
FEDERAL AFFAIRS

Build Back Better Act

This week, the House Rules Committee released a new draft agreement of the reconciliation bill, the *Build Back Better Act*. Similar to the last draft, the new legislation includes:

- **\$9 billion** for Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs);
 - \$3 billion (decreased from \$4 billion in the first draft) will be dedicated to research and development infrastructure and the rest of the \$6 billion will go to financial aid for students. Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) would be guaranteed \$2 billion in funding from the \$10 billion amount.
- **\$500 million for retention and completion grants to support students in completing college and earning their degrees;**
 - This is far lower than the \$62 billion originally proposed for the program by President Biden in his American Families Plan.
- **\$112 million** for grants for high-quality teacher residence programs;
 - a provision to increase the maximum Pell Grant by **\$550** and ensure students who qualify for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program are eligible for the increased grants; and
 - However, the legislation excludes students who attend for-profit universities from accessing these increased Pell Grant amounts.
- **\$5 billion** in new funding for community college and industry partnership grants.
 - This funding will be used to provide grants or cooperative agreements to community colleges to expand workforce development programs.

The House voted on the Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Framework sending it to the President where he is expected to sign it into law. The House also approved a rule to advance the Build Back Better Act after the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has issued an updated financial score for the new bill.

Lawmakers Send Letter on Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program.

On Monday, Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA) sent a letter to Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona asking him to make changes to the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program, to ensure physicians employed at private, nonprofit community hospitals in Texas and California are eligible for the program. According to the letter, physicians are not eligible to receive loan forgiveness

despite being employed in qualified positions due to current hiring structures in hospitals in those states. In the letter the lawmakers argue, “inequity in the implementation of this program is hurting patients” and causing doctors to leave the states.

Department of Education Negotiated Rulemaking Hearings.

This week, the Department of Education held the second week of meetings for the 2021 Negotiated Rulemaking Committee to discuss a number of issues surrounding Title IV funding programs. The Committee first met from October 4-8, 2021. The Committee continued consideration of the following issues: borrower defense to repayment (BDR); closed school discharges; false certification discharges; income-contingent repayment; interest capitalization on federal student loans; mandatory pre-dispute arbitration and prohibition of class action lawsuits; Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF); and total and permanent disability discharges.

During this session, the Committee considered language additions proposed by Committee members and the Department. A large focus of the Committee discussion and the public comment period was on the PSLF program. The Rulemaking Committee will meet for an additional session from December 6-10, 2021 and vote on final language.

STATE AFFAIRS

Budget Updates

Since the last Board of Governor’s meeting, the Legislature met on Wednesday September 28 for a marathon session that included both chambers passing two supplemental bills that went to the Governor and were signed into law. Also, during that session day, House Appropriations Chairman Thomas Albert resigned as Appropriations Chair due to concerns with the continued spending of funds, stating he is concerned with an upcoming recession and the Legislature should be more cautious with spending. Speaker Wentworth removed Thomas Albert from the Appropriations Committee and appointed Rep. Mary Whiteford as the Chairperson for the remainder of the term.

The Legislature during its September 28 session day adopted two supplemental appropriations bills: a roughly \$1 billion economic development supplemental with funding for the Strategic Outreach & Attraction Fund (SOAR); and a \$250 million Higher Education Scholarship program.

- *Michigan Achievement Scholarship*: The legislation includes a maximum award of \$2,750 for community college, \$5,500 for public university, and \$4,000 for private university students. This award includes a minimum \$1,000 award to all students,

and an additional award of \$750 for community college students and \$1,500 for public 4-year university students. The rest of the award would be last dollar after taking out other “gift aid”. The scholarship will be given to all students with an EFC below 25,000. Wayne State’s DCGA and Office of Financial Aid are working with the administration on the implementation and rollout of the program.

The House and Senate also updated their respective session calendars to limit days in Lansing and will likely only be in Lansing for a few days before “hunting break.” Currently, it appears that the Legislature will only have 5-6 legislative session days before the term comes to an end.

Finally, since the budget’s signing in on July 20, 2022, the Office of Government and Community Affairs has been working with various Departments to ensure that Wayne State applies for and receives various funding opportunities from the budget. More specifically, the office is working on each of the following:

MiDOCS: The budget included \$6.4 million GF/GP resulting in a \$24.2 million gross level of support for MiDOCS. This investment proposal reflects current year funding. Wayne State is on the MiDOCS Board is currently working with the board to draft, approve, and execute a new contract for the upcoming fiscal year.

Poison Center Funding: The budget included \$1,121,400 in funding for the Poison Center. This funding, and its associated federal match money, directly supports the statewide activities of the Poison Center at WSU. WSU’s Government and Community Affairs is having conversations for the upcoming fiscal year to see increased, cost-of-living adjustments for the program to better position the program moving forward.

Center for Behavioral Health & Justice: The budget includes \$1,650,000 for a 4-year pilot certification program to train social workers to manage crisis stabilization to increase the number is social workers managing crisis stabilization. The Office of Government and Community Affairs is working with the School of Social Work to submit its RFP to secure the funding for the 4-year pilot program.

Wayne State University x Karmanos Cancer Institute: The budget included \$100 million for Wayne State to partner with the Karmanos Cancer Institute to design and build a facility dedicated to medical education, cancer research, and community health in Detroit. Wayne State’s Government and Community Affairs team is working with Office of Finance and Business Operations, Office of Facilities Planning and Management, and the Office of General Counsel to finalize the grant agreement with the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity.

Legislation Update

WSU DGCA is working with both internal and external partners on the Capital Outlay supplemental bill (**Senate Bill 78**; listed below) that passed committee on September 28. Wayne State did not submit a project for the current year but is working with the Legislative leaders to ensure Wayne State has a project included in the final bill. The current project that has been identified is for a new Wayne State University Law School facility.

WSU DGCA continues to monitor state legislation and regulations that could impact our students, our faculty, our community, and our ability to carry out our mission. When formulating a university position, we work with internal subject matter experts to both craft the best position and to provide feedback to legislators. Further, we work collaboratively with both our URC partners and all 15 public universities to leverage our collective positions and create favorable outcomes as often as possible. We are currently monitoring, and actively engaging, on several pieces of legislation including, but not limited to, the following:

- **House Bill 4512** (Hornberger) clarifying the removal procedures for university board members. WSU is monitoring this legislation.
- **House Bill 4615** (Marino) requiring candidates for university boards to file a financial disclosure. WSU is monitoring this legislation.
- **Senate Joint Resolution F** (McBroom) requiring university board meetings to be open to the public. This is a constitutional amendment proposal requiring a heightened 2/3 vote of both chambers before being put onto the ballot during the next general election for approval by the people. WSU is monitoring this initiative.
- **House Joint Resolution K** (Hornberger) requiring university board meetings to be open to the public. This is a constitutional amendment proposal requiring a heightened 2/3 vote of both chambers before being put onto the ballot during the next general election for approval by the people. WSU is monitoring this initiative.
- **Senate Bills 637** (Chang) and **638** (Outman) create important opportunities for co-response models and community crisis responses teams to actively engage in the criminal legal process, potentially diverting individuals who would be better served through behavioral health interventions from the traditional criminal justice system. This legislation was actively informed by WSU team members and the WSU Center for Behavioral Health and Justice. WSU is supportive of these bills. These bills were signed by the Governor.
- **Senate Bill 582** (Wojno) would prohibit a public body, including a university, from carrying out research involving canines. Legislation that aims to restrict, or arbitrarily eliminate the ability to conduct potentially life-saving research, is not something WSU supports.

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- **House Bill 4881** (Hertel) would prohibit a public body, including a university, from carrying out research involving canines. Legislation that aims to restrict, or arbitrarily eliminate the ability to conduct potentially life-saving research, is not something WSU supports.
 - **House Bill 5183** (Tate) which moves up the effective date of legislation signed last term allowing student athletes to be compensated for their name, image, or likeness. WSU is monitoring this legislation.
 - **House Bills 5556** (Roth) and **5557** (Damoose) allowing community colleges to offer a four-year bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) degree program. This legislation is a reintroduction and has been consistently reintroduced each legislative session for nearly 18 years. WSU opposes this legislation but is actively working with the bill sponsors to convene a stakeholder workgroup to discuss the issue, non-legislative solutions, and ways the legislature could leverage existing infrastructure to support rural healthcare needs.
 - **House Bills 5361** (VanSingel) and **5362** (Steckloff) would prohibit a community college from collecting local taxes if they began offering a new 4-year degree program. This legislation is in response to HBs 5556-5557, and strategically creates opportunity to further the discussion around the roles of public post-secondary institutions in the state as well as their funding streams. WSU is supportive of this legislation.
 - **Senate Bill 1098** (Bayer) would provide student loan repayment for teachers.
 - **Senate Bill 78** (Horn) is a capital outlay bill that in addition to projects creates a Student and Talent Attraction and Retention Grant Program that would be administered by the Department of Technology, Management and Budget (DTMB). The Program would provide grants of up to \$4.0 million for each community college and university that received a capital outlay planning authorization in the bill, and \$6.0 million for those that did not. These grants would be allowed to be used for capital and student housing improvements and/or the purchase of technology or other equipment.
 - **House Bill 6378** (Harris) would codify and make permanent funding for the MI Future Educator Fellowship financial aid program (\$10K/annually for up to 3 years).
 - **House Bill 6435** (LaGrand) provides student loan forgiveness to certain individuals who relocate Michigan.
 - **House Bill 6445** (Kuppa) creates doula scholarship fund.

Recently passed and enacted Legislation that the DGCA was monitoring includes:

- **Senate Bill 1012** (VanderWall) creates a new program to aimed to increase behavioral health professionals in the State. The legislation creates the student mental health apprenticeship retention and training internship program. Please

note: the final passed budget includes \$100 million in funding for all forms of mental and behavioral health funding, of which, this program is eligible.

- **Senate Bill 576** (Zorn) and **577** (Wojno) amend the Michigan Penal Code and Age of Majority Act, respectively, to change ages related to the sale, purchase, possession, and use of tobacco products from 18 to 21, and to make other related changes. The age increase would match the age threshold in current federal law.
- **Senate Bill 842** (LaSata) amends the State School Aid Act to establish the Michigan Achievement Scholarship. The program provides a maximum award of \$2,750 for community college, \$5,500 for public university, and \$4,000 for private university students. This award includes a minimum \$1,000 award to all students, and an additional award of \$750 for community college students and \$1,500 for public 4-year university students. The rest of the award would be last dollar after taking out other “gift aid”. The scholarship will be given to all students with an EFC below 25,000.

Legislators and Other Elected Official Engagement

Even though the Legislature has been on recess since the last Board of Governor’s meeting, the Office of Government and Community Affairs has continued to engage statewide elected officials, legislators, department personal, and key staff of issues impacting Wayne State University. Below is a selected list of recent meetings in September and October:

- Governor Gretchen Whitmer
- Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist
- Congresswomen Brenda Lawrence
- State Senator Jim Stamas
- State Senator Adam Hollier
- State Senator Marshall Bullock
- State Senator Sylvia Santana
- State Senator Rick Outman
- State Senator Mallory McMorrow
- State Senator Wayne Schmidt
- Speaker Jason Wentworth
- State Representative Joe Tate
- State Representative Thomas Albert
- State Representative Ben Frederick
- State Representative Samantha Steckloff
- State Representative Tyrone Carter
- State Representative Stephanie Young
- Labor & Economic Opportunity, Director Susan Corbin
- State Budget Office, Director Chris Harkins

The Office of Government and Community Affairs has begun meeting future elected officials, from likely “safe seats,” for meet-and-greet meetings to provide background on Wayne State University and provide a high-level overview of the University’s priorities. Below is a list of candidate meetings:

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- Natalie Price (D – HD 5)
 - Donavan McKinney (D – HD 14)
 - Jimmie Wilson, Jr. (D – HD 32)
 - Rachelle Smith (R – HD 43)
 - Carrie Rheingans (D – HD 47)
 - Sharon MacDonnell (D – HD 56)
 - Denise Mentzer (D – HD 61)
 - Jasper Martus (D – HD 69)
 - Brian BeGole (R – HD 71)
 - Penelope Tsernoglou (D – HD 75)
 - Emily Dievendorf (D – HD 77)
 - Angela Rigas (R – HD 79)
 - Will Snyder (D – HD 87)
 - Bill G. Schuette (R – HD 95)
 - Matthew Bierlein (R – HD 97)
 - Tom Kunse (R – HD 100)
 - Cam Cavitt (R – HD 106)
 - Jonathan Lindsey (R – SD 17)

Student Legislative Engagement

The Division of Government and Community Affairs partners with students, faculty and staff who have an interest in participating in the legislative process. Members of Science Policy Network-Detroit, a student group at WSU that aims to break down barriers between policy makers and researchers, has continued to work with our office to increase efforts in Lansing and Washington, D.C. The WSU DGCA team will also participate in an upcoming course to discuss how scientists can engage the public, including elected officials, on important research that impacts the state and public at large.

Appointments

The Division of Government and Community Affairs monitors and engages in the Gubernatorial Appointment process to ensure that Warrior voices are at the tables where decisions are being made. Below is a list of recent appointments of Wayne State graduates:

Governor’s Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect: Lynda McGhee, of St. Clair Shores, is the co-executive director of Michigan Children’s Law Center and the state coordinator for the National Association of Children’s Counsel. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from the University of Michigan and a Juris Doctor degree from the Wayne State University Law School. Ms. McGhee is appointed to fill a vacancy representing attorneys for children for a term commencing October 27, 2022, and expiring December 31, 2024.

Wayne County Probate Court: Michael J. McClory currently serves as the chief deputy probate register for Wayne County, a position he has held since 2005. He has been with the probate court since 1991, having served as a court attorney and then director of special projects. McClory was instrumental in the drafting and implementation of the Estates and Protected Individuals Code in 2000 and the Michigan Trust Code in 2010. He previously worked as an associate with Plante & Moran, assistant vice president and

trust officer for the Ann Arbor Bank and Trust, and as a trust officer for Citizens Bank in Flint.

Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board: Rebecca Shiemke, of Ann Arbor, is a family law specialist for the Michigan Advocacy Program. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Albion College and a Juris Doctor Degree from Wayne State University Law School. Ms. Shiemke is appointed for a term commencing September 19, 2022, and expiring December 4, 2024. He succeeds Thomas Cameron whose term expired December 4, 2021.

Michigan Humanities Council: Monique Marks, of Detroit, is the president & CEO of Franklin Wright Settlements, Inc. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and African Studies and a Master of Social Work from Wayne State University. Ms. Marks is appointed for a term commencing October 18, 2022, and expiring December 31, 2024. She succeeds Margaret Stephanak whose term expired December 31, 2021.

Board of Examiners in Mortuary Science: Lindsey M. Jonkhoff Rogers, of Traverse City, is the manager and co-owner for Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Mortuary Science from Wayne State University. Mrs. Jonkhoff Rogers is appointed to represent professionals for a term commencing September 19, 2022, and expiring June 30, 2026.

State Plumbing Board: Paul Kurtzhals, of Wolverine Lake, is a licensed master plumber and project manager at Conti Corporation. He received his Bachelor of Science in Biology from Alma and a graduate certificate in hazardous waste control from Wayne State University. Mr. Kurtzhals is reappointed to represent licensed master plumbers securing permits for a term commencing October 27, 2022, and expiring July 30, 2025.

Environmental Rules Review Committee: Fadi Mourad, an Independent of Farmington Hills, is the director of environmental strategy at DTE Energy with 30 years of environmental consulting experience. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering and Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry from the University of Toledo and a Master of Science in Chemical Engineering from Wayne State University. Mr. Mourad is reappointed to represent public utilities that engage in the generation, transmission, or distribution of electricity. He will serve for a term commencing October 18, 2022, and expiring October 4, 2026.

Michigan Underwater Salvage and Preserve Committee: Brian R. Smith, Ph.D., of Detroit, is an adjunct professor for Wayne County Community College. He holds a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering, and a Master of Science and Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Wayne State University. Dr. Smith is appointed to represent the general public with experience in recreational scuba diving.

Michigan Indigent Defense Commission: James H. Fisher, of Grand Rapids, is of counsel for Dickinson Wright, PLLC. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from General Motors Institute and a Juris Doctor degree from the Wayne State University Law School. Mr. Fisher is reappointed to represent members submitted by the Michigan Judges Association for a term commencing September 19, 2022, and expiring April 1, 2026.

Michigan Indigent Defense Commission: David W. Jones, of Detroit, is a partner with Allen Brothers, PLLC. He holds a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Detroit Mercy and a Bachelor of Science in Corporation Finance from Wayne State University. Mr. Jones is reappointed to represent members submitted by the State Bar of Michigan for a term commencing September 19, 2022, and expiring April 1, 2026.

Michigan Workforce Development Board: David E. Meador, of Bloomfield Hills, is the executive director of the Detroit Regional CEO Group and retired vice chairman for DTE energy. He holds a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Business from Wayne State University. Mr. Meador is appointed to represent businesses for a term commencing September 19, 2022, and expiring May 29, 2026.

Michigan Board of Dentistry: Shakeel A. Niazi, DDS, of Bloomfield Hills, is the owner of Shakeel A. Niazi, DDS, P.C. Dr. Niazi is also the founder and director of HUDA Charitable Volunteer Clinic and an adjunct faculty member for the University of Michigan Dental School. He earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery from Northwestern University Dental School and he holds Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from Wayne State University. Dr. Niazi is appointed to represent a dentist with a health profession specialty certification who is a dental school faculty member, for a term commencing September 29, 2022, and expiring June 30, 2026.

Michigan State Waterways Commission: Elaine J. Isely, of Grand Rapids, is the deputy director for West Michigan Environmental Action Council. She earned her Juris Doctor degree from Wayne State University, and she holds a Master of Science from Grand Valley State University and Bachelor of Science in Finance from the university of Maryland. Mrs. Isley is appointed to represent the general public for a term commencing September 29, 2022, and expiring September 18, 2024.

2022 Election Update

General Election Results

The Governor's seat and all 38 State Senate and 110 State House seats were up for reelection on November 8. Tuesday's elections brought a historic change in the Legislature with the Democrats securing a majority in each Chamber. It is the first time Democrats have held a majority in the House of Representatives since the 2009 term

and in the Senate since the 1983 term. Governor Whitmer also won reelection by nearly 11 percent. This will be the first time Democrats have held a majority in both chambers of the Legislature and the Governor's office since 1983.

Michigan lost a Congressional seat during the last census and went from 14 Congressional seats down to 13 total.

Makeup of the Congressional Delegation, State Senate, and State House of Representatives before and after the November 8th election.

United States Congress

<i>2021-2022 term</i>	<i>2023-2024 term</i>
7 Republicans	6 Republicans
7 Democrats	7 Democrats

State Senate

<i>2019-2022 term</i>	<i>2023-2026 term</i>
22 Republicans	18 Republicans
16 Democrats	20 Democrats

State House of Representatives

<i>2021-2022 term</i>	<i>2023-2024 term</i>
57 Republicans	54 Republicans
53 Democrats	56 Democrats

On November 10, the State Senate and State House of Representatives held caucus leadership elections; the results are below.

Senate Democrats

<i>Majority Leader</i>	Winnie Brinks (Grand Rapids)
<i>President Pro-Tempore</i>	TBD
<i>Majority Floor Leader</i>	Sam Singh (East Lansing)
<i>Majority Whip</i>	TBD
<i>Caucus Chair</i>	TBD
<i>Appropriations Chair</i>	Sarah Anthony (Lansing)

Senate Republicans

<i>Minority Leader</i>	Ari Nesbitt (Lawton)
<i>Minority Floor Leader</i>	Dan Lauwers (Brockway Township)
<i>Minority Whip</i>	Roger Victory (Hudsonville)
<i>Caucus Chair</i>	Kevin Daley (Lum)
<i>Associate President Pro-Tempore</i>	Joe Bellino (Monroe)

House Democrats

<i>Speaker of the House</i>	Joe Tate (Detroit)
<i>Speaker Pro-Tempore</i>	TBD
<i>Floor Leader</i>	Abraham Aiyash (Hamtramck)
<i>Majority Whip</i>	TBD
<i>Caucus Chair</i>	TBD
<i>Appropriations Chair</i>	TBD

House Republicans

<i>Minority Leader</i>	Matt Hall (Comstock Township)
<i>Minority Floor Leader</i>	Bryan Posthumus (Cannon Township)
<i>Minority Whip</i>	Sarah Lightner (Springport)
<i>Caucus Chair</i>	Ken Borton (Gaylord)

Statewide election results include:

Gubernatorial

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Gretchen Whitmer – D	54.46%
Tudor Dixon – R	43.95%
Mary Buzuma – L	0.87%
Donna Brandenburg – UST	0.37%
Kevin Hogan – G	0.24%
Daryl Simpson - NL	0.11%

Attorney General

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Dana Nessel – D	53.15%
Matt DePerno – R	44.56%
Joseph McHugh – L	1.20%
Gerald Van Sickle – UST	0.63%

Secretary of State

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Jocelyn Benson – D	55.86%
Kristina Karamo – R	41.93%
Gregory Stempfle – L	1.20%
Christine Schwartz – UST	0.63%
Larry Hutchinson – G	0.38%

WSU Board of Governors

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Marilyn Kelly – D	24.94%
Danielle Atkinson – D	24.86%
Christa Murphy – R	24.05%
Craig Wilsher – R	23.05%
Bruce Jaquays – L	1.28%
Marc Sosnowski – UST	0.91%
Susan Odgers – G	0.91%

All three statewide ballot proposals received approval from Michigan voters.

Proposal 22-1

Modified Term Limits & Financial Disclosure

Support 66.32%
Oppose 33.68%

Proposal 22-2

Promote the Vote

Support 59.98%
Oppose 40.02%

Proposal 22-3

Reproductive Freedom

Support 56.72%
Oppose 43.28%

Membership Breakdown by district for the upcoming the U.S. Congressional Delegation and Michigan Legislature

Michigan Senate

<i>Democrats (20)</i>	<i>Republicans (18)</i>
<i>1st: Erika Geiss</i>	<i>9th: Michael Webber</i>
<i>2nd: Sylvia Santana</i>	<i>16th: Joe Bellino</i>
<i>3rd: Stephanie Chang</i>	<i>17th: Jonathan Lindsey</i>
<i>4th: Darrin Camilleri</i>	<i>18th: Thomas Albert</i>
<i>5th: Dayna Polehanki</i>	<i>20th: Aric Nesbitt</i>
<i>6th: Mary Cavanagh</i>	<i>22nd: Lana Theis</i>
<i>7th: Jeremy Moss</i>	<i>23rd: Jim Runestad</i>
<i>8th: Mallory McMorro</i>	<i>24th: Ruth Johnson</i>
<i>10th: Paul Wojno</i>	<i>25th: Dan Lauwers</i>
<i>11th: Veronica Klinefelt</i>	<i>26th: Kevin Daley</i>
<i>12th: Kevin Hertel</i>	<i>30th: Mark Huizenga</i>
<i>13th: Rosemary Bayer</i>	<i>31st: Roger Victory</i>
<i>14th: Sue Shink</i>	<i>32nd: Jon Bumstead</i>
<i>15th: Jeff Irwin</i>	<i>33rd: Rick Outman</i>
<i>19th: Sean McCann</i>	<i>34th: Roger Hauck</i>
<i>21st: Sarah Anthony</i>	<i>36th: Michele Hoytenga</i>
<i>27th: John Cherry</i>	<i>37th: John DaMoose</i>
<i>28th: Sam Singh</i>	<i>38th: Ed McBroom</i>
<i>29th: Winnie Brinks</i>	
<i>35th: Kristen McDonald</i>	
<i>Rivet</i>	

Michigan House of Representatives

<i>Democrats (56)</i>		<i>Republicans (54)</i>	
1st: Tyrone Carter	32nd: Jimmie Wilson	28th: Jamie Thompson	71st: Brian BeGole
2nd: Tullio Liberati	33rd: Felicia Brabec	29th: James DeSana	72nd: Mike Mueller
3rd: Alabas Farhat	38th: Joey Andrews	30th: William Bruck	78th: Gina Johnsen
4th: Karen Whitsett	40th: Christine Morse	34th: Dale Zorn	79th: Angela Rigas
5th: Natalie Price	41st: Julie Rogers	35th: Andrew Fink	85th: Brad Slagh
6th: Regina Weiss	44th: Jim Haadsma	36th: Steve Carra	86th: Nancy DeBoer
7th: Helena Scott	47th: Carrie Rheingans	37th: Brad Paquette	88th: Greg VanWoerkom
8th: Mike McFall	48th: Jennifer Conlin	39th: Pauline Wendzel	89th: Luke Meerman
9th: Abraham Aiyash	53rd: Brenda Carter	42nd: Matt Hall	90th: Bryan Posthumus
10th: Joe Tate	56th: Sharon MacDonell	43rd: Rachelle Smit	91st: Pat Outman
11th: Veronica Paiz	58th: Nate Shannon	45th: Sarah Lightner	92nd: Jerry Neyer
12th: Kimberly Edwards	61st: Denise Mentzer	46th: Kathy Schmaltz	93rd: Graham Filler
13th: Lori Stone	69th: Jasper Martus	49th: Ann Bollin	95th: Bill Schuette
14th: Donovan McKinney	70th: Cynthia Neeley	50th: Bob Bezotte	96th: Timmy Beson
15th: Erin Byrnes	73rd: Julie Brixie	51st: Matt Maddock	97th: Matt Bierlein
16th: Stephanie Young	74th: Kara Hope	52nd: Mike Harris	98th: Greg Alexander
17th: Laurie Pohutsky	75th: Penelope Tsernoglou	54th: Donni Steele	99th: Mike Hoadley
18th: Jason Hoskins	76th: Angela Witwer	55th: Mark Tisdell	100th: Tom Kunse
19th: Samantha Steckloff	77th: Emily Dievendorf	57th: Thomas Kuhn	101st: Joseph Fox
20th: Noah Arbit	80th: Phil Skaggs	59th: Doug Wozniak	102nd: Curt VanderWall
21st: Kelly Breen	81st: Rachel Hood	60th: Joe Aragona	104th: John Roth
22nd: Matt Koleszar	82nd: Kristian Grant	62nd: Alicia St. Germaine	105th: Ken Borton
23rd: Jason Morgan	83rd: John Fitzgerald	63rd: Jay DeBoyer	106th: Cam Cavitt
24th: Ranjeev Puri	84th: Carol Glanville	64th: Andrew Beeler	107th: Neil Friske
25th: Kevin Coleman	87th: Will Snyder	65th: Jaime Greene	108th: David Prestin
26th: Dylan Wegela	94th: Amos O'Neal	66th: Josh Schriver	110th: Greg Markkanen
27th: Jaime Churches	103rd: Betsy Coffia	67th: Phil Green	
31st: Reggie Miller	109th: Jenn Hill	68th: David Martin	

U.S. Congress

<i>Democrats (7)</i>	<i>Republicans (6)</i>
3rd: Hillary Scholten	1st: Jack Berman
6th: Debbie Dingell	2nd: John Moolenaar
7th: Elissa Slotkin	4th: Bill Huizenga
8th: Dan Kildee	5th: Tim Walberg
11th: Haley Stevens	9th: Lisa McClain
12th: Rashida Tlaib	10th: John James
13th: Shri Thanedar	

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Midnight Golf Program

DGCA hosted a dinner for The Midnight Golf Program (MGP) currently attending WSU. The purpose of the dinner was to introduce the students to key WSU personnel and to ensure they are aware of the resources and WSU support available to them. MGP is a proven path to success program that has helped more than 3,200 young people turn determination into success as they transition from high school to college to a professional career and beyond. WSU currently has 65 MGP students, 15 of whom enrolled for the Fall 2022 semester.

WSU officials were well represented at this event: In addition to VP Lindsey and Director Clayton, participants included President and Mrs. Wilson; Michelle Bruner, Senior Director, Student Academic Success; Dr. Mark Jackson, Director Office of Federal TRIO Programs; Dr. Stephanie Hawkes, Senior Director for the Office of Multicultural Student Engagement; and Shawn Pewitt, Director of Career Services joined as well.

School of Social Work Advocacy Program

Dean Kubiak invited DGCA to an evening of Advocacy 101 with Wayne County Commissioner Monique Baker-McCormick and the Wayne County Youth Council. DGCA provided an overview of its work as the lead entity that advocates and lobbies at the local, state and federal levels on behalf of WSU and its interests.

President and Mrs. Wilson Honored at Detroit City Council

The Detroit City Council coordinated with DGCA the presentation of a Testimonial Resolution to President Wilson in recognition of his commitment to the city and, especially, for The Baroudeur. First Lady Jacqueline Wilson received a Spirit of Detroit Award for her outstanding community service and creation of the H.I.G.H. Program.

City of Detroit/WSU Career Expo

DGCA, in conjunction with Carolyn Hafner and the WSU HR team, conceptualized and developed the first ever Wayne State University and City of Detroit Career Expo for all metro Detroit residents to revisit their game plan and realize the endless possibilities that await them with Wayne State and Detroit government. With approximately 500 job opportunities, the expo took place on November 15 at the WSU Fieldhouse, included on-site interviews and hiring for both entities, and featured breakout sessions with professional resume tips and interview advice.

Presidential Search Committee Public Listening Session

November 15 was a busy day. DGCA also co-hosted a presidential search committee listening session with the Board of Governors, Development and Alumni Relations. DGCA ensured the Detroit community, including neighborhood groups, clergy, non-profits and other stakeholders connected to WSU, participated in selecting a new president who will take pride in being a key partner in the City of Detroit and whose work will help drive community engagement throughout the region.

Sponsorships

This fall DGCA represented WSU at various events and activities. In the past few months WSU has sponsored several events including:

- Detroit Downtown Partnership's Detroit Aglow
- Black United Fund Gala
- Urban League Guild Gala's
- Holocaust Center Benefit
- Franklin Wright Settlement Gala

Thanksgiving Day Parade

This year marked the complete return of the Thanksgiving Day Parade. WSU is a proud sponsor of this Detroit tradition and hosted the almost 1000 parade volunteers, float handlers, etc. in the Student Center Building as they prepared for the big event. The WSU Warrior Balloon (better known as Kermit the Frog) proudly made its way down Woodward led by WSU balloon handlers. The Kermit balloon was accompanied by a banner featuring WSU's logo. Additionally, WSU messaging was included in the television coverage, radio broadcast and recognized as a partner of The Parade on the website and sponsor listings.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Annual Tribute Returns (again) in Person

WSU's Annual Tribute to the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. returns for 2023 as an "in-person" event. DGCA planned an in-person event for 2022, COVID had a different plan, and the event was held virtually for the second year in a row. The January 2023 event is returning home to WSU on Friday, January 13, from 10:00 AM – 12 noon in the Mike Ilitch School of Business Lear Auditorium.

2023 will mark the 60th Anniversary of Dr. King's March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. It is very fitting that our keynote speaker, Randy D. Williams, Co-Founder and President of Talley & Twine, the largest Black-owned watch company, will speak to Dr. King's connecting social justice to economic freedom.

As in previous years, we will honor an individual and an organization with the Dr. Arthur L. Johnson Community Leadership Award. Dr. Johnson, like Dr. King, was a true civil rights leader who dedicated his life to fairness and justice. He also was the first director of the WSU department of community relations and in 1992 was named senior vice president for university relations.

This year's tribute is expanding to a two-day event. On the evening of Thursday, January 12, DGCA will host a moderated panel discussion on the Economics of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion featuring WSU alumni and Mike Ilitch School of Business students. This will take place from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

Last year we introduced the Warrior Strong Distinguished Leadership Award presented to retiring Detroit City Council President Brenda Jones. The 2023 recipient will be retiring United States Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence.

More is being added to the program so stay tuned!!!