

## Informational Report

### ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

As part of the Undergraduate Student Success Initiative, Wayne State has created two new programs with support of the Kresge Foundation. The first is a micro grant program to alleviate financial stress on students in emergent situations. The second is a project to create an automated transfer student data exchange system with our community college partners, starting with Macomb Community College (MCC). These two projects will increase Wayne student retention and graduation rates for low-income students and enhance, facilitate and expand pathways for degree completion for transfer students.

Kresge Funding for Micro-Grants		Kresge Funding for SIS Interface	
2017-2018	2018-2019	2017-2018	2018-2019
\$100,000.00	\$50,000.00 (matching)	\$100,000.00	\$25,000.00

The micro grant program has been created to assist students who have exhausted their federal grant and loan eligibility for a given term and who experience an unexpected financial hardship that threatens to halt their education. Micro grants, less than \$1500, are an efficient, low cost way to give students the continuity they need to stay on the road to graduation. These grants can help with transportation, housing, supplies, and other emergencies that arise during enrollment. Fundraising began in November to make sure the program is sustainable.

The Graphic User Interface (GUI) between the student information systems at MCC and WSU will allow a shared employee between the institutions to have access to the enrollment of individual students in the Wayne Advantage Program and determine appropriate levels of aid awarding. This new Banner screen will house student grade information as well as financial aid information so that the student has a seamless experience and both institutions have the most current and up to date information. Once this initial interface is created, WSU can replicate this with other community college partners.

## SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

The School of Social Work and College of Nursing have received a four-year, \$1.8 million grant from the federal government to increase and strengthen Southeast Michigan's mental health workforce. Suzanne Brown, Assistant Professor in Social Work, and Umeika Stephens, Assistant Professor in Nursing were awarded the grant from the U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) to educate and train graduate social work and nursing students, their nursing preceptors, social work field education supervisors and faculty advisors, and community partners in integrated mental health care delivery. Areas of focus will include mental health first aid, suicide intervention, and screening for substance misuse in primary care, mental health, and addiction treatment settings.

**Patricia Brown, M.D., F.A.C.P., F.I.D.S.A.**, professor of Internal Medicine for the Wayne State University of School of Medicine, has been honored with a Laureate Award from the Michigan Chapter of the American College of Physicians. The Laureate Award honors a Fellow or Master of the College who has demonstrated by their example and conduct an abiding commitment to excellence in medical care, education or research and in service to their community, their chapter and the American College of Physicians.

**Matthew W. Seeger**, Dean of the College of Fine, Performing, and Communication Arts, and Professor in the Department of Communication at Wayne State University, recently received the National Communication Association's 2017 Gerald M. Phillips Award for Distinguished Applied Communication Scholarship. Given annually, the award is presented to scholars responsible for authoring bodies of published research and creative scholarship in applied communication.

**Jun Sung Hong**, an assistant professor with the Wayne State School of Social Work, has received the 2017 Alberti Center Early Career Award for Distinguished Scholarly Contributions to Bullying Abuse Prevention. The Alberti Center for Bullying Abuse Prevention, located in the Graduate School of Education at the University of Buffalo, stated that it selected Hong for his exemplary scholarly contributions to the field of bullying abuse prevention and for conducting research that has the potential to influence practice and policy. The author of more than 120 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters, Hong has conducted extensive research into the influence of bullying and peer victimization on health and mental health, particularly among diverse adolescents and young adults who have been historically marginalized. In particular, his research looks at racial and ethnic minorities, immigrants, sexual minorities, those in low-income communities, and those who have been stigmatized (e.g., youth involved in the juvenile justice system).

## EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Outreach and International Programs coordinated with Global Ties Detroit, a local organization that brings government-sponsored delegations from abroad to Detroit, to host a fellow through the U.S. State Department-sponsored Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative, which places entrepreneurs from Latin America and the Caribbean at businesses/institutions in the U.S. for professional development. Carlene Perryman, a fellow from Grenada, was placed in Enrollment Management where she engaged with various campus units to learn how WSU supports low income or non-traditional students. Perryman runs a program called the Heon Project, which helps low-income students complete a higher education degree.

Wayne State University is working diligently with Marygrove College to support students who will be adversely impacted by the 2018 ending of Marygrove's 35 undergraduate programs. Educational Outreach is coordinating with several units across campus to offer a teach-out agreement ensuring equitable treatment, and reasonable opportunities, for eligible students from Marygrove to complete their program of study at WSU. So far, 33 students have expressed interest in following the teach-out agreement, and would likely finish their studies at WSU. These students represent mostly in-state students from nine academic areas.

## STUDENTS

**Jordan Clark**, former graduate student in music, has been selected by the Wayne State University Graduate School as the University's nominee for the 2018 MAGS/ProQuest Distinguished Thesis Award. Presented annually by the Midwest Association of Graduate Schools, the award recognizes the best master's thesis across institutions in the region. Ms. Clark's work, "The Power of a Flying Pig: Carl Stalling, *Looney Tunes*, and America's Need for Escape," was nominated in the Humanities category. She earned her Master of Arts in Music from Wayne State University in May 2017.

**Nicholas Prys**, a second-year student in Wayne State's Master of Social Work program, has received a 2017-18 master's fellowship from the Council on Social Work Education's Minority Fellowship Program-Youth (MFP-Y) Advisory Committee. Funded by the federal government's Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the fellowship is designed to promote the training of social workers who can provide mental health service delivery to at-risk children, adolescents, and/or transition-age youths.