Division of Multicultural Affairs

Mission Statement

To support the University's efforts in the attraction, persistence, and graduation of diverse students through programs and services that will enable them to contribute to the advancement of our campus community and a multicultural world.

Center for Student Learning and Development:

*Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy*- The Martin Luther King Jr. Academy is a four-tiered comprehensive program designed to offer academic, social, and professional development support and services that assists program participants from their first year at WMU through graduation. At each level, students are provided academic course review and coaching, tutoring, campus life/socialization, as well as cultural and wellness education and programming.

*Steps Toward Exhibiting Mastery (STEM) Program*- The STEM Program is designed to promote student success and to increase college graduation rates for students who experience challenges academically and/or economically. Eligible students are provided academic support through tutoring, mentoring, counseling/advising referrals, multicultural activities, educational seminars, career and graduate school planning, and other resources designed to enhance their education and college experience, as well as to enable them to achieve a post-secondary degree.

*Michigan Campus Compact Service Learning Project*- The Michigan Campus Compact Service Learning Project engages WMU students in service learning opportunities that address issues around college access for youths and families who historically are less likely to attend college. Service learners go out to local schools and community-based organizations and provide tutoring and information to ensure an understanding of the process, and assist with preparation for a post-secondary education.

*Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society*- The Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society at WMU is a member of the National Association of College Honor Societies. Initiated at WMU in 1989, it is the only chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu in the state of Michigan. The purpose of the Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society is to promote high scholarship, encourage sincere and zealous endeavors in all fields of knowledge and service, and develop an appreciation for scholarly work and scholarly endeavors in others.

Center for Pre-College Initiatives:

*GEAR UP/College Day Program*- The GEAR UP/College Day Program provides an opportunity for high school students to discover firsthand the potential of a college education, and to expose students to the information, knowledge, and skills necessary to complete high school and to prepare adequately for college entry and success.

*Upward Bound Program*- The Upward Bound Program provides support to participants for success in their high school performance. Upward Bound serves low-income and/or first generation high school students who are preparing to enter post-secondary institutions.