
FEDERAL AFFAIRS

Shri Thanedar elected to Congress

State Rep. Shri Thanedar, D-Detroit, made history in the last election by becoming Michigan's first Indian-American elected member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

His election victory also means that, no Black member of Congress will represent Detroit for the first time since 1955. This is significant in that Detroit is the largest majority-Black city in the U.S.

Thanedar will join Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Detroit, in representing the citizens of Detroit. She was elected to a third two-year term representing a newly drawn district that includes parts of the city's west side and other parts of western Wayne County.

This Division will build upon the relationship we established with Thanedar during his time in the state legislature.

STATE AFFAIRS

Legislative & Budget Updates

Since the last Board of Governor's meeting, the Legislature has officially adjourned and entered its sine die resolution. The term ended without any of the previously tracked bills or supplemental appropriations bills passing. This is namely due to the fact that the Senate and House of Representatives have a change in majority from Republican to Democratic leadership and there was not a desire from elected officials or priorities that needed to be completed before the end of the year.

Attached as an addendum is a full election recap; below you will also find results for the Senate and House of Representatives leadership positions for each caucus.

Senate Democrats

Majority Leader	Winnie Brinks (Grand Rapids)
President Pro-Tempore	Jeremy Moss (Southfield)
Majority Floor Leader	Sam Singh (East Lansing)
Majority Whip	Mallory McMorrow (Royal Oak)
Caucus Chair	Dayna Polehanki (Livonia)
Appropriations Chair	Sarah Anthony (Lansing)

Senate Republicans

Minority Leader	Ari Nesbitt (Lawton)
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Minority Floor Leader	Dan Lauwers (Brockway Township)
Minority Whip	Roger Victory (Hudsonville)
Caucus Chair	Kevin Daley (Lum)
Assoc President Pro-Tem	Joe Bellino (Monroe)

House Democrats

Speaker of the House	Joe Tate (Detroit)
Speaker Pro-Tempore	Laurie Pohutsky (Livonia)
Floor Leader	Abraham Aiyash (Hamtramck)
Majority Whip	Ranjeev Puri (Canton)
Caucus Chair	Amos O’Neal (Saginaw)
Appropriations Chair	Angela Witwer (Delta Township)

House Republicans

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

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.

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 and its team 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
- State Senator Jim Stamas
- State Senator Adam Hollier
- State Senator Marshall Bullock
- State Senator Rick Outman
- State Senator Mallory McMorrow
- State Representative Joe Tate
- State Representative Thomas Albert
- State Representative Ben Frederick
- State Representative Samantha Steckloff
- State Representative Tyrone Carter
- State Representative Stephanie Young
- State Representative-elect John Fitzgerald
- State Representative-elect Albas Farhat
- State Representative-elect Natalie Price
- State Representative-elect Donavan McKinney
- State Representative-elect Tom Kuhn
- State Representative-elect Kristian Grant
- State Representative-elect Joey Andrews
- State Representative-elect Jennifer Conlin
- Labor & Economic Opportunity, Director Susan Corbin
- Labor & Economic Opportunity, Joseph Rivet
- DTMB, Director Michelle Lange
- State Budget Office, Director Chris Harkins

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 has also participated in an upcoming course to discuss how scientists can engage the public, including elected officials, on important research that impacts the state and public.

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:

Michigan Civil Service Commission: Gail M. Wilson, of Farmington Hills, is the Director of Human Resources & Compliance and HIPAA Privacy Officer at the Michigan Conference of Teamsters Welfare Fund. Wilson holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Detroit Law School and a Legum Magistra in Labor and Employment Law from Wayne State University. Mrs. Wilson is appointed to represent Democrats, for a term commencing January 1, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2030. She succeeds Janet McClelland whose term expires December 31, 2022.

Detroit-Wayne County Port Authority: Nabih Ayad, of New Boston, is an attorney and has been in private practice at Ayad Law for 22 years. He received his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Wayne State University and his Juris Doctorate from Michigan State University College of Law. Mr. Ayad is appointed for a term commencing December 22, 2022 and expiring October 1, 2026. He succeeds Andy Doctoroff whose term has expired.

Judicial Tenure Commission: Mrs. Siham Jaafar is the President and CEO of 3D Consulting and Communications and the founder and executive producer of the nationally recognized Images and Perceptions Diversity Conference. She is the President of the Wayne County Dispute Resolution Center Board of Directors. Mrs. Jaafar holds a Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations and Communications from Wayne State University and earned her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Detroit School of Law. She is reappointed for a term commencing January 1, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2025.

Michigan Board of Medicine: Marissa Baty, of Kentwood, is a physician assistant for Sound Physicians and Veterans Evaluation Services. She received her Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology from Michigan State University and her Master of Science in

Physician Assistant Studies from Wayne State University. Ms. Baty is appointed to represent physician assistants for a term commencing January 1, 2023, and expiring December 31, 2026. She succeeds John McGinnity whose term expires December 31, 2022.

Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery: John K. Everett, D.O., of Cheboygan, is a family medicine physician at McLaren Northern Michigan. He received his Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Wayne State University and his medical degree from the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Everett is reappointed to represent osteopathic physicians that expires December 31, 2026.

Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery: Kathleen Rollinger, D.O., of Clinton Township, is a family medicine doctor at Beaumont Hospital. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from Wayne State University and Doctor of Osteopathy from Michigan State University. Dr. Rollinger is appointed to represent osteopathic physicians for a term commencing January 1, 2023, and expiring December 31, 2026. She succeeds Stacey Beltz whose term expires December 31, 2022.

Michigan Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee: Melanie Manary, M.D., of Petoskey, is an internal medicine physician at McLaren Medical Group. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Natural Science Public Health from The Johns Hopkins University, a Doctor of Medicine from Wayne State University School of Medicine, and an MBA from the University of Michigan Stephen M. Ross School of Business. Dr. Manary is reappointed to represent physicians for a term commencing December 8, 2022, and expiring October 1, 2024.

Detroit Financial Review Commission: John J. Walsh, of Livonia, is currently the president and CEO of the Michigan Manufacturers Association. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Michigan State University and earned his Juris Doctorate from Wayne State University. Mr. Walsh is reappointed for a term commencing December 15, 2022 and expiring November 9, 2026.

Michigan Board of Acupuncture: Teena Chopra, M.D., of Troy, is a medical professor at the Wayne State University's School of Medicine. She received undergraduate degrees in physics and chemistry from Sanroop Rani Government College, her Master of Public Health from Wayne State University, and her Doctor of Medicine from Dayanand Medical College. Dr. Chopra is appointed to represent physicians licensed under part 170 or 175 for a term commencing December 1, 2022, and expiring June 30, 2025.

Michigan Board of Acupuncture: T Fatima Fahs, M.D., of West Bloomfield, is a dermatologist at Hamzavi Dermatology. She is a clinical assistant professor of dermatology at the Wayne State University School of Medicine and a clinical instructor at Beaumont Health. Dr. Fatima Fahs received her Bachelor of Science from Wayne

State University, and her Doctor of Medicine from Oakland University's William Beaumont School of Medicine. Dr. Fahs is appointed to represent physicians licensed under part 170 or 175 for a term commencing December 1, 2022, and expiring June 30, 2026. She succeeds Jonathon Zaidan whose term has expired June 30, 2022.

Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports: Willie R. Burton, of Bloomfield Hills, is a program associate for high school athletics with the Detroit Public Schools Community District. He is also a former NBA basketball player and most recently played for the Miami Heat. He holds a bachelor's degree in multidisciplinary studies from the University of Minnesota and a master's degree in sports administration from Wayne State University. Mr. Burton is reappointed for a term commencing December 1, 2022, and expiring April 30, 2024.

Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports: Rahaf Khatib, of Farmington Hills, is the founder of Run Like a Hijabi, LLC. She is a professional runner and was a coach for Girls on the Run in Michigan. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Wayne State University. Ms. Khatib is appointed for a term commencing December 1, 2022, and expiring April 30, 2024. She succeeds LaDontaye M. Garrett whose term expired April 30, 2022.

Michigan Task Force on Physician's Assistants: Kathleen Rollinger, D.O., of Clinton Township, is a family medicine doctor at Beaumont Hospital. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from Wayne State University and Doctor of Osteopathy from Michigan State University. Dr. Rollinger is appointed to fill a vacancy representing the Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery for a term commencing January 1, 2023, and expiring December 31, 2025.

Michigan Board of Chiropractic: Leslie M. Kohn, of Southfield, is an attorney and the owner of Law Office of Leslie Kohn PLLC. He received his Bachelor of Arts in political science from the University of Michigan and his Juris Doctor degree from Wayne State University. Mr. Kohn is appointed to represent the general public, for a term commencing December 22, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2025. He succeeds Robert Maciolek whose term has expired.

Michigan Education Trust Board of Directors: Mrs. Marlin Williams, of Detroit, is the founder of Marlin Williams Enterprises. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations from Wayne State University and a Master of Liberal Arts Studies from the University of Detroit Mercy. Mrs. Williams is reappointed to represent persons with knowledge, skills, and experience in the academic, business or financial fields, for a term commencing January 1, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2025.

Michigan Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee: Ijeoma N. Opara, of Westland, is assistant professor, attending physician, and clinician educator at Wayne State University School of Medicine. She is also Associate Program Director for Wayne State

University School of Medicine Department of Internal Medicine. She has a Doctor of Medicine from Wayne State University School of Medicine. Dr. Opara is appointed to represent physicians, for a term commencing December 22, 2022 and expiring October 1, 2024. She succeeds Barika M Butler-Quarles whose term has expired.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

The Division of Government and Community Affairs (DGCA) continues its work of initiating new and supporting existing WSU community engagement. Stacie Clayton, Community Affairs Director, provides leadership and internal support and guidance to the university's various colleges, schools and divisions on special events, programs, and other matters as needed.

2023 Tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This year starts with one of the university's signature events. The annual Tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., returned to an in-person event and extended to two days of programming.

2023 marks 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, Founder and President of Talley & Twine, the largest Black-owned watch company, spoke to Dr. King's connecting social justice to economic freedom. For the first time, Amazon served as the Presenting Sponsor for the event. Board Vice Chair Stancato offered greetings and referenced that the original freedom march took place in Detroit down Woodward Avenue before Washington D.C.

Additionally, on the evening of Thursday, January 12, we held a panel discussion on the Economics of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion featuring WSU alumni and Mike Ilitch School of Business students. This event featured WSU alumni and questions composed by the MISB students.

And, as in previous years, we honored an individual and an organization with the Dr. Arthur L. Johnson Community Leadership Award. This year's organization recipient was the Dennis W. Archer Scholarship and Community Development Fund. Since 2001, nearly \$2 million in scholarships have been provided to minority students at Wayne State University and Western Michigan University. For the past 20 years, more than 400 Archer Scholar awards have been granted. Dr. Earlene Hall, a former educator and WSU alum, received the individual award for making positive impacts on her students and continuing her community work after retiring.

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