Counselor Newsletter: February 2022

Bronco Promise

Western is committed to opening the doors to higher education for all students who have the talent and determination to succeed. The Bronco Promise provides a tuition-free Western education for up to five years for first-year students who come from Michigan families earning an adjusted gross income (AGI) of $50,000 or less and who have net assets under $50,000.

Learn more about the Bronco Promise.

Financial Aid Offers Released

The WMU Office of Student Financial Aid has begun to release financial aid offer letters to incoming first-year students who have completed a FAFSA. Financial aid offers will be electronically to students via their WMU email and to their home address. If a student has a question about how to access their offer letter, please have them contact their admission representative.
Next Steps at WMU

Students who decide to enroll at WMU will want to make sure they complete their next steps. Below is a brief overview; a more complete list, including walkthrough videos, can be found online.

- **Confirming Admission**
  - Students will need to complete the Intent to Enroll form and pay the **$100 enrollment deposit** (or submit an approved fee waiver) in their Gold Gateway account.
  - *The deposit is automatically be waived Pell-eligible students.*

- **Orientation**
  - Registration for orientation is now open and is required for all new students. Students will need to confirm their admission before they are able to register.

- **Housing**
  - Students planning to live on campus can submit their housing contact starting January 28.

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WMU education professors receive $29.5M grant to support Grand Rapids children, families

A $29.5 million grant will help two Western Michigan University faculty members expand educational opportunities for thousands of children and their families. Drs. Patricia Reeves and Jianping Shen were awarded the grant through the U.S. Department of Education's Promise Neighborhoods Program. One of the largest federal grants in University history, it will fund the Grand Rapids Southeast Promise Neighborhood Project. Read More.

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Upcoming Events

- **Admitted Student Events:** Admitted first-year students are invited to attend an admitted student event to learn more about becoming a Bronco. Student attendees will learn about completing their next steps, engage with WMU staff and students, and get their questions answered. Check-in begins at 8 a.m. E.T. and will be held on:
  - Friday, March 18
  - Friday, March 25
  - Friday, April 8

- **Campus Tours:** Students and families may register for in-person campus tours, and we will continue to offer these opportunities pending state/federal/university orders and guidelines. Students are able to register for tours online.