

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORT

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

College of Education

The college unveiled its new website, launched a research e-newsletter, and continued increasing its followership on social media. Nearly 160 students received 242 private scholarships totaling more than \$700,000. Since last May, donors contributed over \$2.5 million dollars to the college; this includes all pledges and cash gifts as well as funds from corporate and foundation sources. The athletic training program and Early Childhood Center were both granted five years of accreditation, and the number of fully online master's programs increased from two to six. The college recommended 63 students for teacher certification, 37 for school administration, and 13 for school counseling. The college demonstrated its ongoing commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusive excellence by offering courses in LGBTQ studies and American Sign Language, establishing a minor in urban education and equity studies, introducing two learning communities — the Native/Aboriginal Development Network and Transcending Equity in Mathematics for Pre-Elementary School Teachers — and welcoming its first cohort of Holmes Scholars, a program that supports racially and ethnically diverse graduate students in education through mentorship, peer support, and professional development.

Faculty, staff, students, and alumni addressed issues illuminated or exacerbated by the pandemic. #HealthyKidsQuarantined provided free tools and resources to promote healthy eating and physical activity, while Best Food Forward and the Great Grocer Project seek to improve food security. Faculty members and students developed resources to help parents who have children with autism obtain therapy safely, access physical activity and nutrition education materials, and manage the transition back to school. Researchers explored issues affecting chronic absenteeism in the Detroit Public Schools Community District and offered recommendations to school administrators and policymakers crafting guidelines for reopening schools. The Mental Health and Wellness Clinic and Saturday Art Therapy Workshop made mental health services available to the community at no cost. Students worked on the frontlines of the pandemic, conducting COVID-19 testing, delivering care to patients in hospitals and adult living facilities, distributing food to families, and providing free tutoring to PK-12 students. Alumni served as Michigan Teacher of the Year, invented board games for individuals with autism, sat on state and professional boards and committees, and went viral trying to help students combat feelings of isolation by reading bedtime stories.

Research continued at a robust pace, with faculty securing \$4.48 million in funding and forming nearly 40 external partnerships to support a number of projects.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

CLAS students continue to thrive thanks to the [college's bold community partnership and internship initiative](#). New relationships have been forged with several community organizations including the Holocaust Memorial Center and the Motown Museum.

In April, CLAS undergraduate researchers presented their work to a vast international audience during the [2021 Virtual Undergraduate Research Symposium](#). The virtual presentations were seen more than 8,000 times by visitors from 18 countries.

[Arthur Bowman, a Physics and Astronomy Ph.D. candidate, DPS and Math Corps alum, was awarded a prestigious congressional fellowship from American Institute of Physics.](#) A highly competitive program, the institute sponsors just two scientists annually to spend a year providing analytical expertise and scientific advice to Congress.

Wayne State University Department of Physics and Astronomy graduate student [David Moutard was selected for the Department of Energy's Graduate Student Research \(SCGSR\) program's 2020 Solicitation 2 cycle.](#) The award will provide Moutard with supplemental funds to conduct part of his research at a host DOE laboratory in collaboration with a DOE laboratory scientist.

A group of [Public History students recently partnered with the Detroit Historical Society](#) on a series of exhibits at the Midtown Detroit museum. The students researched and developed exhibits on the Detroit's "Arsenal of Democracy" and the city's "ad men" in the 1920's.

Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences

In May, EACPHS awarded 219 degrees to winter 2021 graduates and honored 70 students scheduled to graduate this spring/summer. In addition to participating in Wayne State's college-wide ceremony, several EACPHS programs also held [virtual events](#) to celebrate their graduating students.

Highlighting EACPHS's focus on interprofessional education (IPE), Associate Clinical Professor of Pharmacy Practice [Aline Saad](#) was named an IPE faculty champion of the MI-AHEC Scholars program and is actively working to expand interprofessional collaboration among Wayne State schools and colleges. And a cross-listed elective – Special Topics: Interprofessional Education – is being offered for the first time this fall to PharmD, physician assistant, medicine, nursing and social work students, who will learn alongside, about and from each other to improve communication and collaboration during health care team decision making in the workplace.

Graduate School

The Graduate School hosted their signature event, the 2021 Graduate Research Symposium, March 1–5. The 2021 Symposium was entirely virtual, allowing for greater attendee accessibility. More than 150 researchers presented their work to an international audience. The event featured 470 attendees from 24 universities and 11 countries on five continents. While we hope next year's Symposium will allow for in-person sessions, the Graduate School plans to provide a virtual component to allow our best-in-class researchers to connect with attendees around the globe.

Graduate students often juggle a variety of responsibilities while pursuing their degree. From raising a family to working multiple jobs, the typical graduate student is a very hardworking individual. The Graduate School highlighted these students during the National Graduate Student Appreciation Week, [April 5 – 9](#). The week featured multiple events and \$2,500 in prizes for Wayne State graduate students across the university's schools, colleges, programs, and disciplines. Throughout the week, the Graduate School set out to inform

students of the various services the school provides. Many graduate students are unaware of the available programs and support. By sharing resources and spotlighting students, the Graduate School informed students at the master's and Ph.D. level that the school is here to help.

The [Dean's Diversity Fellowship](#) is designed to support exceptional incoming doctoral students with three years of funding. The Graduate School supports 15 fellows at a time, selecting five new fellows each year from a campus-wide pool. Nominated by their programs and chosen by a Graduate School committee, fellows are pioneers in their fields exploring tough questions and conducting research to better the Detroit community and beyond. Below is the 2021 cohort. All will begin their doctoral programs in the fall.

Melvin Edwards

Ph.D. in electrical and computer engineering
College of Engineering

Abigail Fielder

Ph.D. in cancer biology
School of Medicine

Kevin Hardges

Ph.D. in communication
College of Fine, Performing & Communication Arts

Hajr Muhammad

Ph.D. in counseling psychology
College of Education

Brianna Ross

Ph.D. in chemistry
CLAS

Honors College

The Irvin D. Reid Honors College is entering its second-year partnership with the Rocket Companies (part of the Quicken Loan family of companies) to provide summer internship opportunities. This is an eight-week intensive summer program for up to 6 Honors students—each of whom will receive a \$5,000 stipend to serve as mentors and coaches to Detroit Public Schools Community District students this summer. The summer enrichment program is focused on computer science, educational technology and writing computer code. The program itself will be led by tech specialists from Rocket Companies and local Detroit tech professionals.

The Honors College has launched the second class of the Applebaum Emerging Leaders Program for Summer 2021. The Applebaum Emerging Leaders Program, an intensive program that offers personal, professional and leadership development experiences to select Irvin D. Reid Honors College students in an engaging, interactive cohort. All Honors students are invited to apply for the eight-week program, and ten are selected. Each student receives a stipend, and the Applebaum Emerging Leaders Program is lead and taught by award-winning marketing and sales executive Nicole M. Lewis with support and mentoring from Wayne State University faculty and administrators, community leaders, and business professionals. More information on the program is provided at <https://honors.wayne.edu/academics/applebaum>

On April 22, the Irvin D. Reid Honors College hosted "Zoom to the Finish-2!" a special virtual fundraiser and celebration of Honors students, alumni, faculty and staff. The event was a YouTube watch-party and featured student interviews and performances, alumni and faculty

spotlights, special cameo appearances, and lots of fun. Proceeds from "Zoom to the Finish-2!" benefitted the Finish Line Fund, which awards scholarships for eligible Honors seniors.

On May 5, the Honors College congratulated 116 seniors who took part in the Honors virtual Commencement ceremony. In total, 145 Honors students applied for graduation in May 2021.

Law School

Wayne Law continues its upward trajectory in 2021. Since our last report, the American Bar Association has released 2020 employment data for all law schools. According to an analysis of that information, Wayne Law is No. 47 in the country for placing recent graduates in full-time, long-term jobs that require bar passage or for which a J.D. is an advantage.* With the School of Social Work, the Law School is piloting a holistic defense partnership that will train law students and M.S.W. students together to achieve the best possible outcomes for clients navigating the criminal justice system. Wayne State is one of only a handful of institutions nationwide to have such a program. The Minor in Law program continues its swift expansion, with 174 declared minors to date (up from 150 in February) and soon-to-be five partner institutions with the addition of the College of Engineering.

Our students took Wayne Law to the national and global rounds of prestigious competitions this year. The Jessup International Law Moot Court team placed among the top 50 teams in the world after advancing to the global rounds of competition. In the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition, our Moot Court team finished in the top 16 in the country and took home the fourth-best brief nationwide. Wayne Law faculty have also received impressive University recognition recently. Associate Professor Khaled Beydoun was awarded a Career Development Chair. Professor John Mogk was named a Distinguished Service Professor of Law, and Distinguished Professor Steven Winter was elected to the Academy of Scholars. *Crain's Detroit Business* recently published its annual list of Notable Women in the Law. Wayne Law alumnae made up 11 of the honorees, more than any other law school mentioned.

Mike Ilitch School of Business

US News & World Report's latest rankings for part-time M.B.A. programs were announced March 31. The Ilitch School climbed 17 spots to 158. This is our highest ranking in at least seven years and is likely our highest ever.

Mike Ilitch School of Business global supply chain management major Hafsa Qureshi has won a coveted Institute for Supply Management (ISM) R. Gene Richter Scholarship. Qureshi was one of four national winners and the first Wayne State student to win the scholarship in a decade. Another WSU student, Sohaib Khan, was one of ten national finalists that made it to the final round of applicants. The scholarship provides \$10,000, executive mentoring, peer mentoring and national conference participation. A team of global supply chain management students was named champion of the second annual Gregg Sherrill Manufacturing Case Competition, which was hosted by the Center for Excellence in Manufacturing at IUPUI's Kelley School of Business. Ilitch School students Sohaib Khan, Hafsa Qureshi, Tamela Wilson and Melinda Yang bested eight other teams from supply chain programs across the Midwest. This year's competition, which took place virtually on April 10, included a panel of six corporate judges acting as a board of directors while student teams presented as outside consultants. The global supply chain management program at continues its upward trend

with an improved standing in the 2020 SCM Journal List rankings. Ranked 229 out of 414 programs in 2015, the Ilitch School has moved up to 53 out of 452 among empirical SCM programs in the most recent rankings, which puts the program in the top 12 percent worldwide.

Intelligent.com, a resource for online degree rankings and higher education planning, has once again named Wayne State University's Mike Ilitch School of Business as one of its top 50 M.B.A. programs with a concentration in international business. The 2021 rankings place the Ilitch School at number four out of 50.

To celebrate Mike Ilitch School of Business student all-stars in academics, leadership, professional development and campus/community service, Dean Robert Forsythe created the 25 Under 25 recognition program – and the 2021 results are in! Business students were invited to apply beginning in December, and a panel of executive judges from AGC Automotive Americas, BDO, Comerica Bank, Deloitte, DENSO International America, Detroit Pistons, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Fifth Third Bank, GM, Google, J.P. Morgan and Rock Central reviewed and ranked the submissions. A VIP reception will be scheduled to honor awardees when it is safe and appropriate to do so.

DIVISION OF ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

K-12 Summer Camps and Scholarships: Wayne State University is offering more than 80 virtual summer camp programs for local K-12 students aged six and up. WSU offers a simple, centralized registration and payment process via the [K-12.wayne.edu](https://k-12.wayne.edu) website. Camps run June through August and range from arts and design to a variety of programming in the medical sciences and STEM. Thanks to a generous grant from the Community Telecommunications Network, we are able to offer 115 scholarships to high-need students for the third consecutive year. These scholarships cover the full cost of attendance to one of a variety of STEM camps offered by the C2 Pipeline Summer Program or Engineering Summer Academy, including the Amesite certificate programs.

Enrollment Management Communication and Outreach Update: The Communication team is involved with several initiatives across campus and community-wide to promote FAFSA Filing and drive new admission applications. The team recently collaborated with University Marketing to create FAFSA postcards for community members attending Wayne Health vaccine clinics and WDET advertising. The Enrollment management team provided special FAFSA workshops for Detroit Public Schools (DPS), gained inclusion into the DPS parent/family newsletters, and created social media posts (see links below). In addition, they have been working with the Registration Ready committee to promote fall registration to continuing WSU students including direct emails, text messages, web/newsletters and social promotion. Follow us at the @VisitWayneState Instagram page at <https://www.instagram.com/visitwaynestate/> and view these social media links for upcoming events <https://linktr.ee/visitwsu/>.

Reconnect Transfer Award: Wayne State University is offering support to students who participate in the newly released [Michigan Reconnect](#) program through the State of Michigan. Students interested in pursuing a bachelor's after obtaining their associate degree through Michigan Reconnect will be considered for a \$4,000 [Reconnect transfer award](#): \$2,000 per academic year for two consecutive years beginning the term of admission. Michigan

Reconnect will pay the cost of tuition for eligible adults who want to pursue an associate degree or skills certificate at their in-district community college. The program also offers skills scholarships to help cover the cost of tuition for more than 70 private training schools, with 120 programs that offer certificates in high-demand careers in industries such as manufacturing, construction, information technology, health care and business management.

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Wayne State University has been selected as an Institute Partner for the 2021 Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders. The project will be managed by the Office of International Programs. Beginning June 21, WSU will virtually engage 26 of Africa's bright, emerging Public Management leaders for a six-week Leadership Institute, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. The Mandela Washington Fellowship, the flagship program of the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI), empowers young African leaders through academic coursework, leadership training, mentoring, networking, professional opportunities, and local community engagement. The cohort of Fellows hosted by WSU will be part of a group of 700 Mandela Washington Fellows hosted by 26 educational institutions across the United States. While remaining in their home countries, Fellows will participate in virtual Leadership Institutes, which will include leadership training, networking, mentoring and professional development.

Executive and Professional Development (EPD): EPD is delivering its revised Leadership Program for Wayne County in a blended approach that includes virtual and in-person sessions. This is the third year of the program, which has been developed through a strong partnership with county leaders. 120 participants are on track to complete the program in 2021. EPD partnered with the National Association of County Collectors, Treasurers, and Finance Officers to provide additional virtual learning development programs for working professionals across the country pursuing certificate programs through WSU for government finance officers or finance executives. This program is a collaboration between EPD and the university's Department of Political Science/Master of Public Administration Program. EPD delivered 8 courses in its Employee Assistance Specialist Certification Program to UAW Chrysler, with 43 participants attending the program.

The Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC), part of EPD, offered its Government Contracting 101 series in a virtual format to small business owners in Detroit, training over 45 business owners during four sessions between April and June. The center also partnered with the U.S. Small Business Association and the Boeing Company to provide training and networking for Detroit-based small business owners looking to grow, and collaborated with the Schoolcraft College PTAC to host a "Meet the Buyers" event for small businesses to engage with over 20 government agency buyers in virtual matchmaking and individual sessions. PTAC is set to close out its 2020-21 grant period with 600+ hours of individual counseling for over 136 Detroit-based small businesses. For the year, 348 PTAC clients received over \$206 million dollars in government contract awards and the center delivered 26 training sessions to over 219 clients.

Transfer Student Success Center (TSSC): The TSSC is partnering with the Advisor Training Academy (ATA) on a series of programs around the themes and opportunities in the book *Power to the Transfer: Critical Race Theory and a Transfer Receptive Culture*. The three-part series begins with a common read and book discussion hosted by National

Academic Advising Association NACADA's Transfer Advising Community. The TSSC and ATA will then host two additional programs to continue the conversation at WSU and identify action steps to help create a transfer-receptive culture for all students. This series welcomes Oakland Community College and Jackson College colleagues as part of the Equity Transfer Initiative with WSU. Wayne State advisors who attend the two programs will earn a completion certificate. On behalf of the university, the TSSC signed new articulation agreements with Henry Ford College in electrical engineering and with Macomb Community College in business administration.