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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORT

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

School of Social Work Center for Behavioral Health and Justice

The CBHJ has continued to expand its collaborations across Michigan and currently operates 21 projects across six different research initiatives involving 31 counties.

The CBHJ co-hosted a [webinar](#) with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Michigan Health Endowment Fund, discussing Michigan's current and future landscape of behavioral health crisis services. The event was attended by 357 people from government, criminal/legal, healthcare, higher education, and other organizations.

The Improving Care for Justice Involved Patients (ICJIP) project developed an informational [brief](#) on how to use the CareConnect360 web application which will allow in-jail healthcare staff to access medical history for individuals on Medicaid to improve coordination of care.

The Treatment Ecosystems naloxone vending machine project has installed 15 machines to date, with another 20 machines planned for FY23. The project has received steady coverage in local/national print, radio, and video news. During January, four news pieces covered the vending machines ([The Guardian](#), [WKAR](#), and [WDIV Local 4 \(1\) \(2\)](#)).

Faculty:

MDHHS recently announced receipt of a \$3.1 million, five-year HRSA grant to provide support in three counties for coordination of Infant-Toddler Court Programs, also known as [Baby Court](#). Social Work Assistant Professor Bryan Victor and MPSI Infant Mental Health Director Ann Stacks will lead the WSU Research Team, which aims to expand highly successful local programs that keeps families with young children together and work to ensure that children under age 4 in the child welfare system grow up in permanent, nurturing homes to support their development.

With the support of the Ethel & James Flinn Foundation, Social Work is poised to place Detroit at the forefront of the integrated care movement for young children and families. Through a partnership with Wayne Pediatrics, the School will house the new [Social Work Family Clinic](#) at 400 Mack Avenue in Detroit, bringing coordinated pediatric and behavioral healthcare services under one roof in fall 2023. According to PI and Associate Professor Carolyn Dayton, the Clinic will provide one familiar trusted location that not only saves time for parents, but it can also help ease the burden of stigma and anxiety that can come with seeking support for a mental health disorder.

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Students:

The Social Work Peer Support (SWPS) learning community published the first ever "[Poetry & Art Journal](#)" on grief, loss, isolation, and self-care. SWPS's publication opens a view of peer life through their words, photography, and other art.

A new student organization has launched on campus, the [Social Work Disability Justice Coalition](#). The mission of the SWDJC is to raise awareness about accessibility issues across Wayne State, metro Detroit, and the social work profession. By joining together in action, we can make the world an accessible environment for all.

Community Engagement:

This academic year we have been proud to host an open, honest and powerful [three-part series focused on environmental justice](#). The series has allowed 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 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 with tangible ways in which they can advocate for a just society and empower social change in their communities.

Mike Ilitch School of Business

Nearly 150 high school students from Cass Tech and Cesar Chavez Academy began courses in January at the Ilitch School through the Business Springboard Pathway, a dual enrollment partnership between WSU and Detroit Public Schools. The winter 2023 courses, ranging from 1 to 3 credits, include "Student Success and Career Development, Managing Diversity in the Workplace" and "Special Topics: Improv for Business."

Matthew Piszczek, assistant professor of management, had the most popular Conversation article published the week of 2/6/23. Titled, "[A journey from work to home is about more than just getting there – the psychological benefits of commuting that remote work doesn't provide](#)," has been read 326,000 times, including 211,000 times on National Public Radio's website.

Several Ilitch School alumni are featured in WSU's current advertising campaign, From WSU to... This includes [Simon Mourani \('21\)](#), associate program manager of public affairs at DTE, [Raj Chhaya \('16\)](#), account strategist at Google, [Nalani Renta-Villanueva \('22\)](#), buying analyst for Toyota, [Kianna Mateen \('22\)](#), buyer at Ford Motor Co., and [Jenae Lodewyk \('22\)](#) player and family engagement coordinator for the Detroit Pistons.

Catherine Cuckovich, Assistant Professor (Teaching) – Marketing and Adcraft/Simons - Michelson Advertising Program Director in Marketing, was interviewed by Fox 2 and WDIV as an

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expert on Super Bowl advertising. [“Advertising’s biggest night; which Super Bowl ads won and lost?”](#) (Fox 2, 2/13/23) and [“Do Super Bowl commercials actually work?”](#) (WDIV, 2/10/23)

Ilitch School portfolio management class outperformed the S&P 500 by 641 basis points in 2022. Finance students achieved excellent relative investment returns in the Student-Managed Investment Fund (SMIF), a \$2 million fund established by the Kresge Foundation’s investment office in 2018. Students in the Ilitch School’s portfolio management course (FIN 5220/7990) are responsible for maintaining the SMIF under the direction of [Julie Hollinshead](#), CFA, part-time faculty in finance and president of Hollinshead Advisory Services.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

In February, CLAS launched yet another tutoring partnership with Detroit Public Schools. The Math Brigade connects Warriors with students at Midtown Detroit's Spain Elementary. This new initiative joins the **Warrior United Tutoring Program**, a partnership with the Detroit Recreation Center and Detroit United Lacrosse, which began in Sept. 2022.

Wayne State's Online Masters in Criminal Justice program was once again [ranked among the best in the nation by U.S. News and World Report](#). The program ranked at #39 in the country.

African American Studies Distinguished Professor and poet Melba Boyd [recently received the prestigious Kresge Eminent Artist prize](#). The annual award celebrates the lifetime achievements and contributions of one metro Detroit artist.

Furthering student engagement on campus, the WSU Planetarium will now host weekly shows for students, faculty and staff. The full dome, 30-minute shows are free and open to the entire campus community. Located just next door, the Lowrie Geology Mineral Museum is also open Tuesday: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Wednesday: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Friday 5 - 8 p.m.

Chemistry professor [Long Luo is among the 126 early-career researchers receiving the 2023 Sloan Research Fellowships](#) from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. The award is one of the most prestigious and recognizes early-career scientists in North America. Each winner receives a two-year, \$75,000 research fellowship.

[Miriam Greenberg, Ph.D., professor of biological sciences](#), was named a [2022 American Association for the Advancement of Science \(AAAS\) Fellow](#) for her distinguished contributions to the field of lipid function, particularly for elucidating the role of cardiolipin in Barth syndrome and for identifying molecular mechanisms of control of inositol homeostasis. Since 1930, 75 Wayne State University faculty have been named AAAS Fellows.

CLAS welcomed hundreds of admitted students and their families to campus on Admitted Student Day on Saturday, Feb. 11. Students explored WSU's biology and chemistry lab and

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attended mock lectures in topics ranging from urban studies and planning to languages and public health.

On March 25, 2023, the college will host its second [CLAS Alumni Family Day](#). The free event welcomes CLAS alumni and their families back to campus for a day of hands-on activities, museum visits and science demonstrations.

Wayne State Global Studies students [participated in a virtual exchange project with students in the Middle East](#). The online collaboration connected Warriors with students at Baptist University of the Americas and institutions in the Middle East to practice empathy, bias and working globally with peers.

CLAS faculty continue to make headlines, sharing their expertise in everything from race relations to earthquakes:

- Dean Steffi Hartwell [discussed the Monterey Park mass shooting with WDET](#).
- Sociology Professor Trujillo-Pagen spoke to [WDET about what it means to be a Detroiter](#).
- Professor Kidada Williams was [interviewed on her new book and how the Reconstruction Era explains race relations](#).
- Professor Cooper-McCann from Urban Planning was [featured on @PlanetDetroit, "In Search of Greenspace Equity: A Short History of Detroit Parks."](#)
- Professors Baskaran and Burdick, Environmental Science and Geology, were [featured on CBS News after the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria](#).

Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

The Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) Class of 2022 earned a 93% first-attempt pass rate on the NAPLEX pharmacy board exam. This score exceeded both the state (90%) and national (80%) 2022 NAPLEX first-attempt exam averages. Only 19 out of the 142 ACPE-accredited pharmacy programs across the United States have achieved >90% first-attempt NAPLEX passing rates for the graduating year of 2022. Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) graduates earned a 97% first-time pass rate on the NPTE board exam, performing well above the national average on all sections of the exam.

Associate Professor Occupational Therapy **Rosanne DiZazzo-Miller** will be conferred with the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Roster of Fellows at the organization's April 2023 conference in Kansas City. The AOTA Roster of Fellows is a national recognition for occupational therapists who are outstanding clinicians, educators, scholars, mentors and advocates and who have made a significant contribution over time to the profession.

Associate Professor of Physical Therapy **Nora Fritz** has been named Director of Research for the Department of Health Care Sciences. Associate Professor Occupational Therapy **Preethy Samuel** was awarded a Michigan Health Endowment Fund grant of \$400,000 for her project *Hope for*

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Aging Caregivers. Assistant Professor of Physician Assistant Studies Sara Lolar will present her work, *Examining gender trends in physician assistant publications*, at the American Academy of PAs. This work was supported by a WSU Applebaum faculty research grant.

The **Master of Pathologists' Assistant** program recently acquired two life-sized SynDaver models, cadavers made of synthetic human tissue. The SynDavers will be available to all WSU Applebaum students as part of their medical education, training and clinical simulation.

Paul Beasley is WSU Applebaum's new Assistant Dean of Student Affairs. In support of student access and engagement, students are now able to connect with the WSU Applebaum Office of Student Affairs without the need to request an appointment or entry access. In the office, students can gain access to counseling services, financial aid counselors, meditation/prayer space and academic service officers. Students are being encouraged to stop into this safe space to seek assistance or simply decompress.

College of Engineering

The Department of Biomedical Engineering (BME) announced the formation of a 30-credit online master's program in BME with a concentration in injury biomechanics. Wayne State has established itself as a global leader in this field over the last 80 years and, while injury biomechanics constitutes the scientific basis for automotive safety design, the BME department has taken this area of study even further, from reducing concussions in athletes to better protecting law enforcement and military personnel. This is the first of a series of new online degree programs the College of Engineering will launch between now and the start of the fall semester.

Mohammad Alhawari, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, received a five-year, \$517,887 National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) award, the organization's most prestigious accolade for up-and-coming researchers. His project, "Power Management Solutions for Systems-on-Chip," addresses challenges with the design and integration of power management units for systems-on-chip and semiconductors, which are key components to smart devices, edge computing and the Internet-of-Things.

The Wayne State University College of Engineering announced the appointment of Leela Arava — a nationally recognized researcher, highly decorated educator, campus leader and ambassador of the Detroit community — as the associate dean for research and graduate studies. Since joining the Wayne State faculty in 2013, Arava has:

- Established a renowned research group focusing batteries and energy storage systems
- Published more than 110 peer-reviewed international journal articles that have been cited over 14,000 times
- Been issued 16 patents

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- Secured over \$5 million in extramural grants and contracts
- Received numerous teaching and research accolades, including the NSF CAREER Award
- Developed the Mobile Energy Lab to engage Detroit Public Schools students in STEM education
- Served on numerous other college, departmental and university committees, and as the graduate program director for the Department of Mechanical Engineering

Irvin D. Reid Honors College

The Irvin D. Reid Honors College hosted its first Honors Showcase event on January 24 in the ballroom of the Student Center. Attendance was strong, with about 110 admitted students who have been invited into Honors for Fall 23 participating with parents and guests. The event featured a presentation by Dean Corvino followed by a panel of current Honors students for a discussion of the Honors experience facilitated by the dean. Attendees had an opportunity to ask questions and were served light food and refreshments. Following the program, a campus resource fair was available with a sampling of academic and service departments on-hand to answer questions and provide information. A second virtual Honors Showcase (on Zoom) was held on February 23, and included the same program as the live event. There will be another Honors Showcase (in-person) held on March 22.

An ongoing event in the Honors College, "Donuts with the Dean," was held on January 30 for Honors students. This informal gathering allows Honors students one-on-one time with the Dean to talk about their studies, research, and other matters, as well as ask the Dean questions about Honors. Donuts, cookies and coffee are served for students in this mid-afternoon event.

The Irvin D. Reid Honors College hosted the annual Wayne Med-Direct Admissions Interview Day on February 4. In coordination with CLAS and the Medical School, WMD semi-finalists were interviewed by deans and faculty as part of determining the new cohort of WMD students for Fall 2023.

In partnership with the Warrior 360 program, the Honors College provided a lunchtime information session about the benefits of Honors to Warrior 360 students who qualify for Honors membership based on the WSU GPA on February 13. Over lunch, students heard from the dean and associate dean of the Honors College, as well as an Honors academic advisor about the many benefits and opportunities of being a member of the Irvin D. Reid Honors College.

A popular lunchtime series for students in Honors – "Lunch with Leaders" continues for the winter semester. Campus and community leaders are invited for an informal and engaged talk with Honors students about their roles, backgrounds, academic histories, and research interests. Lunch is provided for all participants. Honors welcomed former state senator and current

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Director of the Michigan Veteran Affairs Agency, Adam Hollier, for this open conversation and luncheon with Honors students on February 14.

The Honors College co-sponsored with the Department of Classical and Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures the Black Italian Film Showcase on February 17 and 18 in General Lectures. Part of the Black History Month celebration, the event featured a variety of Italian films, as well as an interview with Italian director Antonio Dikele Distefano. The event was open to the general public.

College of Education

GRANT AWARDS

Principal Investigator(s)	Agency	Title	Award Amount
Sarah Lenhoff (AOS)	Tulane University (PRIME: U.S. Department of Education)	School Access and Transportation in a Time of COVID	\$10,318
Chris Crowley, Min Yu (TED); Daniel Golodner (SIS)	Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan	Archives in the Classroom and Community Project	\$65,000
Anna Miller (TED)	Wayne Regional Education Service Agency (RESA)	Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP 2022 - 2023)	\$355,020
Anna Miller (TED)	U.S. Department of Education	Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS)	\$387,361 (year 2/5)
Sandra Yarema (TED)	National Science Teachers Association	Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS) 2022 - 2023	\$21,750
Aja Reynolds (TED)	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	Communiversities as education without walls: Building coalitions for liberatory education through the humanities	\$40,000
Mariane Fahlman, Laurel Whalen (KHS)	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan	Building Health Communities: Reducing Health Disparities in Elementary Schools	\$450,000

Seed Grants

Last Fall, the College of Education issued a request for proposals for seed grants to generate new lines of research and/or expand on existing efforts. Applicants were required to demonstrate how the seed funding would impact their ability to compete for external funding and commit to applying for external support within one year of seed grant expiration. This initiative, totaling \$75,000, was funded by the College of Education and the Office of the Vice President for Research.

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A total of seven applications will be funded at \$10,000 each. Additional funds will support grant writing support at the time external funding applications are developed. External funding applications will be submitted over the next 18 months to federal agencies including the National Science Foundation, National Institute for Health, National Endowment for the Humanities, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and the U.S. Department of Justice. In addition, several faculty will submit to local and national foundations and corporations such as the Skillman Foundation, Erb Family Foundation, The Ballmer Group, Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, the McGregor Fund, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Below is a list of awardees:

Principal Investigator	Division/Program Area/ Partners (if applicable)	Title
Anita Bates	TED - Art Education	Sacred Spaces: The Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Shannon Chavez-Korell	TBF - Counseling Psychology; Jessica Taylor, Chances for Life	Understanding the Impact of Long-Term Incarceration of Mental Health
Jazlin Ebenezer	TED - Science Education	The Students' Explanations and Expert Knowledge (SEEK) App
Tamara Hew-Butler; Robert Wessels (SOM - Physiology)	KHS - Exercise and Sport Science; School of Medicine	Does Esports Training Effect Metabolic, Body Composition, And/or Cardiovascular Health?
Jennifer Lewis and Asli Koca (TED); Kaili Hardamon (DPSCD); Christopher Nazelli (CLAS); and Donald Neal (CON)	TED - Mathematics Education; Detroit Public Schools Community District; CLAS Mathematics Department; CON C2 Pipeline	Forest Schooling for Detroit Youth
Meina Zhu	AOS – Learning Design and Technology	Leveraging Artificial Intelligence for Computer Science Students' Self-directed Online Learning
Rema Vassar	AOS - Educational Leadership and Policy Studies; Vanguard Research Collective; Michigan Department of Education	Center Black Children in Education Conference

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Education Student Emergency Fund

The College of Education recently launched a [Student Emergency Fund](#) intended to support students who face unexpected hardships that have an immediate impact on their personal and/or academic wellbeing such as job loss or unstable housing. The fund is designated to offset short-term financial need and is not intended to replace or supplement financial aid. All enrolled students with a major in the College of Education are eligible to apply for emergency funds. Students must be in good academic standing and provide a written statement detailing hardship and request for support. Initial investment was made with funds from the Dean's Office, and since then, additional funds have been raised through individual donor solicitations and Giving Day campaigns.

FACULTY IN THE NEWS

Mike Addonizio, professor emeritus of educational leadership and policy studies, wrote an article for *The Conversation*, "Is it time for teachers to get a raise?"

<https://theconversation.com/is-it-time-for-teachers-to-get-a-raise-199687>

Mike Addonizio, professor emeritus of educational leadership and policy studies, was featured in an article about "2023's Most & Least Educated States in America" on WalletHub:

<https://wallethub.com/edu/e/most-educated-states/31075#expert=Michael F. Addonizio>

Rema Vassar, professor of educational leadership and policy studies, was elected chair of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees.

- <https://www.crainsdetroit.com/education/michigan-state-board-trustees-elects-rema-vassar-chair>
- <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2023/01/11/msu-trustee-vassar-to-chair-board-after-split-vote/69797939007/>
- <https://www.mlive.com/news/2023/01/msu-board-of-trustees-elects-first-black-woman-as-chair.html>

Tamara Hew-Butler, associate professor of exercise and sport science discussed her research on hyponatremia on KTRK-HOU (ABC).

<https://mms.tveyes.com/Transcript.asp?StationID=994&DateTime=1%2F10%2F2023+5%3A47%3A49+AM&Term=wayne+state&PlayClip=TRU>

Tamara Hew-Butler, associate professor of exercise and sport science, wrote an article for *The Conversation* on "Why taking fever-reducing meds and drinking fluids may not be the best way to treat flu and fever."

<https://news.yahoo.com/why-taking-fever-reducing-meds-131434752.html>

Erika Bocknek, associate professor of educational psychology, wrote an article for *The Conversation* titled, "Better sleep for kids starts with better sleep for parents – especially after holiday disruptions to routine."

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- <https://theconversation.com/better-sleep-for-kids-starts-with-better-sleep-for-parents-especially-after-holiday-disruptions-to-routines-196110>
- <https://www.msn.com/he-il/lifestyle/pregnancy-parenting/better-sleep-for-kids-starts-with-better-sleep-for-parents-%E2%80%93-especially-after-holiday-disruptions-to-routines/ar-AA15Gybl>
- <https://mms.tveyes.com/Transcript.asp?StationID=2885&DateTime=12%2F31%2F2022+10%3A21%3A54+PM&Term=wayne+state&PlayClip=TRUE>

Tamara Hew-Butler, associate professor of exercise and sport science, was quoted in the *Real Simple* article, "8 resolutions you can actually stick to for a happier, healthier New Year." <https://www.realsimple.com/health/preventative-health/healthy-new-years-resolutions>

ALUMNI NEWS

Alumnus **Ilyia Tolbert** was named Michigan's middle school 2022 Art Educator of the Year. <https://detroit.chalkbeat.org/2022/12/14/23508287/detroit-public-schools-illya-tolbert-michigan-art-teacher-of-the-year>

Alumna **Davida Colbert** is the first African American to serve as superintendent of Wayne RESA and the second Black woman to lead an intermediate school district in Michigan. She shared the story of how a weeklong volunteer stint as a substitute teacher changed the trajectory of her career. <https://education.wayne.edu/news/from-substitute-to-superintendent-wayne-resas-daveda-colbert-discovered-her-destiny-during-a-weeklong-staycation-50423>

Mother-daughter alumnae **Nancy Hastings** and **Jennifer Bauman** both earned graduate degrees in instructional technology but chose different paths in the field. The two discussed the profession of instructional design, the importance of having mentors, and how membership in professional associations like AECT allows them to collaborate. <https://education.wayne.edu/news/the-professor-and-the-practitioner-mother-and-daughter-alumnae-discuss-making-it-in-instructional-design-mentoring-and-membership-in-aect-50411>

Recent graduate **Amelia Greco**, a special education major, discussed her goal to marry her interests in education and the environment in her career and how her time in the college helped her become an advocate for both. <https://education.wayne.edu/news/special-education-honors-major-amelia-greco-hopes-to-pair-passions-for-education-and-the-environment-50191>

James Mallare discussed his desire to improve health outcomes and the opportunity to develop the nation's first report about school health preparation programs. Learn how the recent doctoral graduate went from citing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to communicating and collaborating with its researchers. <https://education.wayne.edu/news/james-mallare-makes-his-mark-by-compiling-nations-first-report-on-the-state-of-school-health-professional-preparation-programs-50200>

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When recent graduate **Ericka Watson** set her sights on earning her Ed.D. eight years ago, she did not know the challenges she would have to endure. She recently shared how steadfastness, self-care, and a strong support system sustained her during her journey to commencement.

<https://education.wayne.edu/news/a-woman-of-vision-strengthening-her-mind-body-and-spirit-helped-ericka-watson-handle-hardships-during-her-doctoral-journey-50126>

Wayne State University Law School

Non-JD Program Opportunities for Undergraduate and High School Students

The Law School continues to create pathways to provide undergraduates, including those from underrepresented or historically disadvantaged backgrounds, with an introduction to law. In 2023, we will offer a session specific to law wherein students will utilize their “lawyering” skills to “get out of jail.” They will apply critical thinking and logical reasoning skills to analyze clues to determine who committed a crime and prove their innocence. There will be fingerprinting, strawberry DNA extracting, and lie detector test activities planned to engage students. In July, we will offer area high school students the opportunity to attend a four-day camp at the Law School to explore the legal field and participate in hands-on activities and reflection sessions, in partnership with C² Pipeline, a community learning center-funded program through the Michigan Department of Education.

The Gershenson Series Brings Leading Scholars to Campus

The Charles H. Gershenson Faculty Workshop Series at Wayne Law brings leading scholars from across the country to present works in progress for comment and discussion. Wayne Law is hosting the Winter 2023 workshops on Zoom and in person. This semester’s presenters come to Wayne Law from the University of Southern California, Columbia University, the University of California Berkeley, and Stanford University.

Clinical Education and Experiential Learning

The Clinical Education program is growing its impact in Detroit on multiple fronts. It currently is in the process of hiring clinical legal fellows who will provide essential support to the growing experiential education program work. This includes support for the police practice work, holistic defense program, the Business and Community Law Clinic. Work is also underway with the Detroit Board of Police commissioners to provide research and analysis on key issues to the Detroit community related to police. We have two students in the ABA Policing Practices Fellowship and one student volunteering his time. Finally, the Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer Clinic is providing “know your rights” presentations in collaboration with Affirmations, and the Asylum and Immigration Law Clinic is working with Kids in Need of Defense to assist those families who were previously separated due to U.S. immigration policies.

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Externships

The Lawyering in the Nation's Capital Externship is currently in its second year, with students successfully placed at the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, House Committee on Financial Services, Advancement Project, and Asian Americans Advancing Justice. In the Warrior Housing Corps, we have 10 students currently working with our placement partners representing Detroit tenants facing eviction. This is a record number of students in the program for a single term.