



# SSP Newsletter

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## Special points of interest:

- **FAFSA DUE!!!!**
- **PRIORITY REGISTRATION**
- **RELAY FOR LIFE**
- **SUMMER STUDY ABROAD**

## F.A.F.S.A. Due March 1st

The time is upon you to once again fill out applications for financial aid for the upcoming year. The deadline for the FAFSA is only a month away. Make sure you don't pay for your FAFSA, it should be a free application.

Application is easy on the web, just go to:

**[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)**



If you are confused, or simply still need help sorting out your financial affairs, try these other options:

1. Bronco Express Service Center, Main Floor of the Bernhard Center, open Mon.-Fri. 8am-5pm
2. [www.wmich.edu/finaid/](http://www.wmich.edu/finaid/)
3. We at TRIO SSP can help you with your questions and concerns. Swing by!

**F.A.F.S.A. IS YOUR  
KEY TO COLLEGE  
FINANCES**



## Farewell Laura!!!

We wanted to take this opportunity to bid farewell to our fabulous director, Laura Ciccantell. Mere words of thanks cannot express what you have done for TRIO SSP. The students you have helped will never forget you. A legacy of caring, compassion, and strength is what you leave behind. May your future shine as bright as your past!

# Congratulations, December Graduates!!!



Sara Dejong  
Jessica Droste  
Laura Gattshall  
Ashley Hazard  
Shara Kostinko  
Adam Leonard  
Joe Lucido  
Melody Pillow  
Hilary Ravell  
Kristen Ross  
Tori Tesar  
Elissa Thayer  
Jennifer Weenum  
Melissa Whorf  
Steven Wilson

## Priority Registration

*Stop by to see an  
advisor and save  
yourself some  
registration  
heartache.*

Generally WMU has a first come first serve policy in regard to class registration. But did you know the first served could be you? Priority registration gives students the ability to register for classes earlier. You ask, “How do I know if I can receive priority registration?” The answer is easy. Just stop by the SSP office and see any of the staff. They can let you know if you qualify for priority registration.

Priority Registration begins for:  
Summer I—Feb. 19th  
Summer II –Feb. 19th  
Fall—March 19th

Stop in soon!



## Calendar of upcoming events



Feb. 7 Career Fair 10am-3pm (Bernhard Center)  
 Feb. 9 The Best of Gold Company (Miller)  
 Feb. 20 CAB Movie "American Gangster" (Miller)  
 Feb. 22 The Peking Acrobats (Miller)  
 Feb. 23 Canadian Brass Band (Miller)  
 Feb. 26-31 Mamma Mia (Miller)  
 Feb. 29 Spirit Day (No Classes, Yea Western!)  
 Mar. 3-9 Spring Break!!!  
 Mar. 19 Peter Pan (Miller)  
 Mar. 29 Ring of Fire (Miller)

## Relay for Life!

On April 11, 2008, the American Cancer Society Relay For Life® of Western Michigan University will bring together people in your community who have been touched by cancer. Relay, the Society's signature event, is a life changing experience that helps us celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost and to fight back against a disease that takes too much. This year's kick off for WMU's Relay for Life is already in full swing and the TRIO Student Success Program is a big part of it. The theme for the relay this time around is Pirates of the Cureabean and so, in the spirit of that, our team name is the Trio Gold DiggARRRs!

If you are interested in becoming a member of our team go to <http://events.cancer.org/rflwmumi> and search for our team name to find our team page! Once you become part of the team you will have your own personal page where you can send out e-mails to friends and family asking for donations.

If you would like to volunteer before or during the event please contact **Tiffany Keomanikhoth** at [tiffany.v.keomanikhoth@wmich.edu](mailto:tiffany.v.keomanikhoth@wmich.edu) or **Melody Welton** at [m3welton@wmich.edu](mailto:m3welton@wmich.edu).

## Summer Study Abroad Programs Available

WMU faculty-led Summer Study Abroad Programs are accepting applicants. Need-based scholarships are available now. Applications can be found at: [www.wmich.edu/studyabroad](http://www.wmich.edu/studyabroad). Application deadlines are March 1. For more information, visit <http://www.wmich.edu/studyabroad>.



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**Bet you didn't know!**

**(Or maybe you did.)**

**February is an interesting month. February's gemstone is the amethyst and the flower is the violet. February also has many smaller holidays not recognized on a normal calendar.**

**Some of these are:**

**Feb. 1— National Freedom Day**

**Feb. 3— The Day The Music Died**

**Feb. 5— National Weatherman's Day**

**Feb. 8— National Boy Scout Day &  
Kite Flying Day (Let's go fly a kite)**

**Feb. 10— Umbrella Day**

**Feb. 14— National Organ Donor Day**

**Feb. 17— Random Acts of Kindness Day**

**Feb. 20— Cherry Pie Day (Delicious!)**

**Feb. 26— National Pistachio Day**

**Feb. 27— Polar Bear Day**

**Feb. 28— Public Sleeping Day (a personal favorite)**

**Feb. 29— Leap Day (2008 is a leap year)**

**Feel free to celebrate something every week in February!**