Basketball has been a lifelong passion for Warda Niaz. And even though her days on the court are over, she’s intent on incorporating her love of sports into her future career. “I just knew whatever I did, I wanted to stay connected with the sports industry,” she says. Now, as she prepares to graduate from Western Michigan University on Saturday, June 24, with a degree in sport management, she’s well on her way. “My experience here has been phenomenal. I really feel at home here and I like the sense of community and culture that Western Michigan has; it sets you up for success.” Her hard work could pay off soon; Niaz has been in contact with several professional sports teams and continues to move forward in the interview process with them.

Through the Michigan GEAR UP summer camp, high school students participating in the West Michigan Health Career Pipeline Program (HCPP) had the opportunity to come to campus for six days to experience life at Western Michigan University. While on campus, students spent time with the Colleges of Education and Human Development and Health and Human Services learning about different career options in health, including nutrition and dietetics. Through different activities, graduate students and faculty from the nutrition and dietetics program taught students about added sugars, healthier alternatives and the importance of reading nutrition labels.

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