate students from a variety of disciplines. Again, thank you for being part of this and we hope to see you one more time On April, Friday 17 at the Make a Difference Award Ceremony.
Have an idea for a business that you would like to pursue?
Think you can pitch it in three minutes or less?
Would you like to win money to help turn your idea into a reality?

If so, the Western Michigan University Business PITCH Competition is for you!
First round: Friday, March 27, 3 to 5:30 p.m.
Finals: Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Applications to compete for $4,000 in prizes are due by midnight on Friday, March 20.

Visit wmich.edu/pitch to apply and for more information

Consider attending an informational session:

- Wednesday, March 18, 12-1:30 p.m., 1710 Sangren Hall
- Wednesday, March 18, 3-4:30 p.m., 1280 Schneider Hall
- Friday, March 20, 2-3:30 p.m., 1035 Health and Human Services Building

Pitch Workshops

- Monday, March 23, 12-1:30 PM, Communication Center (Schneider 3445)
- Tuesday, March 24, 12-1:30 PM, Communication Center (Schneider 3445)
If you need more information regarding this and other events, please do not hesitate to contact us at gsa@wmich.edu
On Friday, March 6 the Graduate Student Association supported a Western men's basketball game against Central Michigan University. Our team sent their seniors off in style in front of a packed house at University Arena, defeating the conference-leading Central Michigan Chippewas 74-62 to improve to 19-12 on the season and 10-8 in Mid-American Conference play. Tickets were available at the Association meeting on Friday, Feb. 27, and also one hour before the game, right at the University Arena’s main entrance. Any question regarding that or any other event, please contact our events co-chair, Michael Bobbitt via email. He can be reached at michael.d.bobbitt@wmich.edu

WMU will be bringing 180 employers to campus for the Career Fair, and 70 organizations for the Government and Nonprofit Fair. These employers are eager to recruit WMU students and alumni for jobs and internships. All current WMU students and WMU alumni, as well as members of the public, are encouraged to attend.

Event information:

The Career Fair: Thursday, February 12 from 10 a.m to 3 p.m in the Bernhard Center Ballrooms. For more information, including an up-to-date list of registered employers (along with the majors they are most interested in and the positions for which they are hiring) click here: http://tinyurl.com/WMUCF2015

The Government and Nonprofit Fair: Friday, February 13 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Bernhard Center North Ballroom. For more information, including an up-to-date list of registered organizations (along the the majors they are most interested in and the positions for which they are hiring) click here: http://tinyurl.com/WMUGNPF2015

Attendees should dress professionally, research the employers of interest, and bring
plenty of résumés.

We are also offering Career Fair Prep Sessions, where recruiters and Career Development Specialists will be available to critique résumés, help students and alumni practice speaking about themselves, and help prepare questions to ask employers. Prep sessions will be held on February 3, 4, 5 and 6. For session times and locations, please see http://tinyurl.com/PREP2015.

On Friday, Dec. 5, graduate students enjoyed a fun night at Monaco Bay as part of our social activities. Food was great, the dueling piano was awesome, but the best part was our graduate students' support. It is thanks to the support of Western's graduate student body that this, and all other activities we plan for you are always a total success. We wanted to thank for a wonderful way to end the semester, please do not forget to enjoy your holidays with family and friends. We will see you next semester. Cheers!
As graduate students we have to deal with a lot of stress, especially towards the end of the semester. Therefore, taking some time to relax is always a good idea so we can be at our best during finals. Thinking of this, on Dec. 3 the Graduate Student Association had 4 massage therapists from Sindecuse Health Center giving you a free massage from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. We had a very good attendance, so this is definitely an event that we consider to replicate in the future. Thanks for your support, go Broncos!

From Nov. 6 to 9 several graduate students attended the National Association of Graduate Professional Students National Conference hosted by the graduate student body at the University of Missouri in Columbia, MO. During the event, out of nine universities' graduate associations we were recognized with the 2014 Midwest regional member of the year award, for our outstanding service and engagement in the Midwest region. This triumph belongs to all WMU graduate students, because it is your support what makes our relentless pursuit for excellence in service possible. Cheers!
On Sunday, Oct. 5 several graduate students spent a lovely afternoon with WMU President John Dunn. Topics regarding housing for graduate students, improve disability access and funding for research among others were discussed. We are very glad to have a President who supports graduate education and who is willing to work with us to enhance our life experience here at Western.