JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2018 UPDATES

SPRING START-UP RECAP
Spring start-up began smooth and successful! Financial Aid Counselors assisted over 132 students at the two-day One Stop event in the Bernhard Center. Financial aid phone representatives took in over 4,100 calls, Bronco Express saw over 1,600 students and received and responded to 2,100 emails just during the month of January. The first two Admitted Student Events of the year were busier than ever. Our office assisted over 300 students both days, with 5 stations for one-on-one counseling in addition to counselors at Bronco Express and browsing tables.

RETURNING STUDENT REQUIREMENTS
It is important for our students at the beginning and throughout the semester to check their GoWMU account and WMU email daily. 2018-19 financial aid requirements may still need to be met in order for students to receive their financial aid.

SEND SECURELY
A friendly reminder that when sending our office forms, documents or messages through email, we cannot guarantee security, so personal information such as full Social Security numbers should never be emailed.

WORK-STUDY CANCELLATIONS
Work-study cancellations begin Feb. 21.

Spring work-study recipients must have earnings charged to their spring work-study awards by Tuesday, Feb. 20, or those awards will be canceled. If a student has been hired, but will not be paid through work-study until after this date, the student and the employer must notify the financial aid office by e-mailing angela.madden@wmich.edu on or before the Feb. 20 deadline.

E-mails received after Feb. 20 will not be considered and once an award has been canceled, it may not be reinstated.

SUMMER 1 2018 FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS
Summer 1 2018 graduate and undergraduate financial aid applications will be posted to our website on or before Monday, Feb. 26. Summer 2 2018 financial aid applications will be available in April.

FINANCIAL LITERACY, EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND OUTREACH
We are pleased to announce the new Interim Associate Director of Financial Literacy, Educational Planning and Outreach is Alexia Alexander. Alexia was the Assistant Director of FLEP before taking on her new role! Congratulations Alexia!

FLEPO is hiring new peer coaches for the spring semester. Peer coaches are trained to assist students in budgeting, savings, credit, student loans and repayment.

In January, the financial literacy team and MLK Kalamazoo Promise College collaborated for an Xtreme Reality event and had over 50 Kalamazoo Promise students in attendance.