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President, Wayne State University Foundation**

The Division of Development and Alumni Affairs at Wayne State University engages the institution's constituencies and garners philanthropic resources in support of Wayne State University's mission to positively impact lives and communities near and far.

## **DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI AFFAIRS PERFORMANCE**

### ***Student Success***

- On October 24, students were invited to an Intro to Industry panel discussion hosted by alumna and WSUAA board member Rochelle Miller. Students learned about the abundant career opportunities in the insurance industry and had the opportunity to network with insurance professionals.
- On November 27, award-winning cinematographer and alumnus Greg Andracke shared his experience with students about breaking into the business and insight into his extraordinary career as an accomplished cinematographer and director of photography.
- This semester, the College of Engineering, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Mike Ilitch School of Business successfully paired over 85 current students with alumni mentors through their respective Industry Mentor Programs.
- Received an estate gift of \$400,000 to establish the George E. Hutter, M.D. and Eugene A. Gumbert Endowed Scholarship.
- Received a gift of \$375,000 to establish a laptop loan program for business students in need of technology support.
- Received a pledge of \$200,000 in support of an estate gift for business and education students.
- Received an estate gift of \$89,000 in support of the Charles and Mildred Kay Endowed Scholarship in the College of Education.
- Received a gift of \$50,000 from a North Carolina-based dual-alumnus couple to endow an award for graduate students in the Department of Biological Sciences.
- Received a pledge of \$30,000 in support of increasing annual scholarships for business students.
- Received a gift of \$25,000 in support of establishing an endowed scholarship for accounting students.

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***Teaching Excellence***

- Received an unrestricted bequest of \$2.2M from an emeritus professor in support of the Department of Physics and Astronomy.
- Received a gift of \$1.5M in support of enhancements and additional support of the Law School's evening program.
- Received a realized estate gift of \$238,798 in support of the Department of Neurology.
- Received a pledge of \$100,000 in support of the "Discovery to Cure" Program Endowed Support Fund.

***Diversity and Inclusion***

- The Division of Development and Alumni Affairs welcomed Dr. Ramon Griffin as its first director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Culture. Dr. Griffin has worked in DEI and culture positions at Allen Park Public Schools, University of Chicago Charter School, and Starr Detroit Academy, among others. He holds a Ph.D. in K-12 educational administration from Michigan State University, as well as a Bachelor of Arts in sociology and criminal justice from Dillard University.
- Black Alumni Homecoming Reunion Weekend took place October 6-7. Alumni were invited back to campus for a weekend of reunion activities including a campus tour, social events, a football tailgate and the Saturday afternoon Homecoming football game.
- The College of Engineering hosted a Coffee with the Dean on November 3. The discussion was hosted by Dean Abolmaali and the Women in Engineering Leadership Society and focused on a global conversation about enhancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for women in engineering.
- On November 15, the Organization of Black Alumni (OBA) and Black Faculty and Staff Association hosted a University Art Collection Tour themed "Back in Time" to showcase Black history in partnership with University Archives.

***Community Engagement***

- On October 3, Alumni and friends were invited to help welcome President Kimberly Andrews Espy, Ph.D. to the WSU community. Guests enjoyed an evening of networking and the opportunity to meet President Espy. This was the third Presidential Alumni Reception hosted in the metro Detroit area.
- The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts Achievement Awards ceremony was held on October 19. President Kimberly Andrews Espy, Ph.D., and the College of Fine, Performing and Communication

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Arts celebrated prestigious CFPCA Alumni and civic leaders and recognized honorees from 2023.

- On October 26, a Presidential Alumni Reception was hosted in Washington D.C. Guests enjoyed an evening of networking and the opportunity to meet President Espy.
- The Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences hosted a reception for Pharmacy Alumni, faculty, students, and preceptors. Guests enjoyed an evening of networking and industry-based discussion at BasBlue Detroit on October 26.
- The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences hosted Family Day on November 4. The annual event offered a variety of K-8 children’s activities and fun at Old Main for alumni and their families.

**UPCOMING DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI EVENTS (Subject to Change)**

December 16, 2023  
January 2024

Winter 2023 Commencement  
Los Angeles Presidential Reception

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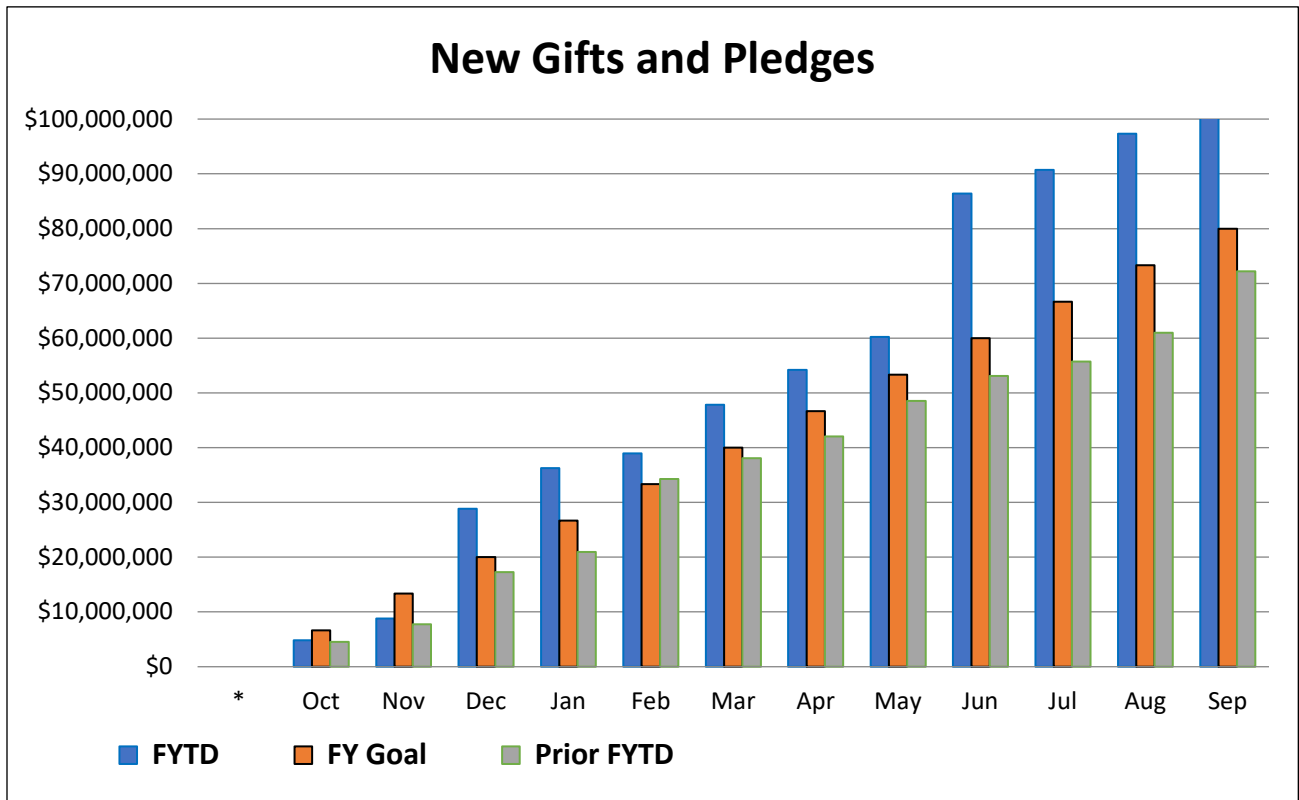
**FUNDRAISING PERFORMANCE**

Fiscal year totals as of September 30, 2023 (does not include philanthropy from FMRE)

	Current FYTD		Prior FYTD
	FY End Goal	Total	Total
<b>New Gifts and Pledges <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$80,000,000</b>	<b>\$103,184,258</b>	<b>\$72,220,670</b>
<b>Cash Gifts <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$50,000,000</b>	<b>\$67,837,579</b>	<b>\$62,559,575</b>
<b>In-Kind Gifts <sup>2</sup></b>		<b>\$256,689</b>	<b>\$2,660,512</b>

<sup>1</sup> New gifts and pledges include new cash gifts, pledge commitments, realized estate gifts and gifts-in-kind. Pledge payments are not included.

<sup>2</sup> Cash/in-kind gifts include only new cash gifts and gifts-in-kind. Pledge payments are included.



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