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NEWSLETTER



Seita Scholars
holiday dinner is
a success!

Burnhams
demolition
begins



SEITA SCHOLARS HOLIDAY DINNER SPONSORED BY AFSCME

AFSCME Local 1668 continued their tradition of hosting a holiday dinner for the Seita Scholar students at the Gilmore House on December 20, 2022. The students who attend this dinner are always extremely grateful for the generosity that makes their holidays a little brighter.

Not only did the students get to enjoy a wonderful dinner, they also got a visit from Santa and his elf before the night concluded. Santa was able to bring

each student a gift bag with the help of FM staff donations. The joy on their faces as they visited with Santa and received their gift was priceless. Thank you to all the union members and staff who helped make the dinner another success!



COFFEE IN THE AVP'S OFFICE



The AVP's office, room 204 at the Physical Plant, now has a coffee station open to all FM employees. Please grab your cup and stop by for a warm cup of coffee!

BURNHAMS

DEMOLITION IS UNDERWAY

Ernest Burnham, Smith Burnham and Burnham Dining Halls all began demolition the week of January 23. While the buildings will crumble, the memories will remain. We have heard many fond memories from past students and staff regarding their time in these buildings. Thank you to the FM staff who took care of these building and their occupants. We encourage you to share any memories you may have with coworkers, friends and family. Your memories will carry on.



SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES



CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO WMU!

Kathi Cain-Babbitt, 30 years

Martha Szotek, 30 years

NEW EMPLOYEES

Jamar Lockett, Custodial Services

Brenda Vernia, Custodial Services

Michael Monitz, Custodial Services

Devin Johnson, Maintenance Services

Maria Pueblo, Custodial Services

Lindsay Verburg, Custodial Services

Randy Middaugh, Maintenance Services

REMEMBER TO FEED OUR PAPERGATOR

We need your help to save our PaperGator bin! We are at jeopardy of losing it unless we can start filling it over the next few months. Help us out by dropping off the following paper products:

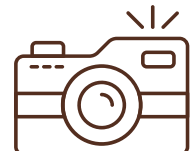
- Newspapers
- Shredded paper (in clear bags)
- Catalogs/magazines
- Junk mail
- Please avoid putting any cardboard, plastic, metal or trash in the bin.
- Phone books
- Office/school paper
- Hard and soft cover books
- Cereal-type boxes (bags removed)

The bin is located near the loading docks for Wood and Haenicke Halls and is open to the public, so feel free to share with friends, family or colleagues!



FORMAL HEADSHOT OPPORTUNITIES

- Jan. 31 - Dean's Conference Room in Schneider Hall, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Feb. 15, Bernhard Center room 105, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- March 7, Dean's Conference Room in Schneider Hall, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- April 12, Bernhard Center 2nd floor lobby, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



LANDSCAPE DIRECTOR RECEIVES CEFP CREDENTIAL

We are proud to congratulate Mark Frever, Director of Landscape Services, for earning the prestigious Certified Educational Facilities Professional (CEFP) credential from APPA. As an organization, APPA brings together educational facilities professionals and supports the ongoing evolution of the profession. The certification validates specific knowledge and competency required for ongoing success in the educational facilities-management field.



EMPLOYEE THANK YOU'S

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the gifts for the WMU Seita Scholars. Each of the students present were very grateful, and your generosity helped make their holidays a little brighter. A special thank you goes out to Laura Kirkendall for everything she did to facilitate this, and for being a wonderful elf for Santa. Thank you again! (Bryan Sutton)

We placed the (work) order at night and by the next day it was completed! The member who came in to use the pool the next day was so impressed! It totally made her day. What the workers do makes a difference!! Thank YOU! (Amy Seth, Director University Recreation)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 7-14 - FM Food Drive for INP

March 3 - Spirit Day

March 6-10 - Spring Recess for classes

April 29 - Commencement

LINKS OF INTEREST

wmich.edu/wmutoday

wmich.edu/wellness

wmich.edu/facilities/landscape/snow-removal



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**INVISIBLE
NEED
PROJECT**



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INVISIBLE NEED PROJECT

FOOD & PERSONAL CARE ITEMS DRIVE

**SPREAD THE LOVE TO OUR WMU
STUDENTS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY**

**Collection boxes will be placed throughout
the Physical Plant building. They will be
picked up at 1 p.m. on Valentines Day, then
delivered that afternoon!**

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Personal care items**
- Cereal**
- Cooking oil**
- Other food items**



BE KIND

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**SPREAD
JOY**

<https://wmich.edu/invisibleneed/support-inp>