

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Orientation is a chance to show your Bronco pride!
- Looking for help writing a resume? Check out Career Advising!
- Taking the MTTC in July? Check out some great preparation tips!

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## Summer Fun in Kalamazoo!

Staying in Kalamazoo for the summer and wondering what to do? The city of Kalamazoo is famous for its summertime festivals and events!



Most festivals in Kalamazoo take place at the Arcadia Festival Site in downtown Kalamazoo. Typical entrance fees are \$5 at the gate after 4PM, and up to \$10 after 7PM on weekends.

Most festivals have food and drink available at an additional cost by purchasing food and beverage tickets. Be aware that not all festivals will accept credit cards!

### Events Happening in June

June is a happening month in downtown Kalamazoo! If you really want to catch the action,

make sure to pop downtown on Saturday, June 4th for *Super Saturday!*

Super Saturday includes great events like the 11AM Do-Dah Parade, cooking lessons, the Kalamazoo Public Library book sale, Greek Fest, the KIA Art Fair and more. Check it out at: [http://www.ci.kalamazoo.mi.us/portal/kzoolife.php?event\\_id=1353](http://www.ci.kalamazoo.mi.us/portal/kzoolife.php?event_id=1353).

Other June events include:

- June 2-4: *Greek Festival*
- June 3-4: *KIA Art Fair and Art Hop* (located in Bronson Park and on the Kalamazoo Mall)
- June 11: *Kalamazoo Pride*
- June 16-18: *Kalamazoo Island Festival*

### Events Happening in July

July brings the community out for some great food at the *Taste of Kalamazoo*, which runs from July

21-23 at the Arcadia Festival Site. The Taste of Kalamazoo boasts more than 30 local restaurants and chefs who will offer mouth-watering food from family favorites to exotic foods!

Admission prices vary from \$5-\$10 based on the time of admission—the later you arrive, the more expensive it gets—but admission is always FREE before 4PM.

### Events Happening in August

One of the biggest events of the summer takes place in August at the Arcadia Festival Site—the *20th Annual Kalamazoo Ribfest*.

Ribfest is Community Advocate's major fundraising event for programs that are targeted to improve the quality of life for our community individuals with developmental disabilities.

**Enjoy Kalamazoo this summer!**

## Change in University Late Drop Policy

Effective for all classes taken during the Summer I 2011 semester and beyond, students seeking to drop a course at Western Michigan University will follow a new procedure.

Previously, students who wished to drop a course after the last day to drop courses because of genuine hardship (i.e. illness, death in the immediate family)

were required to complete the late drop form, which required students to be passing the course and obtain the signature of the instructor in the course.

Moving forward, permission to withdraw after the withdrawal period deadline will only be granted by the Grade Appeal and Program Dismissal Appeals Committee (GAPDAC) and only

for circumstances beyond a student's control (i.e., serious medical condition, death in immediate family etc.).

Students will be required to submit proof of hardship with their application to withdraw. Forms will be available online or through any campus advising office. All decisions of the GAPDAC are final.

# Orientation is Here!

As any Bronco knows, June is Orientation month for the University. What does this mean for you?

It means that you have the opportunity to be an ambassador for the University by assisting as you walk around campus during the month of June.

See someone lost or confused? Assist them with finding their way and show them that we are a great campus to live on, attend classes on and be a part of!

June Orientation also means that many offices on campus will be busier than normal—advising offices are one great example.

Throughout the month of June, many walk-in advising hours will change and appointments may be a little harder to come by as offices work to meet the needs of the incoming class of freshman.

So, before you head to Advising, make sure you double check the walk-in hours of!

for June and understand that the delays will soon be over.

We also ask, during this time, that students understand that this is exactly what happened in order to ensure that you had a smooth transition to the University when you were an incoming freshman.

June will fly by, but while it's here let's take the time to show potential students what a great campus we really are!

**Go Broncos!**



## Career Advising Summer Drop-In Hours (1401 Ellsworth Hall)

- Monday 2-4PM
- Tuesday 12-4PM
- Thursday 10AM-3PM



## TRiO FESP Profile of the Month



This month, the TRiO FESP is proud to feature a current student: Maura Duffy.

As a current Student Office Assistant in the TRiO FESP office, students and CoEHD staff alike can expect to see Maura on a regular basis,

smiling behind the front desk and answering calls and questions!

Maura, who is a Pre-Special Education major with a minor in Language Arts, has been a member of the TRiO FESP since Fall 2010—making her one of the first students accepted to the program!

Currently a sophomore, Maura hopes to graduate in 2014 with her degree in Special Education

and work with children with disabilities in her hometown of Chicago, Illinois.

When she is not studying or working in the TRiO FESP office, Maura enjoys hanging out with her friends and family and playing sports.

### Maura's Quote of the Month

"Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school."

-Albert Einstein-

## Career Advising

Need resume help? Having questions about finding a job? Check out Career Advising at Career and Student Employment Services!

Located in 1401 Ellsworth Hall, Career and Student Employment Services has regular summer drop-in hours for students to receive the

following services:

- Resume/cover letter critique
- Career options for all majors
- Getting a job/internship search started
- Salary/job offer question
- Using BroncoJOBS

Advising sessions are 20

minutes long and allow students to meet one-on-one with a career advisor about any of the above issues.

For multiple questions or more involved career concerns not mentioned above, call (269)387-2745 or visit the office to schedule an appointment.



# Study Tip of the Month



Have you ever wondered how many hours a week you should

spend studying for each class? Most professors would tell you that they expect a minimum of 2-3 hours of studying per hour you spend in the classroom.

How much time is that? For a 3 credit hour course, this means that

professors will expect that their students spend 6-9 hours per week studying and reviewing course material.

How do you fit that into your schedule for every class you're taking? The answer is time management, which is a key to being successful in college.

As college students, no one will sit you down and force you to do your work. In fact, college has a plethora of distractions to prevent you from completing your necessary coursework.

That means that it is up to you to carve out hours in your day that you will dedicate to studying—and protect those hours from the distractions of college life.

Schedule out your study time each week by writing it in your planner and treat that time just as you would class time—it is unmovable and untouchable.

Turn off your cell phone, stay away from Facebook and get done what you need to in order to be academically successful.

*“The highest rule of education is tolerance.”*

*Helen Keller*

## Important MTTC Testing Information



Are you taking the MTTC in July? Wondering what you need to do when you get there, what

you should bring or when your results are coming?

The Michigan Test for Teacher Certification website gives you tons of great information to answer all of your most pressing questions—take a moment and check out these highlights:

### Reporting to the Test Site

For the paper and pencil test, you will have received an admission ticket in your email that lists all the information you need about when and where to report.

It is very important that you report to the test site no later than the time listed on your admission ticket. Timeliness is important!

### Late Arrival Policy

Per the MTTC late arrival policy, students who arrive late to a testing session will not be admitted to the

session and will then be considered absent. Students who are absent are not eligible for a refund or credit of any kind.

### What to Bring

When you arrive to take your test, it is important that you bring all of the following items:

- Your admission ticket
- Several No. 2 sharpened pencils with erasers (no pens or mechanical pencils)
- Proper identification

Please be aware that no supplies will be available to you at the testing site, so make sure that you have brought everything you need.

For some tests, additional supplies will be necessary. Check online at [http://www.mttc.nesinc.com/MI15\\_testselection.asp](http://www.mttc.nesinc.com/MI15_testselection.asp) for a full listing of additional items you may need.

### Test Site Rules

Please be aware that each test site has rules and regulations that you must abide by.

These rules include:

- No smoking
- No visitors
- No weapons of any kind

In addition, students are not allowed to bring the following items to a test site:

- Cell phones (possession or use of)
- Electronic communication devices, visual or audio recording or listening devices, or any device with an on/off option
- Calculators or calculator manuals (unless specifically required)
- Handwritten or printed materials
- Packages or bags
- Hats or headwear
- Food and drink
- Unauthorized aids like slide rulers, rulers, translations aids, highlighters, etc.

After you complete your test, sit back and breathe! You have done it! Your results will be available to you by August 5, 2011.

# Important Dates

## June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Last day to withdraw from classes	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 July MTTC Late Registration Deadline	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Commencement
26	27	28	29 Last Day of Summer I Classes	30 8AM: Summer II Classes Begin		

**Additional Notes:** Schedule appointments to see TRiO FESP advisors during June — it's Orientation month!

## July 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Emergency Registration Deadline for July MTTC	2
3	4 Independence Day—University Closed	5	6	7 Last day to drop/add classes	8	9 MTTC July Test Date
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25 Last day to withdraw from classes	26	27	28	29	30

**Additional Notes:** Summer II ends on August 19, 2011.