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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 Affairs**

The Maggie Allesee Department of Theatre and Dance celebrated graduating students as they performed their talents at the 2024 NYC Student Success Showcase on March 13. Alumni were invited to a networking reception immediately following the performance and had an opportunity to meet and congratulate Theatre and Dance students.

CVS and the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences partnered to host a student engagement event on March 20. The event connected Wayne State University Pharmacy and Health Sciences students with CVS health partners looking to network with students about various career opportunities available within their company and across the industry.

Notable gifts and pledges received:

- A \$2,250,000 bequest pledge designated for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and WDET.
- An estate gift of \$1,500,000 at the School of Medicine to support the Paul and Patricia Stobbe Scholarship Fund.
- A pledge of \$1,000,000 to establish the new E. Powell Miller Class Action Studies Program and for discretionary support to the Law School.
- A gift of \$266,667 at the School of Medicine in support of the Ascension Foundation Med-Direct Program.
- A gift of \$165,333 at the School of Medicine in support of the Ascension Foundation Post Baccalaureate Program.
- A pledge of \$100,000 to establish the Schon Family Endowed Scholarship in the Law School, \$25,000 for the beneficiary fund of the Public Interest Law Fellowship to be used as needed, and \$25,000 for discretionary support to the Law School.
- A gift of \$54,205 to support scholarships in English.

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### **Teaching Excellence**

Notable gifts and pledges received to support teaching excellence:

- A gift of \$80,000 to create the Dr. Sheldon Cohen Biennial Biopsychosocial Research Workshop Endowed Support Fund in Psychology.
- A gift of \$80,000 to create the Dr. Sheldon Cohen Biopsychological Research and Health Psychology Speaker Series Endowed Support Fund in Psychology.
- A gift of \$50,000 at the School of Medicine to enhance the Greg G. Messenger Endowed Fund in Dermatology.
- A pledge of \$25,000 to establish an endowed fund to support our Multicultural Professional Readiness Education Program (MPREP) in perpetuity, and to provide a challenge match to acquire twenty-five more MPREP gifts on Giving Day.

### **Diversity and Inclusion**

Black Law Alumni Council (BLAC) members and friends were invited to a meet and greet on March 20 with Tierney Eaton Hoffman '08, Assistant Dean of Students. The event provided an opportunity to learn about upcoming initiatives and activities taking place within the Law School and to share resources for continued support.

On March 21, the Division of Government and Community Affairs; Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies; Juneteenth Planning Committee; and the Organization of Black Alumni hosted *Sisters in Law – Leading the Way*. This Women's History Month event featured an inspiring panel discussion with four WSU alumnae who have unique and impactful professional career paths.

Wayne State University's Pride Week took place from April 1-5. To celebrate, the Office of Alumni Relations hosted an LGBTQ+ Zumba Social on April 5 at the Mort Harris Fitness and Recreation Center. Alumni, faculty and students attended this lively and interactive event.

### **Community Engagement**

The Wayne Law Wall of Fame was held on April 9 to acknowledge graduates and former faculty and staff of the Law School for their successes and positive influence as recognized by their peers.

The Detroit Presidential Alumni Reception was held on April 10 at Chroma. Alumni and friends enjoyed a vibrant evening of networking and exciting updates from President Espy.

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The Washington, D.C. Presidential Alumni Reception was held on April 16 at Lewis-Burke Associates LLC. Alumni and friends enjoyed a vibrant evening of networking and exciting updates from President Espy.

The College of Engineering and Dean Ali Abolmaali honored exemplary members of the Wayne State engineering and computer science alumni community at the 2024 Hall of Fame Awards on April 18.

On April 20, the 95th Anniversary of the Spring Dance Concert was held at the Hilberry Gateway. The showcase celebrated the vision for the future and reconnected to the history of 95 Years of Dance at Wayne State University. Alumni were invited to a pre-glow reception to network and celebrate the evening's performance.

#### **UPCOMING DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI AFFAIRS EVENTS**

- May 1 College of Education Educational Leadership and Policy Studies Alumni Event
- May 8 Western Wayne County Presidential Alumni Reception
- May 8 Nurses Appreciation Week Reception
- May 29 Mackinac Policy Conference Reception
- June 17 Grosse Pointe Presidential Alumni Reception

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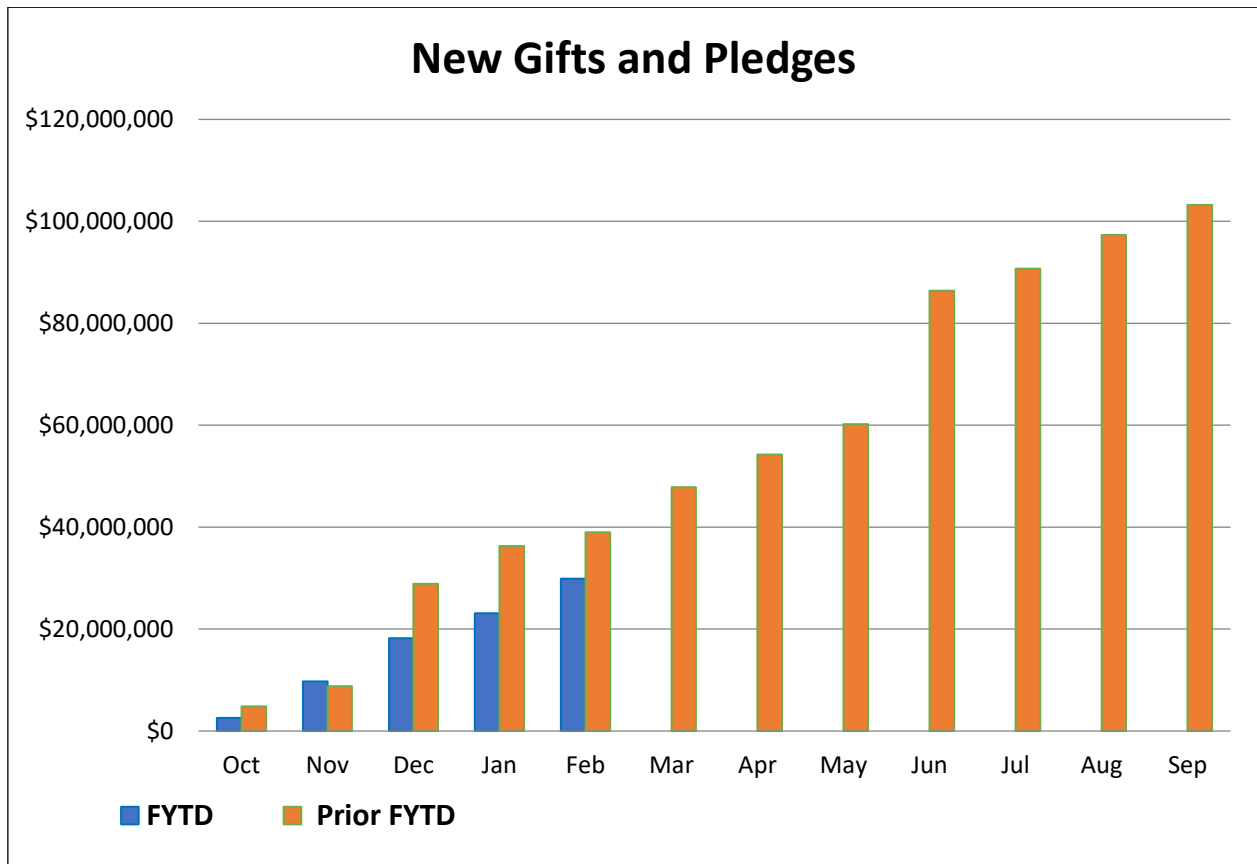
**FUNDRAISING PERFORMANCE**

Fiscal year totals as of February 29, 2024 (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>\$105,000,000</b>	<b>\$29,896,212</b>	<b>\$38,979,520</b>
<b>Cash Gifts <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$50,000,000</b>	<b>\$22,175,386</b>	<b>\$26,704,571</b>
<b>In-Kind Gifts <sup>2</sup></b>		<b>\$1,629,045</b>	<b>\$83,539</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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