

## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORT**

### **SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND DEPARTMENTS SPOTLIGHTS**

This summer, approximately 60 high school students from Detroit Public Schools worked alongside clinical and research faculty from the Wayne State University School of Medicine to explore clinical, health policy or basic science research as part of the Biomedical Career Advancement Program. BCAP, a six-week paid internship, is a collaborative program between the Wayne State University School of Medicine, the Michigan Area Health Education Center, the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority and the Detroit Public Schools Community District. The DWMHA provided \$185,000 to expand BCAP for DPSCD students and will also provide training to the students. The program was established in 2014 by Jennell White, Ph.D., a graduate of the School of Medicine. Dr. White, a newly appointed assistant professor of WSU Pharmacology, is dedicated to exposing youth to careers in health science. “Minority Americans are severely underrepresented in scientific and health fields at every level, from the professional workforce -- physicians, dentists, research scientists -- through all levels of the educational system,” Dr. White said. “I developed the BCAP curriculum to combat this underrepresentation by improving science education of minority youths at the early stages of the educational process and by increasing available opportunities to ignite their passion for the sciences.”

The Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA) announced a partnership with Wayne State University Department of Communication, part of the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts, as the host of AAJA’s signature student program JCamp, a six-day multicultural journalism training program for high school students interested in pursuing journalism as a career. Forty-two diverse high school students were selected to participate in JCamp July 30 – August 4, 2018 as the program celebrates its 18th year. Over 700 students have completed JCamp since it was launched in 2001. “Wayne State University is thrilled to host the Asian American Journalists Association’s JCamp,” said Wayne State University College of Fine, Performing & Communication Arts Dean Matthew Seeger, Ph.D. “Detroit is a great journalism town and our programs, including the Journalism Institute for Media Diversity, have been leaders in promoting diversity and ethics in the profession. These values as well as the larger journalism profession have never been more important. We are excited to introduce students to the rich cultural traditions of Detroit and show how journalistic storytelling has helped this great industrial city create a vibrant future.”

Blanche Bong Cook, Assistant Professor of Wayne State University Law School’s nationally recognized expert on the prosecution of sex traffickers, has been named a scholar in residence at the University of California Berkeley School of Law. Cook’s appointment is part of Berkeley Law’s Visitors in Residence program, which brings internationally recognized social justice practitioners, academics and leaders to Berkeley Law for an extended time to share their expertise. During her stay in mid-October, Cook will deliver a series of lectures that address the ways in which the law creates vulnerability for the purpose of both labor and sexual exploitation. Prior to joining academia, Cook was an assistant U.S. attorney with the Department of Justice, where she specialized in large-scale drug and sex-trafficking prosecutions.

The American Association of Nurse Practitioners recently inducted Wanda Gibson-Scipio, Ph.D., APRN, BC as one of 64 new fellows (FAANP) during its national conference this past June in Denver. Dr. Gibson-Scipio, a WSU College of Nursing assistant professor, was honored in recognition of her outstanding nurse practitioner work. She has focused her research on understanding the unmet health care needs of urban youth with asthma that contributes to significant disease morbidity and mortality. She is especially interested in addressing these needs using mobile technology as a vehicle for delivering behavioral health interventions as they transition from pediatric to adult health care. Her latest research project was funded by the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation. The purpose of this project was to identify how youth would use mobile phones to support their health care transition readiness needs. "We are so fortunate to have Dr. Gibson-Scipio on the faculty. I am thrilled that her significant contributions in urban health are being recognized," said WSU nursing dean, Dr. Laurie M. Lauzon Clabo.

Alicia Nails has been named the 2018 National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) Educator of the Year. She directs the Journalism Institute for Media Diversity at Wayne State University in Detroit and serves as an academic adviser and mentor for the program's honor students and grads. She also teaches a Reporting on Race, Gender and Culture class. "I'm honored to be recognized by the professional organization that has supported my career from the beginning with priceless experiences, exposures, and friendships," Nails said. "Most importantly, this is a testament to the value of the amazing students and alums of Wayne State's journalism program." An Emmy Award-winning journalist, Nails' work has been featured in the Detroit Free Press, the Detroit News, the Michigan Chronicle, and BLAC magazine, a lifestyle magazine for Black Detroiters. She serves on the BLAC advisory board and is the recording secretary for NABJ's Detroit chapter. Nails' background also includes writing and producing at WXIA-TV in Atlanta, Detroit stations WTVS-TV and WJBK-TV, and at WCBS-TV and Essence Communications, both in New York City. She also reported breaking news and features as a writer/producer WWJ News radio 950 in Detroit.

David Leone, who earned his MBA from Wayne State University in 1985 and recently retired from a long career at General Motors, now serves as an Executive in Residence for the Mike Ilitch School of Business. In this role, Leone will focus on leadership and graduate student development. He will work with the Office of the Dean and the Graduate Programs Office to plan and facilitate the services and counseling offered to graduate students and employers.

## **STUDENT LIFE AND STUDENT SERVICES**

Excitement surrounded the opening of the fall 2018 semester on August 25, 2018 as WSU's newest housing, Phase I of the Anthony Wayne Drive Apartments, welcomed 415 students to their new furnished apartments. Campus housing was full as over 3400 students moved into their campus accommodations, including almost 1250 freshmen, a new on-campus record for our newest Warriors. Students were fully engaged in orientation, convocation and Festifall August 26-30 for a strong kick off to fall classes on August 31.

Highlights of Orientation Part Two on August 27 and 28 included a keynote speech from Shawn Blanchard, a Detroit nationally known for his mentoring programs and a presentation by Speak About It, a theatrical troupe that "empowers students to foster healthier relationships and build healthier communities by directly addressing issues of consent, sexual assault prevention, and bystander intervention. It also included the annual Warrior UpRoar Warrior Pride kickoff dinner at Tom Adams Field.

Sierra Bentley, a freshman from Saint Clair Shores and Kamau Clark, a sophomore from Detroit are WSU's inaugural Corvias Scholars for 2018-19. The Corvias Scholar Awards are annual \$12,500 awards to two students who live on campus and have shown leadership and commitment to campus and community. They will be honored at a campus luncheon on September 25, 2018. The Corvias Scholarship program is an initiative of the WSU-Corvias Housing Partnership.

The Dean of Students Office has launched the Maxient student conduct and care data management platform. This program will allow for improved administration, monitoring, and data collection relative to student code of conduct cases, Title IX reporting, and student care reports.

The Warrior Life student life wellness initiative was introduced, focusing, in year one, on emotional, physical, and financial wellness programs. Warrior Life is an initiative of the Office of the Provost with collaborators from throughout the campus.

## **EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

### **Office of International Programs (OIP)**

- OIP, on behalf of WSU, applied for and was selected to host orientation for Fulbright student scholars who will be studying in the U.S. during the next academic year. The Fulbright Program, the U.S. Department of State's flagship educational and cultural exchange program, is administered by the Institute of International Education. Orientation brought 82 Fulbright Scholars from 43 countries to campus for four days of seminars, workshops and networking with local Fulbright alumni to help prepare the scholars for university life in America. Scholars could choose from four Orientation sites around the country and Wayne State/Detroit was the most popular, drawing more than the anticipated 70 scholars.
- For the second year, the university was chosen by World Learning to host a four-day orientation session in July for the Iraq Young Leaders Exchange Program, a month long exchange sponsored and funded by the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad. As with the Gateway Orientation for Fulbrighters, the university provided 85 students their first glimpse of America and university life before they moved on to campuses across the country to learn about leadership development, civic rights and responsibilities, respect for diversity, and community engagement.
- A new program cosponsored by OIP and the College of Engineering brought 11 students from three universities in China, along with one faculty member, to WSU for three-weeks of academic courses including cybersecurity and design, English language skill-building, visits to engineering facilities, and plenty of hands-on experiences and time to explore the campus and city. The students are undergraduates at Central China Normal University, Xidian University and Jiangsu University, with which WSU has strong partnerships.
- OIP hosted the inaugural International Student Welcome Aug. 31 to help international Warriors become acclimated to campus, meet faculty and staff, and get to know fellow students. The event, held in the Student Center Ballroom, included presentations

about student success, the Campus Health Center, academic conduct, Midtown Detroit, and personal banking options.

### **Transfer Student Success Center**

- A Transfer Open House drew more than 100 students and guests in July. The event included on-the-spot transcript evaluations and allowed prospective students to meet with advisors from some of the university's most popular programs; learn about admissions, financial aid and scholarships; and tour campus.
- The TSSC is finalizing, on behalf of the Office of the Provost, a new articulation agreement between WSU and Washtenaw Community College focused on the Learning, Design and Technology program, and has finalized agreements with Henry Ford College focused on programs in Engineering Technology, Computer Technology, Construction Management and a new program in Fine Arts.

### **Executive and Professional Development**

- EPD completed training with UAW Chrysler, delivering four courses in August to help its representatives in the Employee Assistance Program increase effectiveness in plants/work sites across the country. Faculty the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts and the School of Social Work taught courses in public speaking/presentation skills, family life, anger management and case interviewing and assessments.
- The Detroit Institute of Arts has signed a contract for EPD to develop and deliver an Applied Project Management Program to help the institute improve its effectiveness at implementing and managing projects across the organization.
- A group of cyber-related professionals across the metro region was surveyed to identify opportunities for expanding cyber security programming at the university's cyber range hub at ATEC. The survey group included computer science alumni, current and former EPD corporate client representatives, and members of MADCAT (Macomb County's cyber networking group), who were asked for input on program enhancements, industry certifications, and professional development/noncredit offerings.