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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORT

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

College of Engineering

Mohsen Ayoobi, associate professor of engineering technology, as well as co-PIs Ece Yaprak, David Merolla and Emmanuel Ssemakula secured a six-year, \$1.5 million National Science Foundation grant titled "Assuring Students Success in Engineering Technology Programs (ASSET)." The project will fund 48 scholarships — four cohorts of 12 students — to ensure the retention and graduation of high-achieving, low-income undergraduate students pursuing bachelor's degrees in ET programs, which are designed to provide a pathway for community college graduates to earn a B.S. in two years. The ET student population is made up of 65% transfers from area community colleges, with the balance being internal transfers. More than 40% of ET undergraduates are eligible for Pell Grants; the figure rises to 60% among those who file for FAFSA. It is anticipated that providing these funds — along with implementing evidence-based social, professional and academic development activities for the scholars — will help boost retention rates, graduation rates and average time to degree in ET programs.

A five-year, \$11.3 million award from the NIH National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences will fund the creation of the Center for Leadership in Environmental Awareness and Research. The innovative CLEAR program integrates engineering and biomedical approaches to detect, quantify and eradicate the health risks that stem from environmental exposure to volatile organic chemicals (VOCs), a special class of pollutant found in the subsurface of post-industrial cities like Detroit. Carol Miller, professor of civil and environmental engineering, and Melissa Runge-Morris, M.D., will co-lead the project.

Yinlun Huang, professor of chemical engineering and materials science, has been named the recipient of the 2022 Lawrence K. Cecil Award from the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE). The citation for the award is "for his long-standing and sustained record in environmental sustainability research and education and demonstrated leadership role in promotion of sustainable engineering research, education and industrial collaboration." Huang will receive his award in November during the AIChE annual meeting in Phoenix, Arizona.

College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts

The College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts celebrated the outstanding career achievements of Wayne State University alumni at the 43rd Arts Achievement Awards. Awardees were David Roberts (BB '78) who is head of NBA and studio production at ESPN, leading ESPN's NBA and WNBA production; David Cowan (BFA '12) who the Chief Public

Spaces Officer for the Downtown Detroit Partnership; Allison Glenn (BFA '05) who is the Senior Curator at Public Art Fund, a 45-year-old public art organization that commissions and exhibits artworks in public across New York City; Grammy Award-winning and multi-platinum music producer Mark Nilan Jr (BMus '05).

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Theatre and Dance at Wayne's production of *The Merry Wives of Windsor* marks the end of an era as it will be the last play performed in the current Hilberry Theatre. The Maggie Allesee Department of Theatre and Dance will make its transition into the new Hilberry Gateway, opening in February 2023.

Professor Lauren Kalman, who recently assumed the role of Interim Chair of the James Pearson Duffy Department of Art and Art History, won the Elizabeth R. Raphael Founder's Prize in Glass from the organization Contemporary Craft. The Elizabeth R. Raphael Founder's Prize was established to promote artistic excellence and encourage innovation in the contemporary craft fields.

Professor Rahul Mitra is part of a multidisciplinary and multi organizational leadership team that received a five-year, approximately \$11.3 million award from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences of the National Institutes of Health to create a new Superfund Research Program, the Center for Leadership in Environmental Awareness and Research, or CLEAR. The center will be dedicated to understanding and mitigating adverse birth outcomes and serious developmental health problems that have been associated with urban environmental exposure to volatile organic chemicals, a special class of pollutant found in the subsurface of post-industrial cities like Detroit.

School of Social Work

Research Center and School initiatives

Center for Behavioral Health and Justice and School of Social Work faculty receive NIMH funding award as part of a P50 Suicide Prevention Center Grant housed at Michigan State University.

A \$1.65 million-dollar general fund/general purpose revenue appropriation from MDHHS was allocated to the School for a 4-year pilot certification program to train social workers to manage crisis response as first responders in mobile crisis units for adults and children.

The School is a recipient of a Flinn Foundation grant to co-locate the Social Work Family Clinic at Pediatrics in the 400 Mack location. Social Work will begin by providing services to 0 - 5-year-olds and build out the practice to accommodate older children and youth as well as families.

Faculty

Assistant Professor J. Lloyd Allen conducted a qualitative study focusing on parent-gay son communications regarding sexual identity after coming out. Allen stated that there isn't a singular "right" way for parents and children to discuss sensitive topics, but that it's important that they do so – for both parties. Allen developed recommendations for both parents and children on how to broach the subject and have respectful and honest conversations.

Assistant Professor Jason Carbone won a competitive MIH Loan Repayment Research Award to improve community health outcomes. Carbone's research focuses on the study of social, behavioral, and biological determinants of physical and mental health within African American and socioeconomically disadvantaged communities.

A group of WSU professors will be helping refugee students cope with trauma and stress after being chosen to partner with the State of Michigan's Refugee Services for a two-year, half million-dollar project. The Conflict Trauma Technical Assistance for School Districts project will be led by Social Work's

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Associate Professor Viktor Burlaka, Education's Associate Professor Holly Feen-Calligan, and Medicine's Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences Associate Professor Arash Javanbakht. The team hopes to provide educators with culturally appropriate tools they can use to intervene in cases involving children affected by war/conflict trauma.

New Faces

This semester we welcomed a few new faces in the School including Associate Professor Matt Larson, who also serves as the Center for Behavioral Health and Justice director of implementation. Larson's research focuses on the transition to adulthood among justice-involved youth, violence, and the intersection of mental illness and criminal justice policy. Additionally we welcome Assistant Professor Diane Fuselier-Thompson. Fuselier-Thompson's research interests include issues of college access and equity, P-20 educational initiatives, urban contexts, minority women in engineering, and global initiatives.

We also have welcomed two new staff integral to success of our students, Chandra Carr, the Social Work Office of Field Education assistant director, academics and Kristi Andreski Price, our new interprofessional education program manager.

Students

Social Work and Anthropology (SWAN) doctoral student Caitlin Cassady was awarded a distinguished King-Chávez-Parks Future Faculty Fellowship renewal. Cassady is particularly interested in studying how individuals, families, and clinicians navigate choice, ethics, and morality at the end of life.

Community Engagement

This academic year we are proud to host an open, honest and powerful three-part series focused on environmental justice. The series will allow us to take an in-depth look at environmental justice on a national and local Detroit scale, and include student, alumni and community speakers. Our first event "Addressing food justice and environmental justice through culturally grounded and land-based interventions" with keynote speaker Michael Spencer will occur on November 17th. Our second event will spotlight our annual Social Entrepreneurship Conference on December 2nd, with this year's theme of "Social Entrepreneurship in Action: Advancing Food and Environmental Justice through Social Innovation and Enterprise" featuring keynote Shakara Tyler, PhD. Our final event will occur on March 23rd "A Call to Action: The Fight for Environmental Justice in Detroit" and spotlight the advocacy efforts of local Detroit experts in the environmental justice ecosystem. We hope participants leave the series with tangible ways in which they can advocate for a just society and empower social change in their communities. Learn more at go.wayne.edu/enviro-justice.

We hosted an Open House in September, which saw community members, alumni, faculty and staff mix and mingle as they learned about the School's programs, outreach initiatives, and viewed our new classrooms and community engagement spaces. The event also featured the dedication of our Woodward courtyard in honor of late Detroit City Council member and changemaker Maryann Mahaffey. It was a fitting tribute that part of the School's grounds, the very place she walked for more than 20 years as a Social Work professor, would be named for a woman who had such a significant impact on Detroit and the social work profession.

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College of Education

Events

The college celebrated the launch of the **Detroit Partnership for Education Equity & Research** on Oct. 3. The mission of the new research center is to produce high-quality research to help improve systems that contribute to the academic, behavioral, and socioemotional outcomes of students in Detroit. **Sarah Lenhoff**, associate professor of educational leadership and policy studies, is the founding director of the center. She is joined on the leadership team by **Erica Edwards** and Ben **Pogodzinski**, also faculty in educational leadership and policy studies. <https://education.wayne.edu/news/wayne-state-university-college-of-education-launches-new-research-center-49328>.

Theodoto Ressa, assistant professor of special education, kicked off the Wayne State University Humanities Center's fall 2022 Brown Bag series on Oct. 12. He discussed "Disability Culture and the Barriers and Opportunities in Higher Education."

The college hosted "**Lessons Learned and the Future of Education: Finding Solutions from New Orleans to Detroit**," a community conversation about public education in Detroit, on Monday, Oct. 17. Douglas Harris, professor and chair of the Department of Economics at Tulane University; Danielle Jackson, chief executive officer of U Prep Schools; and Nikolai Vitti, superintendent of the Detroit Public Schools Community District, discussed findings from Harris's book, *Charter School City: What the End of Traditional Public Schools in New Orleans Means for American Education*, and what those lessons could mean for the future of education in Detroit. <https://education.wayne.edu/news/wayne-state-university-college-of-education-to-host-community-conversation-about-the-future-of-education-in-detroit-49353>

Awards and Appointments

Alumnus **William E. Hill**, Ed.D. '03 was named assistant dean of the Division of Administrative and Organizational Studies and the Division of Theoretical and Behavioral Foundations. He has served as interim assistant dean of the Division of Administrative and Organizational Studies since 2013 and led the Division of Theoretical and Behavioral Foundations in the same capacity for the last two years. Hill will continue to provide oversight of academic programs and direction to faculty in both divisions as well as teach courses in educational leadership and policy studies.

<https://education.wayne.edu/news/william-hill-named-assistant-dean-49156>

Johnnetta Bell, a doctoral student in educational leadership and policy students, was named a Barbara L. Jackson Scholar by the University Council for Educational Administration. Begun in 2003, the two-year program provides formal networking, mentoring and professional development for graduate students of color who intend to become professors of educational leadership.

<https://education.wayne.edu/news/doctoral-student-johnnetta-bell-named-a-jackson-scholar-49232>

Alumna **Ebony Green**, Ed.D. '16 was named assistant dean for university advising at Michigan State University. She previously served as director of academic opportunities and support in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts at the University of Michigan and assistant dean of university advising and student services at Ohio University. Green earned her doctorate in educational leadership and policy studies from the college. Her research focused on leadership development for professional

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undergraduate academic advisors, and she has nearly two decades of advising experience, which includes nearly 13 years as an academic services officer in the college.

Rebecca Treisman, a doctoral student in community and school psychology, received the Galvin Growth Group Scholarship. All school psychology students throughout Michigan are eligible to apply, but only one student is selected as the recipient of the \$500 award.

GRANT AWARDS

Principal Investigator(s)	Agency	Title of Project	Award Amount
Jeanne Barcelona (KHS)	Michigan Fitness Foundation	Metro Detroit Healthy Youth Initiative	\$250,000
Roland Coloma (TED)	U.S. Department of Education	Metro Detroit TRUE Project	\$298,263 (year 4/5)
Christina DeNicolo, Kate Roberts (TED)	U.S. Department of Education	Sustaining Community Knowledge and Language Practices for Educational Equity: Developing Pathways for Teachers of Bi/Multilingual Students (SEED)	\$408,907 (year 1/5) Total Award: \$2,289,939
Andria Eisman (KHS)	National Institute on Drug Abuse	Enhancing the Impact of Evidence-Based Prevention for Youth: The Rapid Adaption to Prevent Drug Use (RAPD) Implementation Strategy	\$231,000 (year 1/3) Total Award: \$693,000
Sandra Gonzales (TED)	U.S. Dept of Education	WSU COE Upward Bound	\$297,663 (year 1/5)
Liza Hinchey, Francesca Pernice (TBF)	BCBSM Foundation Student Award	Cortisol Response to Stress Following Trauma Exposure: Foundations for Integrative Interventions	\$3,000
Arash Javanbakht (SOM – Lead PI), Holly Feen (TBF)	Office of Global Michigan	Conflict Trauma Technical Assistance for School Districts and School Impact Providers	\$516,119
Do-Hong Kim, Sarah Lenhoff (AOS)	Eastern Michigan University (PRIME: U.S. Dept. of Ed)	A Matter of Equity 2.0	\$36,387 (year 1/5) Total Award: \$188,380
Sarah Lenhoff (AOS)	Michigan Department of Education	School Access and Transportation in a Time of COVID	\$5,000

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Nate McCaughtry, (KHS), Cheryl Somers (TBF), Noel Kulik (KHS), Stella Resko (SSW), and Deborah Ellis (SOM)	Health Resources and Services Administration	Community Health Worker Academy: Workforce Development to Improve Urban Health Care and Advance Health Equity	\$780,484 (year 1/3) Total Award: \$2,618,267
Monica Tracey (AOS)	School of Social Work (Prime: Michigan Dept. Of Health & Human Services)	Child Welfare Training: Assessment, Redesign and Evaluation	\$71,274

Three College of Education research teams received a grant from OVPR’s Social Science Research Support Program:

Christine Hancock, Amanda Miller, Poonam Arya (TED)	Collaboratively Co-designed Literacy Experiences
Francesca Pernice, Liza Hinchey (TBF)	Cortisol Response to Stress Following Trauma Exposure: The Role of Subjective Perceptions of Trauma
Yulya Truskinovsky (Economics), Sarah Lenhoff (AOS)	Accessing Education in Detroit: Neighborhood Safety, School Choice, and Attendance

In the News

Sarah Kiperman, assistant professor of educational psychology, **Truman Hudson, Jr.**, an instructor and outreach coordinator, and **Roland Sintos Coloma**, professor of teacher education, were quoted in a *Downtown Publications* article about LGBTQ+ rights and the potential impact of legislation on students and educators. <https://www.downtownpublications.com/single-post/lgbtq-community-rights-may-now-be-threatened>

Sarah Lenhoff, associate professor of educational leadership and policy studies, was quoted in a WEYI-TV story about declining student attendance in Michigan schools. <https://mms.tveyes.com/Transcript.asp?StationID=2990&DateTime=10%2F17%2F2022+5%3A04%3A19+PM&Term=wayne+state&PlayClip=TRUE>

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Kathryn Roberts, professor of reading, language and literature and interim dean of the Division of Teacher Education, and **Emily Jo Noschese**, assistant professor of deaf studies, were quoted in stories about the college's courses in American Sign Language and plans to develop a deaf studies minor.

- <https://www.publicnewsservice.org/2022-10-20/education/wayne-state-adds-american-sign-language-to-teaching-curriculum/a81144-1>
- <https://www.wsjm.com/2022/10/20/wayne-state-adds-american-sign-language-to-teaching-curriculum/>
- <https://mms.tveyes.com/Transcript.asp?StationID=8255&DateTime=10%2F14%2F2022+10%3A06%3A42+AM&Term=wayne+s>
- <https://today.wayne.edu/news/2022/10/13/college-of-education-offers-american-sign-language-proposes-deaf-studies-minor-49359>

Sarah Lenhoff, associate professor of educational leadership and policy studies and director of the Detroit Partnership for Education Equity and Research, was quoted in a *Detroit Free Press* article about low attendance rates in Michigan schools.

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/education/2022/10/17/low-attendance-rates-michigan-schools/69560821007/>

Ryan Lazar, assistant professor of teaching in health and physical education, was quoted in a story about the benefits of walking to school on WXYZ-TV 7.

<https://mms.tveyes.com/Transcript.asp?StationID=999&DateTime=10%2F12%2F2022+5%3A38%3A08+AM&Term=wayne+state&PlayClip=TRUE>

Erika Bocknek, associate professor of educational psychology and director of the Families and Mental Wellness Lab, participated in a panel discussion about back-to-school anxiety on WJBK Fox 2. The panel discussed changes in communication and empathy resulting from the pandemic, resolving conflicts, and the difference between reacting and responding. <https://www.fox2detroit.com/shows/let-it-rip>

Tamara Hew-Butler, a podiatric physician and associate professor of exercise and sport science who researches overhydration, joined the "Science Vs." podcast hosts for a conversation about hydration, the gallon challenge, and how drinking too much water can affect the body.

<https://gimletmedia.com/shows/science-vs>

Tamara Hew-Butler, associate professor of exercise and sport science, discussed how the menstrual cycle affects energy levels during exercise. <https://www.livescience.com/exercise-on-period>

Leah Ketcheson, assistant professor and coordinator of the health and physical education teaching program, proposed the idea for Physical Literacy and Nutrition Education (PLANE) in her doctoral thesis six years ago after teaching adaptive physical education in the Detroit Public Schools Community

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District. The community-based program for kids on the autism spectrum was highlighted in a *Second Wave Media* article. <https://www.secondwavemedia.com/features/planeautism07142022.aspx>

Jenny Lewis, associate professor of mathematics education and director of the TeachDETROIT program, discussed the Detroit by the Numbers course — in which students explore data related to issues such as environmental justice, asthma rates, and maternal health — in a *MLive.com* article about the university's graduation rate gains. <https://www.mlive.com/news/2022/10/three-quarters-of-wayne-state-students-used-to-drop-out-now-most-graduate.html>

Other

Alumna Stephanie Hawkes's manuscript, "Advising Racially and Ethnically Diverse Student in Alternative College Admission Programs" was accepted for publication in the peer-reviewed journal *NACADA Review: Academic Advising Praxis and Perspectives*.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

CLAS researchers received \$450,000 to help boost research productivity thanks to the college's [Mid-Career Fund for Research Infrastructure and Development](#). The funding aims at addressing a gap in funding for research-active faculty in the humanities, life, social and physical sciences.

In addition to internal support, CLAS faculty were recently awarded 32 federal grants worth more than \$7 million.

The Department of Chemistry celebrated the [inaugural event of the Bettye Washington Greene Endowed Memorial Lecture Series](#) on Oct. 28. The series honors the legacy of chemistry alumna Dr. Bettye Washington Greene, a leader in the field of polymer chemistry and the first African American woman with a Ph.D. in chemistry to be hired by Dow Chemical Company. The event featured a lecture and panel discussion that allowed students to network with successful professionals in research-based fields. Executives from Dow joined us for the day and offered a \$10,000 gift to support undergraduate research in chemistry.

CLAS's partnership with the Michigan Science Center continues to flourish. In October, WSU faculty began presenting hands-on activities once a month at the museum. In addition, this month WSU students will enjoy an exclusive game night at the center complete with arcade games, virtual reality machines and e-sports.

Five relay teams comprised of [25 CLAS faculty and staff participated in the Detroit Free Press Marathon](#) on Oct. 16. The group ran as five separate relay teams and two teams came in first in the men's and women's master relay divisions.

Wayne State University redshirt senior linebacker and psychology major Julius Wilkerson has been selected as one of [15 national finalists for the National Football Foundation's William V. Campbell Trophy](#). The William V. Campbell Trophy is presented annually to the top football scholar-athlete in the nation. Wilkerson is the first WSU football player in 104 years to be honored as a finalist.

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The Wayne State University Planetarium and Department of Physics and Astronomy partnered with the Belle Isle Nature Center for a free community event on Oct. 21. [Observing the Night Sky](#) allowed the public to observe Jupiter, Saturn and the stars through a variety of telescopes and binoculars while WSU Planetarium staff gave presentations on constellations.

The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Program hosted International Wrongful Conviction Day on Oct. 4. The event welcomed three exonerees to campus to discuss their experiences of being wrongfully convicted.

Through an ongoing partnership with the nonprofit Pure Heart Foundation, CLAS recently hosted the organization's inaugural [Breaking The Cycle Youth Summit](#). The "Future Warriors" event invited more than 120 children impacted by parental incarceration, known as Pure Heart Scholars, and their families to campus for roundtable empowerment sessions, panel discussions and more. The panel featured local influencers, WSU representatives and Detroit Lions Defensive End Charles Harris. Panelists discussed mental health, influence, how to maximize positive exposure and opportunities and, most importantly, how they individually broke the cycle.

CLAS recently celebrated [this year's Corvias Scholars](#), both of whom are CLAS Warriors. Psychology major Brea Hartsfield and political science major Nicole Wallace will each receive \$6,250 per semester, for a total of \$12,500 for the academic year. The scholarship program is made possible by an endowment established by Corvias to support students financially as they pursue their higher education degrees.

Wayne State University's Department of Mathematics recently hosted the [Great Lakes Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics conference](#) with over 130 participants from across the globe. The overwhelming attendance marked this the largest Great Lakes regional meeting ever. The conference was also the first large-scale event to be held in person since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. WSU was honored to welcome back former College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean Wayne M. Raskind as one of the keynote speakers.

In April 2022, [Wayne State University and the University of Windsor were designated as a new United Nations Regional Centre of Expertise \(RCE\) on Education for Sustainable Development](#) in the Detroit-Windsor region. This month, [CLAS hosted colleagues from the University of Windsor](#) for an initial in-person meeting.

Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences

The 19th annual WSU Applebaum **College Research Day** was held in person on Oct. 12, featuring posters from 87 student and faculty researchers, and a keynote on opioid treatment options by Dr. Andrew King that provided CE credit for pharmacists.

In our **Health Care Sciences Department**, through an initiative of the WSU Provost, Assistant Clinical Professor of Physical Therapy Martha Schiller is preparing to take a group of PT students to Ecuador in June 2023, where they will provide PT services and gain clinical site experience. Faculty and students

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attended the 2022 Michigan Academy of Physician Assistants Fall CME Conference, where they won the Best Video Award and advanced to the finals in the annual Quiz Bowl.

The **Applied Health Sciences Department** hosted its popular Mortuary Science Building Open House on Nov. 3, returning after a two-year hiatus due to COVID. The community was invited to explore advanced teaching and research resources in pathology, anatomy, embalming, restorative arts and clinical laboratory science. Led by Program Director Lou Kramer, 15 Pathologists' Assistant students visited Almont High School in Dryden, MI, educating 250 high schoolers and staff about the profession and program, also using cadaver specimens to show the anatomical effects of smoking, vaping, and the impact of hypertension on the heart. Led by Assistant Clinical Professor MaryAnne Stewart, Clinical Laboratory Science students are participating in the online national Hematology Bowl, which runs for 6 weeks.

Pharmacy Practice Department faculty members have recently been recognized for excellence: Professor Candice Garwood received the American College of Clinical Pharmacy Ambulatory Care Achievement Award, Assistant Clinical Professor Insaf Mohammad received the American College of Clinical Pharmacy Ambulatory Care Advocacy Award, and Associate Clinical Professor Amber Lanae Martirosov received the Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists Professional Practice Award. In addition, the Journal of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy gave their Editor's Choice Award to "Ambulatory care practice in the COVID-19 era: Redesigning clinical services and experiential learning," authored by Mohammad, Martirosov, Garwood, and associate clinical professors Helen Berlie and Melissa Lipari. In addition, department faculty have published 11 papers and presented 15 abstracts at national meetings. MDHHS grant funding of \$496,000 was received by Professor Paul Kilgore, PI for "Infection Prevention Education and Training in Skilled Nursing Facilities," and Professor Michael Rybak, PI for "Discharge Stewardship and Bloodstream Infection Prevention."

Graduate School

The inaugural Pathway to Faculty class has started taking shape, with four pre-faculty fellows arriving on campus. Bakari Wallace, PhD, is in Social Work and comes from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Ariel Washington, PhD, is in Oncology and was previously a postdoc at the University of Michigan. Nadiya Nacorda Loving is in the MFA program in the Honors College and is from Syracuse University. And Efran Saidi Moqadam, PhD, is also in the Honors College, coming to Wayne State from the University of Kentucky. Additional pre-faculty fellows will be hired in early 2023. To learn more about the Pathway to Faculty program, its mission, and current open positions, visit the Graduate School website.

The Graduate School has also scheduled its flagship event, the Graduate Research Symposium, for March 6-8, 2023. For the third straight year, the event will remain entirely virtual to continue attracting a global audience. Over the past two years, attendees have viewed Wayne State graduate students' research from nearly 40 countries. For the 2023 Symposium, the Graduate School will expand its platform and host research presentations from other institutions across the Midwest. Graduate students will be able to submit their abstracts in December, and attendees can begin registering in January.

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School of Information Sciences

The School of Information Sciences celebrated its first in-person Awards and Recognition Dinner since the COVID-related shutdowns. Approximately 75 students, alumni, donors, faculty and staff attended the event. Awardees included Jill Turner (Distinguished Alumni Award), Louis E. Jones (Professional Service Award) and recent graduate Ginny Schneider (Patricia B. Knapp Award). Scholarship recipients and donors were also recognized during the event.

Former Associate Dean of the Wayne State University Library System, Bob Holley, recently made a seven-figure estate commitment to the School of Information Sciences. He is the largest donor in the school's history. His gift will establish an endowed professorship in library science, create a new support fund for the school and add to his scholarship fund.

Libraries

Swank Digital Campus Makes 1,000 top feature films available for streaming

For many years, the Wayne State University Libraries have offered access to streaming movies, but we've recently begun a new program offered through Swank Digital Campus that grants Wayne State students, faculty and staff access to Swank's "TOP 1000 Collection," their most licensed and popular titles for educational use. The collection includes popular feature films, documentaries, foreign language films and TV shows from nearly every Hollywood studio and is available on both desktop and mobile, making it easy to access anytime, anywhere. go.wayne.edu/swank

Digital pianos now available for campuswide use

Students, faculty and staff can now reserve an electric piano for up to three hours a day in the Undergraduate and Purdy/Kresge Libraries. The pianos must be used onsite with headphones in our dedicated Music and Media Practice Rooms, which can be reserved through our study room reservation system. To book one of the practice spaces, visit <https://wayne.libcal.com/reserve/pianos>.

Study Night with student organizations

In partnership with the Student Success and University Council for Engagement and the National Pan Hellenic Council, the Libraries hosted "Fallin' Into Them Books Study Night" at the UGL from 6-11 p.m. in the UGL Community Room. In addition to tutors, librarians and financial aid officers around to help, there was also food, games and arts and crafts for students to engage in while taking breaks from studying.

Irvin D. Reid Honors College

The Honors College hosted a special Honors Convocation ceremony the morning of August 29 to officially welcome incoming first-year Honors students and their parents. The event was attended by nearly 500 guests, where they were welcomed by Dean Corvino, met the Honors faculty and staff, and heard reflections from two outstanding Honors seniors. The ceremony was followed by light refreshments prior to the start of the general Convocation ceremony on the mall.

Restarted for the new academic year, the first "Donuts with the Dean" event was held in the Honors College on September 14. This informal regular event is open to all students and allows the opportunity

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for students to connect directly with Dean Corvino, ask questions about academics, career paths, or whatever is on their mind.

The “Fuel the Finish” event was held on September 22 at the Waterview Loft in Downtown Detroit. The event, initially scheduled for April 2020, was finally able to take place with almost 120 donors, friends, students, faculty, and staff attending, including WSU BOG Chair Mark Gaffney. Originally intended to mark the kickoff of the Honors Finish Line Fund, a special fund to support Honors seniors in their final year, the event celebrated the remarkable students who have benefited from the Finish Line Fund and provided support for donors to take part in the goal of growing the endowment so that it can eventually benefit all Honors seniors.

A popular lunchtime series for students has returned to Honors – “Lunch with Leaders” began a new season for the fall semester. Campus leaders are invited to talk with Honors students about their roles, backgrounds, academic histories, and research interests. A lunch is provided for all participants. Honors welcomed Dean Hasan Elahi (CFPCA) in October, Dean Ali Abolmaali (Engineering) in November, and Dean Virginia Kleist (MISB) in December as featured guest speakers.

As part of a continuing series for students, “Honors Authors,” a special event developed to showcase the recent publications by Honors faculty, featured Honors faculty Dr. Beth Fowler. This installment of the series was held on November 15 in the Community Room of the UGL and showcased Dr. Fowler’s recently published book, *Rock and Roll, Desegregation Movements, and Racism in the Post-Civil Rights Era*.

Law School

Wayne Law Enrolls Its Strongest Incoming 1L Class Ever

The Law School’s leap in the rankings, its growing national stature, and its proven record of success for its graduates all contributed to Wayne Law enrolling its strongest incoming 1L class ever this year. The incoming class of 126 students had a median undergraduate GPA of 3.80 and a median LSAT score of 161. Almost one-third of the class self-identifies as persons of color, with over 10% identifying as Black/African American. The Law School achieved these results despite a nearly 12% drop in applications nationwide this year and an even greater drop in the Great Lakes region.

Graduates Excel on the Michigan Bar Exam

Wayne Law’s 2022 graduates had another extremely strong showing on the July 2022 Michigan Bar Exam. Eighty-two percent of graduates passed on their first try, before any appeals—eight percentage points higher than the state average of 74% and, again, No. 2 in the state, behind only Michigan Law (at 86%).

Dean Bierschbach Names Inaugural Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity and Belonging

Dean Richard A. Bierschbach appointed Prof. Nancy Chi Cantalupo as Wayne Law’s faculty Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity and Belonging, a newly-created position at the Law School. Cantalupo, who joined the Wayne Law faculty last year, is a nationally-recognized scholar and expert on Title IX, sexual harassment, and gender-based violence in education. She has a long and accomplished record of DEI-related work as a scholar, law faculty member, and higher education administrator, including serving as

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Georgetown University's founding Women's Center Director; chairing the planning committee for the LatCrit Junior Faculty Development Workshop; serving on the Boards of Directors for the Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty and the Asian/Pacific-Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project; and consulting with President Obama's Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault.

Levin Center Expands Footprint

Wayne Law's Levin Center for Oversight and Democracy continues to grow its national footprint and activities through impactful new programmatic and academic initiatives. In September 2022, the Center secured a \$3M grant from the U.S. Department of Education to establish and operate its State Oversight Academy (SOA). SOA will be the first and only national institution dedicated to promoting effective oversight by state legislatures and elevating bipartisan fact-finding as an essential legislative function. The Center also rolled out the second year of its Oversight Fellowship Program, a scholarly program intended to promote research on oversight by legislative bodies with the goal of fostering high-quality fact-finding and oversight investigations that are not captive to partisan interests. The program—which is attracting applications from nationally-renowned academics—selected Professor Christina Kinane of Yale University and Professor Josh McCrain of the University of Utah as its 2022 Oversight Fellows.

Student Academic Success and Global Engagement

Office of International Programs

The university welcomed over 380 new international students this fall, an 11.5% increase over fall 2021. The OIP team also hosted International Student Welcome for more than 120 new and current students, as well as faculty and staff.

OIP completed an in-person recruitment fair in four Middle East countries, generating 532 leads, and completed a total of 18 recruitment activities (high school visits and virtual) this fall. It is the first time in three years that the university was able to host the annual Ontario Open House in-person in Windsor.

Undergraduate Admissions

The Fall 2023 application cycle for first-time students is underway, with more than 8,400 applications received and the number of admits up 25% over last year. Transfer applications (398) are up 7.28%, with a little more than 100 admits.

The university hosted the Detroit College Fair, the only MACAC/MACRAO sanctioned college fair for 2,000 Detroit high school students, at the Matthaei Athletic Center Oct. 13 and 14. The next day, Undergraduate Admissions hosted Fall Open House for 562 prospective students and their guests. Students experienced academic sessions and programs, student panels with current WSU Warriors, tours of campus and residence halls, and a resource fair with school/college/department and student support programs and offices.

Also in October, the university celebrated Michigan College Application Month by waiving the \$25 application fee for Michigan students applying to WSU.

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Student Success

The recently launched Warrior 360 initiative, the most comprehensive student success effort created at WSU, connects eligible students with academic resources, staff members who serve as “success coaches” and student peers who serve as “success partners.” The program includes 178 students, 40% of whom are residential and more than half living in the First Year Residential Experience (FYRE). 54% are first-generation; 72% are Pell-eligible; and 54% are Detroit residents. Stats indicate 57% are Black, 17% are White, 16% are Hispanic and 6% are Asian.

The team has created several large-scale interventions, including a Week 3 Progress report and outreach to students at-risk; offering walk-in support for Winter 2023 registration; Week 9 Progress report intervention; and ensuring students engage with their Success Coach, providing an average of 48 individual connections with students each week.

Transfer Student Success Center (TSSC)

The TSSC celebrated National Transfer Student Week in October, hosting a number of virtual and on-campus events. Additionally, the team has scheduled more than 1,600 individual advising appointments with students in 2022 and provided 1,106 transcript and test score evaluations between September 2022 and November 2022.

Transfer advisors, student ambassadors and staff have participated in recruiting events at Schoolcraft, Jackson, Henry Ford, Delta and St. Clair (Windsor) colleges, and at Lansing, Macomb, Mott, St. Clair (Michigan) and Monroe community colleges.

Office of Military and Veterans Academic Excellence (OMVAE)

The university recently celebrated the renaming OMVAE as the Colonel Gregory Gadson Office of Military and Veterans Academic Excellence, funded with a pledge of nearly \$1 million from Jim and Patti Anderson. Gadson served his country in every conflict from 1989 until May 2007, when a vehicle he was traveling in hit a roadside bomb. He lost both legs above the knee and normal use of his right hand and arm. Anderson, a College of Engineering alumnus and founder of Urban Science, an automotive consultancy and technology firm, heard about Gadson from a West Point grad on the Urban Science team. Anderson and Gadson became friends, with Anderson continually searching for ways to honor his friend, his service and recognizing all branches of the military.

Anderson’s gift will help assure that the Gadson OMVAE, which serves over 600 students annually, will have the resources needed to support our state’s largest student-veteran population. A gala event was held in the Student Center ballroom with well over 100 guests in attendance including Col. Gadson and many members of his West Point graduating class.

Harris Literacy Program (HLP)

The HLP, named for benefactor Mort Harris, hosted the 8th Annual Practice-Based Updates for Literacy Strategies and Education (P.U.L.S.E.) conference Nov. 11, drawing adult education and literacy practitioners and administrators back to campus for an interactive forum focused on professional development and research-based best practices. This year’s theme, Planning for Consistency in an

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Uncertain World, included sessions on trauma and resilience, leadership, strategic thinking and family literacy.

Executive and Professional Development (EPD)

EPD developed and delivered training to 90 Wayne County Government leaders on DEIA - diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility. Additionally, EPD developed and delivered the New World of Work Leadership Program in partnership with Crain's Detroit through which 17 participants from across business/industry attended eight sessions (virtual and in-person) to enhance their knowledge and skill on topics such as equity, rethinking, polarization and remote work.

Office of Faculty Affairs and Development

At the end of August, the Office of Faculty Affairs and Development hosted new faculty on-campus at a two-day New Faculty Orientation, where they heard from speakers across the university and met with the President, Provost, and many Deans and Department Chairs. The in-person event has been supplemented by virtual offerings throughout the semester, partnering with various WSU departments and focusing on aspects of university life that were less time-sensitive than what was covered at the beginning of the semester.

In September, we partnered with the UPTF to welcome part-time faculty back to campus with learning sessions and lunch. The [Academic Leadership Academy](#) began its fourth year with a cohort of 12 faculty and academic staff; to date, they have attended two monthly meetings and an inaugural retreat.

Our regular programming for the fall semester included panels and webinars attended by (cumulatively) over 100 members of faculty, academic staff, and administrators. Chair Chats continued to be held each month, and we recently added monthly chats with the associate deans. In October, we held the first session of a 5-part workshop we've partnered with [WSU-GEARS](#) to develop, to assist and support Associate Professors with the process of going to Full Professor.

New for this academic year, the Office of Faculty Affairs and Development hosted training workshops on the SmarthPath workflow system. This system is used to electronically process faculty-related personnel workflows. In September, we hosted two workshops for administrators to learn about the faculty promotion and tenure workflow, and how to prepare packets for University consideration. Another workshop was held in October for Business Affairs Officers across campus on managing their unit's faculty roster in SmartPath. To better assist the units with the system, [we created a webpage](#) of resources, training guides, and videos to help users better understand SmartPath and increase the overall efficiency of processing personnel paperwork.

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