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Center for Fostering Success
Seita Scholars Program
Volunteer/Mentor Newsletter

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WELCOME PACK INITIATIVE


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IMPORTANT DATES

FOSTER CARE AWARENESS
EVENTS



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Important Dates

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

April 2016

April 17:

Seita Scholars Open Mic Night
Bernhard Center (6-8PM)

April 25-29:

Final Exam Week

April 29:

Seita Scholars Graduation Celebration
Bernhard Center (Brown & Gold Rm)
9:30-11:30

April 30:

Spring Commencement

May 2016

May 6:

Art Hop: Seita Scholars Presentation of
Postcard Project
Sticks & Stones (6-9pm)

Welcome Pack Initiative

How to Get Involved

During the 2016-17 academic year, the Seita Scholars Program will be welcoming our ninth cohort of Seita Scholars to Western Michigan University!

As we gear up for our students to arrive on campus in September and transition

successfully to life on campus, it is our goal to provide each of them with an overflowing basket of items they need to make WMU their home. In order to fill over 40 welcome packs, we need your help!

Now is the perfect time of year to begin looking for sales on many of the commonly needed [items on our list](#). No donation is too large or too small to contribute to the success of this initiative; some individuals, WMU departments, community organizations and civic groups donate complete baskets and some donate a few items that we can use to create a basket - **please know that any and all**



Foster Care Awareness Events

May is National Foster Care Awareness Month

For the first time in Seita Scholars Program history, we are inviting our campus and community partners to join us for a campus wide awareness walk in recognition of National Foster Care Awareness Month.



[Registration for the walk](#) is free and online. Participants can also contact Campus Coach, [Rachel Johnson](#). There will be free t-shirts to the first 75 registrants, and pizza and water will be provided after the walk!

The Center for Fostering Success also has a great [lineup of events](#) to celebrate National Foster Care Awareness Month. Events are free and open to the public, and begin in mid-April.

donations are appreciated!

Remember, we do ask that all items are new and full-sized.

Drop-off dates and times for this year's welcome pack initiative will be announced via our website, our volunteer and mentor newsletter, and a direct mailing to individuals and groups who have donated in previous years no later than June 2016.

Thank you for your support as we gear up for the fall semester!

Mentor's Corner

Graduation Celebration

Our annual graduation celebration for students who are joining the wonderful world of Bronco Alum will be **April 29, 2016 in the Brown & Gold Room of the Bernhard Center. The celebration will take place from 9:30-11:30am.**



If you have a mentee who is graduating, we would love for you to join our staff as we celebrate this amazing milestone in our students' lives.

Donor's Corner

Magnets for Sale

Seita Scholars recently participated in a postcard project, creating artwork that depicted their experiences in foster care. From this amazing artwork, with the permission of our students, we have created a magnet that will be available for purchase at all of our Foster Care Awareness Month events, for a recommended donation of \$5.



The original artwork will be on display at the May Art Hop on Friday, May 6, 2016 at Sticks & Stones in downtown Kalamazoo.

Supplies are limited and will be on a first come, first served basis. All proceeds will benefit the Seita Scholars Program. Email [Maria Newhouse](#) if you have any questions.

Item Donations for the Seita Scholars Program

As we prepare for the summer months, the Seita Scholars Program continues to accept donations to support our students. Current items that are needed include:

- Umbrellas
- Toilet Paper
- Non-perishable snacks



Thank you for your continued support of our program and students!

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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