Counselor Newsletter: October 2021

Michigan College Month
In celebration of Michigan College Month, we are waiving the application fee for both domestic, undergraduate first-time freshmen and transfer applicants through Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021. Students can start their application by visiting wmich.edu/apply.

Counselor Resource Guide
We invite you to view our digital copy of the 2021-22 High School Counselor Guide online. The guide is designed to be a quick go-to resource for you to learn about Western and to help students identify the simple steps to apply. The 2021-22 Viewbook is located online as well.

Early Action Deadline
We encourage students to apply by our Early Action deadline of December 15 to be considered for all WMU programs*, admission scholarships and priority consideration for the Lee Honors College. More information about our scholarships can be found online.

* Students interested in Aviation Flight Science must complete their admission application by the Early Action deadline.
University College to become Merze Tate College, honoring legacy of trailblazing alumna

Dr. Merze Tate saw boundless possibilities in a world where the odds were stacked against her; she refused to sit in the mold society created for her and instead set out to conquer her dreams and explore the world. Western Michigan University is honoring Tate's legacy by naming University College—the academic home for exploratory majors—which became Merze Tate College in honor of the inspirational alumna who was a scholar, world traveler, journalist, author and disarmament specialist who advised world leaders.

Who was Dr. Merze Tate? Professor. World traveler. Journalist. Inventor. This 20th century renaissance woman may not have made it to the moon, but Dr. Merze Tate's resolve to boldly blaze her own path puts her among Western Michigan University's brightest stars. Fueled by a thirst for knowledge and boundless ambition, she became the first Black student to receive a bachelor's degree from Western State Teachers College—which would later become WMU—in 1927. But the road to get there was not easy. Find out more about her amazing story online.

Submit an Application

In order to receive a decision, students must have a completed application on file which includes:

- A submitted application through Common App.
- Official Transcripts
- Test Scores, optional
- Application fee, $40, or a fee waiver
  - Students who are eligible for an application fee waiver may self-identify on the Common App. As their school counselor, you will receive notification to review the request. Once you have verified the student's eligibility, we will waive a student's application fee. If you encounter difficulties with the Common App process, you may also send us a copy of the NACAC fee waiver request on behalf of the student. Completed paper waivers may be sent to WMU via mail or electronically to admissions-transcripts@wmich.edu.

Students will need to create a Gold Gateway account using the same email they used on Common App. This will allow them to track their application status and next steps.
Events

- **Fall Open House**: High school juniors and seniors are invited to virtually attend a Fall Open House to get their questions answered before they even apply. During the event, they will be able to interact with college representatives, explore their home with a current student, learn what it means to [Rethink Smart](#) and more! Fall Open House sessions will start at 8 a.m. ET on:
  - Friday, Oct. 29
  - Friday, Nov. 5
  - Friday, Nov. 12

- **NACAC Virtual College Fairs**: WMU and hundreds of other colleges welcome students to this virtual college fair. Students can [register online](#), view the details of the WMU breakout sessions, and join us for a live session with reps from various academic colleges. The NACAC Virtual College Fairs take place on the following days and times:
  - Thursday, Oct. 14, 5 to 9 p.m. ET
  - Sunday, Oct. 24, 1 to 6 p.m. ET
  - Tuesday, Nov. 2, 4 to 8 p.m. ET
  - Sunday, Nov. 13, 1 to 6 p.m. ET