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FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH

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IMPORTANT DATES

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WELCOME PACKS



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Important Dates

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

May 2015

May 12: CFS Webinar: Writing My Success Story: Young Adults' Experiences of the Pursuit of Higher Education (2-3PM)

[Register online!](#)

May 13: Film screening at the Alamo Drafthouse (6PM)

May 19-May 21: Pre-Summit Conference: Fostering Success

Foster Care Awareness Month

Join Us for Events All Month!

Did you know that May is Foster Care Awareness Month? The WMU Center for Fostering Success has an amazing line-up of events designed to raise awareness about the lived experience of foster care. We invite you to join us in any of these events that pique your interest!

Highlighted below are two upcoming events in Kalamazoo that you may be interested in attending. A full list of events taking place throughout the state, which are sponsored by the Center for Fostering Success, is [available online](#).

Film Screening at the Alamo Drafthouse

Join us for a FREE



and time for that dinner - please watch your email the week of May 18, 2015! The Seita Scholars Program will be sending out an invitation to join us for the SET Week Mentor/Mentee Match event by the end of that week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email [Maria Newhouse](#).

Welcome Packs

Watch for sales!

Donations for the annual welcome pack initiative will be collected throughout the months of July and August this year - that means that now is the time to watch for those sales!

The annual welcome pack distribution is one that Seita Scholars across cohorts cite as a meaningful moment in their transition to college life. Our goal is to provide each incoming Seita Scholar with this moment, and we need your assistance to make this possible!

A [full list of needed items](#) is available online, and more information about drop-off dates and times will be available by June 2015. Thank you in advance for your support!

If you have any questions, please email [Maria Newhouse](#).

...Student Engagement

Effective strategies to promote interdependence among students who have experienced foster care.

Hosted by: The Seita Scholars Program

Location: The Wine Loft (Upstairs)

The Dine Outs will each be followed by a community gathering at Cityscape in downtown Kalamazoo from 6:30-8PM.

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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:

- Toilet paper (4 pack rolls or larger)
- Deodorant
- Non-perishable, individually wrapped snacks for the student lounge

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 enter Seita Scholars Emergency Fund, and mail it to:

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