

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **TRiO FESP offers students MTTC Subject Area Vouchers!**
- **WMU academic tutoring resources available to students!**
- **MTTC Registration Information**

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## Education Career Fair 2011



On April 13th 2011 from 9:00AM—3:00PM the 23rd Annual Education

Career Fair will be held in the Bernhard Center's East Ballroom.

The Education Career Fair is hosted by Western Michigan University's Career and Student Employment Services, and is a free event that is open to the public.

This annual event is designed to allow K-12 education professionals meet school district personnel, and is a great opportunity for students in the College of Education and Human Development teaching programs.

For students interested in attending, Career and Student Employment Services offers a

number of preparation tips on their website, including:

- Benefits of Attending
- Networking Tips
- Make a Positive Impression
- Questions to Ask
- Personal Commercial

All of this information and more can be found by visiting [www.wmich.edu/career](http://www.wmich.edu/career) and clicking the "For Students" link.

Additional tools and resources are available from Career and Student Employment Services to assist students with resume building, writing a cover letter and preparing for interviews.

Students and candidates interested in attending the event are advised to arrive in professional dress and bring copies of their resumes to

distribute to potential employers and graduate schools.

For a complete list of registered organizations, please visit [http://wmich.experience.com/stu/cf\\_registered\\_employers?fhnd=4857](http://wmich.experience.com/stu/cf_registered_employers?fhnd=4857).

For more information about this year's event, please contact Career and Student Employment Services directly:

### **Deveta Gardner**

*Assistant Director*

*Career Development Specialist for Education Human Development and Fine Arts*

(269) 387-2745

### **Sharickah Jones**

*Graduate Assistant—Event Coordinator*

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## MTTC Subject Area Vouchers Available

Are you getting ready to take your MTTC Subject area exams? Are you a member of the TRiO Future Educator Success Program?

If you answer yes to both of these questions, stop by our office with verification that you are currently registered to take

an MTTC Subject Area test and receive a free voucher!

The TRiO FESP office has ten vouchers to give to active TRiO FESP students on a first come, first served basis. Students should note that these vouchers expire July 9, 2011.

To get your voucher, please stop

into our office with verification that you are registered for your MTTC Subject Area test.

No vouchers will be held for students or given away via email.

For questions, please contact **Marcy Peake** at [marcy.tabor@wmich.edu](mailto:marcy.tabor@wmich.edu).

# MTTC Registration Information

## Registration Schedule for 2010-2011

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	*Late Registration Deadline	*Emergency Registration Deadline	Score Report Date
April 16, 2011	March 4, 2011	March 25, 2011	April 8, 2011	May 13, 2011
July 9, 2011	May 27, 2011	June 17, 2011	July 1, 2011	August 5, 2011

\*Additional fee required for late registration

### Contact for Additional Information:

If you have questions regarding test registration, administration procedures, admission tickets, or score reports, contact:

Michigan Test for Teacher Certification  
Evaluation Systems  
Pearson  
P.O. Box 660  
Amherst, MA 01004-9001

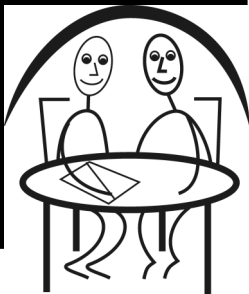
### To Register:

- Visit [www.mttc.nesinc.com](http://www.mttc.nesinc.com)
- Find all the information you need to register
- Register online quickly and easily
- Check your registration status
- Make changes to your registration



### Tutoring Resources Available

- The Center for Academic Success Programs offers Content Tutoring through the Academic Resource Center and writing assistance through the Writing Center.
- The Math Department offers tutoring for Math 1090, 1100, 1110, 1140, 1160, Pre-Calculus and Calculus.



## TRiO FESP Profile of the Month



Emily Robinson has been working with the Future Educator Success Program since Fall 2010.

She is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a

degree from the Program in the Environment with a concentration in Environmental Sustainable Development, and is planning on pursuing a Masters at Western Michigan University in Education Leadership.

Emily also works in the Science and Math Program Improvement Office located in Wood Hall.

When not working, Emily

enjoys serving on the executive board of her sorority Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc., playing volleyball, reading, traveling, watching movies, and hanging out with family and friends.

Students in TRiO FESP can contact Emily at (269) 387-3500 or via email at [emily.g.robinson@wmich.edu](mailto:emily.g.robinson@wmich.edu) with any TRiO FESP questions or to schedule an appointment with a TRiO FESP advisor!

## Academic Tutoring Available

As the semester nears its close, you may find yourself wishing you had some additional academic support.

Check out these resources to ensure that your semester ends on a high note:

- **Academic Resource Center:** Content tutoring is available to

students for various classes, including math and Spanish classes. For more information, visit: <http://www.wmich.edu/asc/contenttutoring.html>

- **The Writing Center:** One-to-one instruction is available to help students improve writing skills. For

more information, visit: <http://www.wmich.edu/casp/writingcenter/index.html>

- **Math Lab:** Tutor assistance is available for math classes. For more information, visit: <http://www.wmich.edu/math/TutorLabs.htm>



# Study Tip of the Month

## Quiet! EXAM IN PROGRESS



Final exams are quickly approaching, which means that the stress level for many WMU students is rising. Here are a few tips to beat the final exam stress:

1. **Eat healthy and exercise,**

especially when you are stressed out. Finals week is NOT the time to avoid living healthy, as it will help you remain calm and focused and burn off some of that nervous energy.

2. **Take breaks** even though you think you do not have time. Sometimes, you need to take a break so you can come back more focused.

3. **Avoid other stressed out people** as much as you can because stress can actually be

contagious, especially when you are stressing about the same things!

4. **Just say no** to distractions and be selfish during your study time.

5. **Get enough sleep**, because sleep deprivation decreases your ability to remember things and concentrate—which is not a good mix during finals!

6. **Be confident** and know that once you've studied all you can, you are prepared to take your exams and succeed!

*“If you think you’re too small to have an impact, try going to bed with a mosquito in the room.”*

*Anita Koddick*

# Build Your Resume: Get Involved!



We have all heard the age old adage that

to get a job in today's society, you need experience. But where, as a student, should that experience come from?

One great way to gain valuable experience and build your resume is to get involved in leadership and volunteer activities through your school, job or other programs that you are involved in on campus.

*How Does Volunteering Build My Resume?*

Authors Deborah Mitchell and Shannon Doyle give students great tips in their article “How To Build An Impressive Resume.” Some of the advice they give is:

- Include your volunteer work under a heading such as “Work Experience” or “Business Experience” along with any paid work you have done.

- Give yourself relevant titles for your volunteer work.
- List the duties you perform. Make the descriptions accurate and professional.
- Explain any leadership qualities or skills you have acquired while performing your volunteer work.

Find more of these great tips from the Volunteer Guide online at: <http://volunteerguide.org/volunteer/motivation/resume-building.htm>

*Remember, Volunteering Helps You With More Than Your Resume*

As education and pre-education students, volunteering can do more than enhance your resume—it can enhance your practical knowledge.

As a future educator, you can take advantage of tutoring opportunities, volunteer in local classrooms, and more—all while building your skills, enhancing your resume and giving back to your community!

*Get Involved! TRiO FESP Can Help!*

TRiO FESP is here to help you leverage as many volunteer and leadership opportunities in the community as possible.

Some upcoming volunteer opportunities in the community that may interest TRiO FESP students are:

- Day of Service: April 16th, 2011 from 9-3 (Volunteer Center of Greater Kalamazoo)
- Relay for Life: April 15th, 2011 (WMU) or June 11th, 2011 (Kalamazoo County)
- March of Dimes Walk: May 7th, 2011

Students who are interested in these opportunities or who have ideas about volunteer and leadership opportunities can email Maria Newhouse at [maria.r.newhouse@wmich.edu](mailto:maria.r.newhouse@wmich.edu) or Marcy Peake at [marcy.tabor@wmich.edu](mailto:marcy.tabor@wmich.edu).

We look forward to hearing your great ideas for more volunteer and leadership opportunities!

# Important Dates

## April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 WMU Scholarship Applications Due	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 April MTTC Emergency Deadline	9
10	11 TRiO FESP Scholarship Applications Due	12	13 Teacher Career Fair—Bernhard Center	14	15	16 MTTC Test Date
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Finals Week	26 Finals Week	27 Finals Week	28 Finals Week	29 Finals Week	30 Commencement

**Additional Notes:** Spring 2011 Final grades are submitted on May 3, 2011.

## May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 8AM Summer I Classes Begin	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 July MTTC Regular Registration Deadline	28
29	30	31				

**Additional Notes:** Summer I continues until June 26th, with Summer II classes beginning on June 30th at 8AM.