

TO: WTMC December 2008 Graduates  
WTMC Prospective May 2009 Graduates

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REF: **Important Graduation Information!!!**

**WTMC Graduation**  
**Sunday, May 17, 2009, 4:00p.m.**  
**Morris Lawrence Auditorium @WCC**

**WCC Graduation**  
**Saturday, May 16, 2009**  
**EMU Convocation Ctr.**

Please read carefully, put important dates in your planner and take action where necessary! Thank you.

**1. WTMC Graduation Portfolio**

- ✓ Have you picked up Graduation Portfolio materials in TI 214?
- ✓ Remember to request your letter of recommendation early!
- ✓ Portfolios due to Ms. Dunbar by **April 1, 2009**

**2. Complete Financial Aid Forms**

- ✓ These are required for most scholarships and loans regardless of need.
- ✓ Complete FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- ✓ FAFSA applications are due **March 1, 2009** for Michigan aid

**3. Need help with Financial Aid Forms?**

- ✓ Attend College Goal Sunday, **February 8, 2009** @ 2:00 p.m. at Eastern Michigan University Bruce T. Halle Library (See enclosed flyer for details.)
- ✓ Get more information at [www.MICollegeGoal.org](http://www.MICollegeGoal.org) or call 1-800-832-2464.

**4. Need Help with Financial Aid Questions?**

- ✓ Call 1-877-323-2287 (1-877-FA-FACTS)
- ✓ Call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243 (Federal Student Aid Information Center)
- ✓ Contact WCC Financial Aid Office (SC205)

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**5. Still Need to Qualify for the Michigan Promise Scholarship?**

- ✓ If you did not take the complete Michigan Merit Exam (MME) last March, you will have the opportunity to take the MME this March. Look for a MME mailing in February. There are no longer any MME retakes.

**6. Still Undecided about a College? Attend WCC College Transfer Fair**

- ✓ **Wednesday, March 4, 2009**, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of SC
- ✓ Admission Representatives from several colleges on campus
- ✓ Check WCC website for details (Student Services/Other Student Services/Transfer Resources/Four-Year College Visits)

**7. WCC Honor Scholarships**

- ✓ If you plan to continue your studies at Washtenaw Community College after WTMC graduation, apply for a High School Honor Scholarship
- ✓ Details and applications on WCC website or in TI 214

**8. Ordering Caps & Gowns for WTMC Graduation**

- ✓ Purchase caps and gowns at the WCC bookstore beginning in April
- ✓ Use the same cap and gown for both the WCC (May 16) and WTMC (May 17) graduation ceremonies
- ✓ The cap and gown comes with one tassel. If you plan to participate in both the WCC and the WTMC graduation ceremonies, please purchase an additional tassel:
  - i. WCC (green/gold tassel)
  - ii. WTMC (blue/silver/white tassel)

**9. Graduation Announcements**

- ✓ Each graduate will receive 10 free announcements
- ✓ Additional announcements can be ordered from WTMC (Details in future newsletters)
- ✓ Pay for announcements when you pick them up from Ms. Sahakian

**10. Graduation Rehearsal**

- ✓ Mark your calendar: **Tuesday, May 12, 2009, 3:00-5:00 p.m.**
- ✓ Morris Lawrence Building, Towsley Auditorium

**11. Tickets for WTMC Graduation Ceremony on Sunday May 17, 2009, 4:00 pm**

- ✓ At graduation rehearsal, each graduate will receive four tickets for the Graduation Ceremony
- ✓ Admission is by ticket only until 3:45 p.m.
- ✓ Any remaining seats are open to those without tickets