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Welcome!

This issue of *With Honors* focuses on our connection to you — the friends of Honors at Wayne State University — and the impact that your gifts, involvement, goodwill and support have on future generations in our great city, our state and our world.



Jerry Herron
Dean

With your help, we have achieved some real successes this year. Most notably, the Irvin D. Reid Honors College is now open for business. The Board of Governors voted in January to promote the 22-year old Honors Program to full College status. In August, we welcomed more

than 300 new students who became the first class of Honors College freshmen. Nearly all of our students receive merit- or need-based aid. Many receive private scholarships from funds provided by our generous donors.

Keeping true to our community-based, service-oriented focus — and our commitment to retain Detroit's greatest talent — we also welcomed a new cohort of Urban Scholars/Leaders; students in this scholarship program receive generous support from the Howard Baker Foundation and the Timmis Family Foundation.

We have also expanded the scope of *CommunityEngagement@Wayne*, the Honors service-learning arm, whose activities and programs are made possible through grants from the McGregor Fund and Michigan Campus Compact.

As dean of the Honors College, I firmly believe (with the admitted biases my splendid job brings with it) that Honors represents the very best this great university has to offer. The Honors experience emphasizes student achievement, academic excellence, successful graduation and launch on a career.

The staff and faculty — as it is our mission — promote informed, engaged citizenship as the foundation for academic excellence in a diverse global setting. We could not fulfill this goal, however, without investments from our friends and supporters. I hope that is how you see Honors: as an investment not in a bank account or a 401(k) plan, but an investment in tomorrow.

You bring your gifts — whether through the creation of scholarships, participation in alumni activities, involvement in Scholars Day, or other service to Honors — to the place where the need is great and where the potential for change is the most profound.

When you are involved with Honors students, you are helping young scholars receive the best student support on campus, who will excel and graduate. You are nobly joining with us to make real the promise of informed, engaged citizenship to the next generation of leaders, teachers, scientists, artists and musicians.

I hope you will be in touch regularly as we continue together to build the Irvin D. Reid Honors College at Wayne State University. You can reach me any time at (313) 577-3030 or jerry.herron@wayne.edu.

Best,

Jerry Herron
Dean
Irvin D. Reid Honors College

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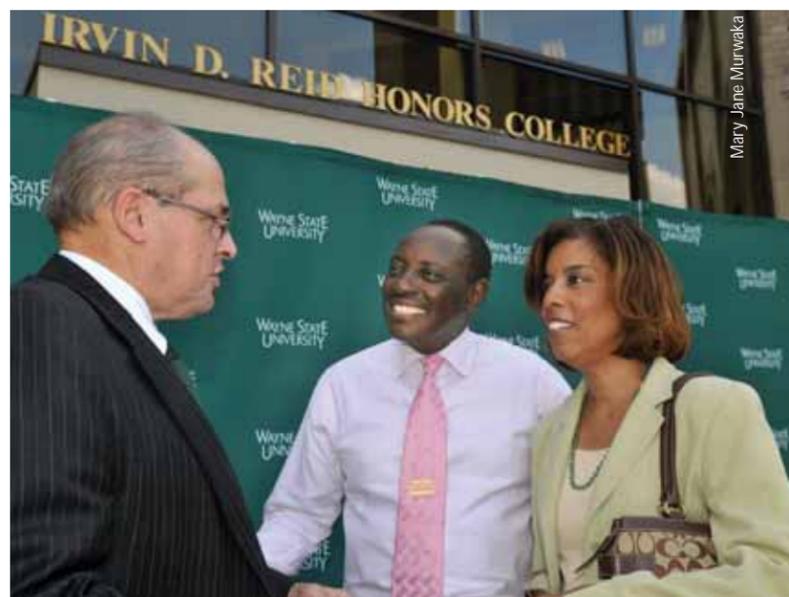
Honors College named to celebrate President Emeritus Irvin D. Reid

In April, the Wayne State University Board of Governors voted to name the College in honor of President Emeritus Irvin D. Reid in recognition of his involvement as a supporter of Honors. Reid is also the inaugural holder of the Eugene Applebaum Chair in Community Engagement. In this unprecedented role, Reid will continue leading a variety of scholarly and community service initiatives begun during his presidency, including working with *CommunityEngagement@Wayne*, a service-learning initiative housed in the Honors College.

Reid was a staunch supporter of turning the Honors program into a college, which was accomplished in January by a vote of the Board of Governors. Reid said that Wayne State's newest college "gives us a unique on-campus community of scholars, nurturing the academic achievement and personal growth of our most gifted students while promoting informed citizenship and community engagement. I am very proud of everyone who has worked so hard to make this dream a reality."

Under Reid's leadership, Honors benefited from increased resources, enhanced physical space for Honors students, a larger group of donors who provided much needed scholarship support and more recognition at home and throughout the nation.

His legacy includes growth in enrollment, especially the number of residential students;



Anthony Wayne Society Board Member and Alumni Association Past President Arthur Bryant (left) congratulates President Emeritus Irvin D. Reid and Pamela Trotman Reid following the official naming of the Irvin D. Reid Honors College.

stronger teaching and research across the board; securing the Perinatology Research Branch of the National Institutes of Health; TechTown, home to dozens of high-tech businesses that are bringing jobs and investments to the city; major improvements to the university's technological infrastructure; the creation of a 20-year campus master plan and two successive five-year strategic plans; and the addition of many new buildings to campus, making WSU a major player in the revitalization of Midtown Detroit.

Honors College Inauguration ceremony held Aug. 29

Hundreds of first-year students, parents and members of the university community gathered in General Lectures Auditorium on Friday, Aug. 29 for the inauguration of the Irvin D. Reid Honors College. The inauguration included a special induction for the entering freshmen.

After a call to order by Dean Jerry Herron, first-year student Matthew Duprey and upperclassmen Clarissa Dass, Alexander Marinica and Suzan Hadwan paid special tribute to the Honors four pillars: community, service, research and career. In a candle-lighting ceremony, the four students recognized the importance of: giving back to the community; viewing service not only as a duty but a learning opportunity; utilizing research skills to promote transparency and discovery; and keeping one's eye on a career destination throughout the four years of college.

WSU President Jay Noren welcomed the assembled guests, giving special thanks to all of the parents and loved ones who supported the inaugural freshman class throughout their journey to Wayne State. Noren also officially inaugurated the college, declaring:

"Professor Herron, it is my honor – in the presence of the Provost and these witnesses – to designate you dean of the Irvin D. Reid Honors College and pronounce the college open to students."

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President Jay Noren officially pronounced the Honors College open to students at the Aug. 29 inauguration ceremony. Joining him on stage are Provost Nancy Barrett (left) and Dean Jerry Herron.



The Honors College gonfalon is the official flag of the College used at academic ceremonies. Members of the Honors College inaugural first-year class paused for a photo with the flag.

Honors College Alumni Association seeks recognition, members

Eleven WSU alumni met in June to establish the Irvin D. Reid Honors College Alumni Association (HCAA). These charter board members will focus the association on creating and sustaining lifelong relationships between the Honors College and its alumni by providing fellowship and leadership opportunities; developing service programs for the college; helping expand educational opportunities for students; recognizing the achievements of alumni; and serving as a voice for alumni in college-related matters.

At their June and July meetings, board members discussed bylaws to be formally presented to the Wayne State University Alumni Association Board of Directors for acceptance and recognition at its October meeting. The WSU Alumni Association — the umbrella organization for school and college constituent groups — has been building loyalty and support among alumni for more than 70 years.

Upon approval by the WSU Alumni Association, the HCAA board hopes to involve members in existing Honors College programming, including organized study nights, ongoing career programming and Scholars Day, WSU's signature recruitment event hosted by the Honors College.

"So many people have an interest in the Honors College and Honors students," said Board member Eric Stokan '05 '07 "The Honors College Alumni Association will provide an opportunity for alumni to express an interest in Honors and become involved with the college, other alumni, and current students."



Charter members of the Honors College Alumni Association Board of Directors: Christopher Apap (back row, left), Miranda Webster, John Phillips, Daniel Levin, Christina Safar and Laurence Winer; David Topolewski (front row, left), Heather Horan, Rebecca Grace, Eric Stokan. Not pictured: Amanda Ryan

Because the Honors College does not grant degrees, the board will recruit new HCAA members broadly, seeking out alumni who took Honors courses, are members of the David Mackenzie Honor Society, participated in Honors programming initiatives or are interested in the work of the college. Open to anyone eligible to join the WSU Alumni Association, the HCAA will also recruit graduates

of Monteith College and former recipients of the WSU Merit Scholarship. Established in 1972 for students selected on the basis of high academic excellence, the Merit Scholarship is the forerunner to the current Presidential Scholarship.

Get Involved! Visit honors.wayne.edu/alumni to learn more about the Honors College Alumni Association.

Members of the Honors College Alumni Association Board of Directors

Christopher Apap '97 earned his PhD in Comparative Literature from New York University after graduating from Wayne State with a bachelor's degree in English and American Studies. Apap, who received both English department honors and University Honors, lives in Southfield and teaches literature and American studies courses at Oakland University and Wayne State University.

Rebecca Grace, a 2007 University Honors graduate, received a bachelor's degree in economics. As an undergraduate, she was the student coordinator of Scholars Day. Grace is a graduate student in the Department of Economics and is also a research assistant for Professor George Galster (Geography and Urban Planning). She is also the vice president of the David Mackenzie Honors Society.

Heather Horan '05 works as a store manager for Aldi Foods. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and is pursuing master's degrees in criminal justice and business administration.

Daniel Levin '04 (treasurer) worked for Ford Motor Company after receiving his bachelor's degree in finance, with a Spanish minor. He left Ford in 2007 to found Adroit Entertainment, L.L.C. a full-service mobile entertainment company. With his company up and running, Levin also works on a number of transfer credit evaluation projects and systems in WSU's Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

John Phillips (president) joined a family real estate and investment business after earning a bachelor's degree from WSU's Monteith College in 1970. In 2000 he became interested in energy-efficient, long-life lighting and green technologies. He invested his entrepreneurial spirit in launching Lighting Resources of Michigan, Inc. John is very involved with his church and a number of professional organizations.

Amanda Ryan received a bachelor's degree in economics with University Honors in 2007. She is a teaching assistant in WSU's economics department, where she is a second-year doctoral student.

Christina Safar '08 is a development officer in WSU's Annual Giving office. As an undergraduate, she was a peer adviser, coordinator of Scholars Day, and

was on the Honors Model United Nations secretariat. Safar is also a graduate student in the College of Education where she is pursuing a master's degree in counseling.

Eric Stokan '05 '07 (vice president) received bachelor's and master's degrees in political science and is a research assistant at the Center for Urban Studies. A University Honors graduate, Stokan taught American government and researched political psychology and economic development while completing his master's degree. He is a doctoral student in political science at WSU.

David Topolewski '06 '07 received both bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration at Wayne State and is proud to call downtown Detroit his home. An audit assistant at Deloitte since fall 2007, David is a recruiting champion responsible for aligning and coordinating Deloitte and Wayne State efforts in filling open Deloitte positions with exemplary candidates.

Miranda Webster (secretary), who received a bachelor's degree in economics in 2008, is a contract specialist at the United States General Services Administration, the procurement and asset management team for the federal government. She was a peer facilitator for Oakland Community College where she was also the vice president of leadership for Phi Theta Kappa at OCC. Webster, who lives in Farmington Hills, was also a member of the OCC Advisory Board and Student Ambassadors Program. Involved in her community, she is a Girl Scout leader and is secretary of the North Congregational Church Board of Religious Education.

Laurence B. Winer '04 '08 received both bachelor's and master's degrees in history from Wayne State University. In addition to spending more than a decade in the automotive industry, Winer is an accomplished educator who has been affiliated with the Clara B. Ford Academy, Roeper School, the Berkley school district, Michigan Jewish Institute, Akiva Hebrew Day School, Congregation B'nai Moshe and Temple Israel. In 2002 he interned in the Detroit office of U.S. Senator Carl Levin.

A legacy of activism: internship supports social action and progressive work

by Eric Scott

The late Mildred "Millie" Jeffrey received numerous accolades over her lifetime while becoming a part of Wayne State University's heritage. Her influence and her service to society exemplify what determination and adherence to ideals can accomplish. Whether it was marching with Martin Luther King, Jr. and Cesar Chavez, being an early founding member of numerous influential women's advocacy organizations, or serving for 16 years on the Wayne State University Board of Governors, Jeffrey was a social justice and education icon.



Mildred "Millie" Jeffrey

Jeffrey deeply believed in the democratic process and that young people, especially young women, should be knowledgeable citizens and leaders for political and community integrity. Her legacy and commitment toward civic responsibility live on through The Mildred Jeffrey Endowed Internship for Social Justice in the Irvin D. Reid Honors College. The internship, funded by a \$10,000 gift from Jeffrey's son and daughter, Balfour Jeffrey and Sharon Jeffrey Lehrer, allows students the opportunity to learn about and experience the democratic process through political and social advocacy. They carry out their internships at organizations that embody the spirit of volunteerism, public service and social responsibility, qualities strongly characterized in the life of Jeffrey.

"In establishing this internship, we asked ourselves a simple question: 'What would Millie like best?'" daughter Sharon Jeffrey Lehrer said. "This one was not hard to figure out. We were also thrilled that so many others came forward to donate in honor of Millie's life."

Jeffrey's mother, Lehrer noted, was a pharmacist in small-town Iowa who has seven children. Realizing that an outstanding public higher education was key to the success of her children, Lehrer's grandmother moved her entire family from Iowa to Minneapolis, paving the way for Jeffrey and her siblings to graduate from the University of Minnesota, a premier public research university not unlike Wayne State. Jeffrey, too, recognized the benefits of living near a premier public university, choosing to spend the last two decades of her life on the Wayne State University campus in a house located next to the Undergraduate Library.

The summer 2008 recipients of the internship were Kathleen Meyer and Cevan Castle. Meyer, a secondary education major, plans to teach French and

English as a Second Language. As a volunteer for the Detroit Fellows Tutoring Project, she was placed at Maybury Elementary School in Mexicantown, tutoring students in kindergarten through second grade. The Detroit Fellows Tutoring Project is an Honors initiative in which students undertake service projects that instill responsibility and a commitment to community life. Being a Jeffrey intern, in addition, allowed Meyer to take her volunteer contribution a step further, as she recruited the next group of Detroit Fellows, ensuring stability in tutor quality.

"I am honored and grateful to receive an internship in the name of such an inspirational woman," Meyer said. "Ms. Jeffrey's long list of impressive credentials and strong spirit motivate me to become a better person."



Kathleen Meyer is recruited the fall 2008 corps of Detroit Fellows.



Courtesy Cevan Castle

Michigan Master Gardener Cevan Castle will utilize internship funds to support an urban revitalization.

Castle, a Michigan Master Gardener pursuing a degree in anthropology, used the internship to support her work with the Jefferson East Business Association on an economic revitalization and youth engagement program. The effort targets blighted areas throughout the city and works to develop green space and organic gardens. Keeping the environment and sustainability in mind, Castle looks at this project as both service work and an academic venture.

"I am greatly inspired by Ms. Jeffrey's remarkable, lifelong commitment to a political voice and equitable access to opportunity for all citizens," Castle remarked.

Lehrer believes that Meyer and Castle exemplify qualities of which her mother would be proud.

"Millie would have enjoyed meeting these two young women," explained Lehrer. "She would like to know how hard they are working to change the world."

"Millie believed that supporting education and serving others were among the highest callings. Combining service and education like Katie and Cevan, in Millie's eyes, is the ultimate career move."

If you are interested in contributing to the Mildred Jeffrey Endowed Internship in Social Justice, please contact Kathryn Rusak at (313) 577-9933. You may also use the enclosed envelope to make your gift.

Class of 2008 alum reflects on scholarship impact, great education at WSU

by Alyssa White-Olanitori '08

As I began my college application process, my father was laid off from his job. My college search very quickly changed its focus; it was no longer based on where could I get in, but where I could afford to go. It became clear that — without a scholarship — there was a significant possibility I would attend college at all. Fortunately, Wayne State offered me a very generous University Scholarship, and I am now a proud alumna who graduated with honors in English.



Alyssa White-Olanitori

I am so grateful that I was awarded this scholarship because it opened so many doors for me. It shows that Wayne State is willing and ready to assist students who demonstrate merit and need. Since my tuition was covered, I was able to accomplish so much during my time in college, and complete not only a major, but two minors as well, both Spanish and speech communication. The study in abroad award that came with my scholarship was

amazing, and I used it to travel to Spain with a group from WSU. This was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.

My scholarship also included room and board, making it possible for me to really enjoy every aspect of the college experience while living in the residence halls on campus. Without scholarship funds, there is no way I would have been able to enroll in enough additional credits to complete a minor. I certainly would not have been able to travel abroad or live on campus. I made many meaningful friendships and networking relationships on campus, knowing that it would be harder to do so living off campus.

Wayne State took care of me in other ways as well. Honors referred me to a student employment position. As a student call center associate in WSU's admissions office, I spent four years answering calls from prospective students and their families, telling them about the opportunities that await them at Wayne State. I have enjoyed being able to help students who need guidance or who have questions about the college or scholarship process; it was a way

to give back and to help communicate how great Wayne State can be.

Last year, I urged my brother — then a high school senior — to choose Wayne State for himself. I am pleased that he listened. Now, Zachary is a sophomore performing pharmaceutical research at the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

There is no question that, for my family, Wayne State is our university. More important, though, donors who have made scholarships possible made it possible for two students to come to Wayne State who might have otherwise been unable to be here. I will always be thankful for my time at WSU and the kindness of those who made it possible.

Alyssa White-Olanitori '08 is a first-year law student at the University of Houston. She received the University Scholarship, which includes tuition, housing, a meal plan, study abroad funds and a laptop computer. National Merit Scholars and finalists are eligible to apply for the University Scholarship.

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Senior class gift campaign encourages Honors students to give back

Reflecting a trend of blending philanthropy with technology, and meeting today's donors in spaces they utilize, Honors launched its first-ever Senior Class Gift Campaign online after the 2008 commencement exercises had concluded. The Flash video, produced by WSU's Office of Marketing and Communications — which used compelling photos of Honors activities and students — reminded recent alumni to give back, support the university and think of students who look up to them as role models.

"It's important to think about your Wayne State legacy even before you graduate," said Christina Safar '08, who contributed to the campaign and — since her graduation — has become a development officer in WSU's Office of Annual Giving. "We are given so many opportunities here to learn, grow, develop, and define our own path. It is important



Honors special initiatives coordinator Nancy Galster (center) congratulates seniors Magalie Anhouard (left) and Amarinder Singh.

to make sure the next generation of Honors students can do that as well."

Online giving appeals are not just about being

trendy or using the latest technology, though. Studies show that those who give their first gift to an organization online are likely to make a larger first-time gift. In addition, online donors are likelier to return to make a repeat gift.

"There were more than 300 visits to the Senior Class Gift page after we sent the e-mail invitation in May," said Adam Herman, the Honors College's marketing coordinator who collaborated on the message for the video. "Even those students who did not make a gift learned more about the value of giving back."

For more information on the Senior Class Gift Campaign, or to view the video, visit honors.wayne.edu/seniors.php.

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Please contact Kathryn Rusak at (313) 577-9933 with any questions.

Honors College Dean, 16 students inducted into David Mackenzie Honor Society

The David Mackenzie Honor Society held its 82nd annual reunion and induction ceremony April 16 at McGregor Memorial Conference Center. Dozens of alumni came home to Wayne State as the Society honored Honors College Dean Jerry Herron and 16 graduating seniors. The society — one of the most prestigious groups at WSU — is named for David Mackenzie, the first dean of what is now the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The annual dinner is also a fundraiser for the David Mackenzie Endowed Scholarship, which supports Honors students and celebrates Dean Mackenzie's legacy at Wayne State.

"Dr. Herron was selected for honorary induction in recognition of his role as a great teacher-scholar who helps students recognize their individual abilities to make a difference in our world," said Honors College

academic adviser Liza Lagman Sperl '96 '02, who is the adviser for the Mackenzie honor society as well.

"As director of the Honors Program — and now dean of the Honors College — Dr. Herron never lets students, faculty and staff forget the context of our work: a vibrant, urban atmosphere filled with potential.

"He is emphatic that each of us can view every day as an opportunity to live as more informed, more engaged citizens of the world. His support of the David Mackenzie Honor Society has been invaluable in keeping this organization alive."



Mary Jane Murawka

Members of the 2008-09 David Mackenzie Honor Society Board: Treasurer Eric Stokan (left), Vice President Rebecca Grace, President Josephine Powell and immediate past president Jeremy Bisdorf. Not pictured: Secretary Daniel Levin.



Mary Jane Murawka

David Mackenzie Honor Society President Jeremy Bisdorf (left) and Liza Lagman Sperl congratulate Dean Jerry Herron on his induction into the society.

The present society was founded in 1981 through a merger of Karyatides, the former women's honor society founded in 1931, and the Mackenzie Honor Society, organized in 1926. Members are chosen for their exceptional contributions to the welfare and development of the university and the community. Previous honorary inductees have included WSU President Emeritus Irvin D. Reid, former WSU President David Adamany, the late WSU Governor Emerita Mildred "Millie" Jeffrey, broadcast personality Sonny Eliot, and journalism legend Helen Thomas.

"The society really is a family of people who care about Wayne State. We

had extremely positive experiences here and enjoy giving back," society president Josephine Powell said. "We are looking for ways to provide more involvement opportunities throughout the year, increase attendance at our annual dinner, and support the scholarship that bears Dean Mackenzie's name."

If you are interested in contributing to the David Mackenzie Endowed Scholarship, please contact Kathryn Rusak at (313) 577-9933. You may also use the enclosed envelope to make your gift.

Please save the date for the 2009 reunion, to be held Wednesday, April 23. Members of the society interested in the annual reunion should contact Liza Lagman Sperl at (313) 577-9075 or dmhs@wayne.edu.

David Mackenzie Honor Society 2008 inductees

Members of the class of 2008 and their majors are Shivani Agrawal (Biological Sciences with University Honors); Ahmad Ahmad (Biological Sciences with University and Departmental Honors); Katherine Cockrel (Political Science and Public Relations); Sayeeda Fatima (Biological Sciences with Department and University Honors); Lauren Henrikson (Political Science with Departmental Honors); Amy-Jo Hollister (Marketing); Rebecca Jackson (Environmental Science); Sheena Joychan (Psychology with Department and University Honors); Sonia Joychan (Biological Sciences with Department and University Honors); Mark Mathes (Civil Engineering); Freddy Rayes (Electrical Engineering with Department and University Honors); Christina Safar (Psychology with Department and University Honors); Amarinder Singh (Journalism with University Honors); Anthony Talarico (Political Science); Tarak Trivedi (Biological Sciences with Department and University Honors); and Miranda Webster (Economics with Department Honors).

The latest crop of inductees includes all four students who received top honors at commencement. The prestigious David D. Henry and Howard A. Donnelly Awards are presented for high scholastic achievement, leadership and service. Cockrel and Mathes received the Henry Award. Singh and Trivedi — who are in their first semester of medical school at Wayne State and the University of Chicago respectively — both received the Donnelly Award.

An Honors MedStart graduate, Agrawal was awarded a full-tuition scholarship to WSU's School of Medicine, where she is a first-year med student.

Henrikson, the founder and president of the non-profit Free Change, is pursuing a master's degree in public administration at Wayne State.

Hollister received the Outstanding Student of the Year Award from the School of Business Administration.

Safar received the Dean's Outstanding Contributor Award from the Honors College.



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Members of the 2008 class at the annual reunion included (standing, left), Tarak Trivedi, Lauren Henrikson, Sonia Joychan, Shivani Agrawal, Sheena Joychan, Dean Jerry Herron, Christina Safar, Amarinder Singh, Rebecca Jackson, Ahmad Ahmad; (seated, left), Freddy Rayes, Miranda Webster, Sayeeda Fatima, Amy Jo Hollister and Mark Mathes. Not pictured: Katherine Cockrel and Anthony Talarico.

Board of Visitors includes business and civic leaders who provide advice to Honors College

Modeled after the community-based advisory boards of other WSU colleges, the Honors Board of Visitors serves as a dynamic and effective resource for the Honors College. This select group of business executives, civic leaders and parents of Honors students provides a necessary link between Honors and the community at large. Board members act as public advocates for the Honors College, secure financial support for scholarships and other Honors initiatives, and make personal financial gifts that serve as an example to others.

"The Honors College Board of Visitors provides outstanding guidance to me and to the staff of the Honors College," Dean Jerry Herron said. "It is not possible to quantify the value of receiving guidance from successful professionals, community leaders and businesspeople. Whether we are discussing student recruitment, fundraising, or the cultivation of new friends, our Board of Visitors consistently brings us useful advice and a valuable perspective."

Last fall, the Board of Visitors took part in the transformation from Honors Program to College. At the end of summer 2007 the board reviewed the Honors strategic plan and, in November, met with the delegation of external reviewers from the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC). The NCHC team included current and former deans and directors of honors programs and colleges who were impressed by the efforts of Honors to engage the community and cultivate supporters, especially leaders represented on the Board of Visitors.

Members of the Board of Visitors

Ramsay F. Dass, MD is president and CEO of Detroit Hope Hospital. Dr. Dass, who is originally from Iraq, is an accomplished physician, community activist and member of many local and national organizations. He has been a president and board member of a number of organizations, including interfaith organizations, BRIDGES, American Middle East Christians Congress, Iraqi-American Endowment Center, Arab-American and Chaldean Forum, the Arab American Medical Association and the Oakland County Medical Society. He has been in private practice in Oak Park since 1983 and has led Detroit Hope since 2001.

Sharon Tevis Finch was born, raised, and educated in Detroit and Highland Park. She graduated from Monteith College in 1965 and Detroit College of Law in 1968. She earned a master's degree from Wayne State and is also a doctoral student in English. She practiced law in partnership with her father, William P. Finch, and in 1975, became the first woman judge of the Common Pleas Court of the City of Detroit. She served in Wayne County Circuit Court from 1982 until 2000. Active in many professional and civic organizations, she is married to Charles B. Goldfarb, with whom she has three stepdaughters and five grandchildren.

Diane Van Buren Jones combines a passion for community planning with sustainable development practices to assist organizations with the practical application of green building and energy efficiency programming. Most recently, she has been engaged with a new program called Rebuild Michigan-Detroit, where she is forming a coalition of more than 100 organizations, universities, government agencies, foundations, and firms engaged in sustainable development and green building practices to create new models for designing and financing green development and communities. From 2002-2007 Jones was the Program Director for the Nonprofit Facilities Center, a joint program of United Way Community Services of Southeastern Michigan and the Nonprofit Finance Fund. Jones, who spent a decade as a teacher in Detroit's public schools holds a bachelor's degree in education from Michigan State University.

Ali Moiin, MD, is a graduate of the medical school University of California at Davis and completed his dermatology residency at WSU in 1995. Moiin — who has a private medical practice in Troy and is a clinical associate professor at the WSU School of Medicine — is a trustee of the Michigan Opera Theater and the Detroit Institute of Arts. He also serves on the executive boards of the Michigan Dermatological Society and Wayne County Medical Society.

Howard Perlman joined Friedman Real Estate Group, Inc. in 1993 to form an investment property division at the company, and has won countless awards for his professionalism, including most recently, CoStar's Power Broker Award for 2004. Perlman, who is a senior vice president at Friedman, attended Monteith College from 1963-1966. While attending Wayne State, he became infatuated with bridge, and became a world class player during the early 1970s. Perlman and his wife Linda are both avid golfers and reside in Franklin.

Geoffrey Rappaport, a graduate of Monteith College, is the co-founder of SuperCuts and SuperTeeth.

Timothy P. Wintermute is executive director of the Luella Hannan Memorial Foundation, an endowed operating foundation that has been working to enhance the quality of lives for senior citizens in metropolitan Detroit since 1925. Wintermute has worked in the field of aging on the national and local levels since 1971. He is a member of many national and local organizations and is the chair of Michigan Grantmakers in Aging, an affinity group of the Council of Michigan Foundations and Grantmakers in Aging. Wintermute has a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn., and has completed three years of graduate studies at Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

For more information on the Board of Visitors, please contact Kathryn Rusak, director of development and staff liaison to the board, at (313) 577-9933 or ar0043@wayne.edu.

Meritorious pre-med students are focus of the Drs. Kales' philanthropy

by Marion Ringe

A lifelong love for each other as well as a passion for Wayne State University was kindled for alumni Anthony Kales, MD and Joyce Danielski Kales, MD during their freshman biology class. Having been recipients of four-year Wayne State scholarships in their undergraduate years, the Drs. Kales know first-hand the crucial difference financial assistance can make. They have established the Drs. Anthony and Joyce Danielski Kales Endowed Presidential Scholarship in the Honors College to encourage future generations of talented students. The scholarship will help meritorious Honors students pursue their academic goals.

As a world-renowned pioneer in sleep research and a founder of the field of Sleep Disorders Medicine, Dr. Anthony Kales is especially pleased that research is a major part of Honors students' junior and senior year education. By establishing the Drs. Kales Endowed Scholarship, the Drs. Kales are providing an opportunity for today's gifted students to follow their example. Recalling the experiences he and his wife had at the university, Dr. Kales said, "Being able to go to Wayne State was ideal for both of us. We each lived at home because of family and financial concerns, and going away to college was not even a consideration. Moreover, we believe that our achievements reflect directly on the

superb education we received at Wayne State and that is why we are eternally grateful to the university for our professions and our wonderful life together."

The Drs. Kales Endowed Scholarship in Honors pays tribute to Professor Jerry Herron, dean of the Honors College. Professor Herron provided the leadership and inspiration for the rapid success and growth of the long-time Honors Program as it became the Irvin D. Reid Honors College.

The Drs. Kales believe strongly in supporting students through endowed scholarships. In addition to their substantial philanthropy to Honors and an endowed scholarship in the School of Medicine, the Drs. Kales have established the Drs. Anthony and Joyce Danielski Kales Endowed Scholars Awards in Biomedical Engineering in the College of Engineering in honor of Professor Albert King. Professor King is the long-time director of the Wayne State University Bioengineering Center and chairman of the nationally recognized Department of Biomedical Engineering.

Scholarships are a powerful recruiting tool to attract the finest students to the university. Scholarship endowments, by providing support in perpetuity, also are a consistent source of revenue, helping to fill the gap between decreasing state support for higher education and the considerable financial commitment

students must undertake to complete their degrees. The Drs. Kales' significant allegiance to the university through their philanthropic endeavors is appreciably strengthening Wayne State's ability to attract and keep the best students in its programs.

"We are so proud of the Honors Program, now the Honors College, and its dean, Jerry Herron," said Dr. Kales. "It's an incredible place for talented students and one that enables Wayne State to compete for top individuals on equal footing with the best universities in the country."

Scholars Day Programs

Scholars Day is a special opportunity for Wayne State University to invite our most promising applicants to campus for a day of scholarship interviews and tours. Every student who attends Scholars Day becomes a Wayne State Scholar and receives at minimum a scholarship of \$1,500 a year for four years.

**2009 Scholars Day Programs
February 7, 8, 14 and 15**

Volunteers are needed to interview students. Interviews usually consist of two interviewers and six students. Interviews are held on campus, and volunteers interview two groups of students for about 45 minutes each. Volunteers receive a small gift of appreciation in addition to breakfast and lunch. Student interview results are combined with their grade-point average, ACT scores and an essay score to determine eligibility for four-year Presidential Scholarships and other awards.

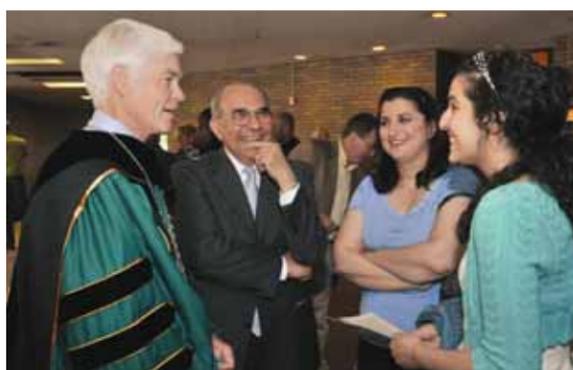
Visit scholarsday.wayne.edu/volunteer for more information or to volunteer.

If you have questions, please contact Adam Herman, Honors marketing coordinator, at (313) 577-4621 or aherman@wayne.edu.

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In closing, Herron reminded the first-year students to think about the path upon which they have now embarked, saying, "You honor us, you fine young scholars, with all you bring to the future that is here in the making ... welcome home to the Irvin D. Reid Honors College."



President Jay Noren (left) greets the Dass family. Ramsay Dass (to the right of Dr. Noren) is a member of the Honors College Board of Visitors. Dr. Dass and Natalie Dass are pictured with their daughter Clarissa, an Honors student. They are also the parents of Honors graduates Kathleen '06 and Clarence '07.

Scholars Day volunteers promote university to incoming freshman, interview applicants

For many Honors students, interactions with Wayne State University begin long before they set foot on campus, with high school visits from admissions staff, online requests for program information or telephone calls to the Honors College to discuss Start programs, undergraduate research or scholarship opportunities. As the university's signature recruitment event for talented prospective students, Scholars Day allows students to trade in their electronic communication tools for a day filled with an exciting welcome program, campus tours, and an academic resource fair staffed by representatives from WSU's schools, colleges, and administrative offices. The 1,100 students who attended in 2008 also ate lunch in the Towers dining hall, visited an on-campus residence hall room and participated in a small-group interview with Wayne State University faculty, staff, alumni and friends. Many students bring their parents who, while spending most of the day with their daughters and sons, also attend a special parents' program that deals with campus life, student services and financial aid.

It is at the interview where most students forge a real connection with the university, sharing their own career goals and academic dreams with five or six peers

and, typically, two friends of the Honors College. The prospective students are not there only to answer questions; they have their own inquiries as well. *What is it like to go to Wayne State University? Are the professors going to challenge me? Will I be able to get a job after I graduate?* More than 300 volunteer interviewers have shared their experiences with students at Scholars Day, many returning every year since the inaugural Scholars Day in 2004.

"I love returning to Scholars Day every year to meet with students and talk about the university," said John Philips '70, a graduate of Monteith College and a member of the Honors College alumni board. "The students who attend Scholars Day represent not only the future of the Honors College but the future of our state and our region. It's great to meet with them and energizing to hear about their plans for college and beyond."

Volunteers like Philips provide a strong connection from Wayne State's past student body — and current group of friends — to our future students. Without so many talented — and dedicated — volunteers, Scholars Day would not be the success it is. And, the results of Scholars Day are encouraging. In 2005 and 2006, some 60% of attendees enrolled at Wayne State. In 2007, 70%



MedStart student Stephanie Bierlein and Mary Clark, assistant dean for student affairs, Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, take a break between student interviews at Scholars Day.

of Scholars Day students chose to enroll at WSU.

In welcoming volunteer interviewers in 2008, Honors Dean Jerry Herron noted, "Our students tell us again and again that the small-group interviews are one of the biggest factors in their decision to attend Wayne State. Thank you for what you do year after year."

Scholars Day will be held on two weekends in 2009, on Feb. 7, 8, 14 and 15. To volunteer, visit scholarsday.wayne.edu/volunteer/. For more information, please contact Adam Herman, Honors marketing coordinator, at (313) 577-4621 or aherman@wayne.edu.

Endowed scholarship to honor Monteith College legacy

The Honors College has made a \$5,000 lead gift towards establishing the Monteith College Endowed Scholarship. This scholarship, created in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Monteith's founding, will support Honors students. The Honors College is enthusiastic about the prospect of future generations of talented Wayne State students being touched by the principles and values that Monteith College alumni hold dear, especially given the commitment to interdisciplinary studies shared by both Monteith and Honors. To ensure the connection to Monteith's values, the application process for the scholarship will require that applicants become familiar with Monteith's history and legacy.

"This endowed scholarship will ensure that Monteith's name will live on in perpetuity on Wayne State's campus," said Dean Jerry Herron when announcing the establishment of the scholarship. "Much like Monteith, Honors is a community of dedicated students and faculty within a much larger institution. We are proud to offer our students smaller classes, challenging learning experiences, and unique opportunities in and out of the classroom.

"I hope that — as we look forward to celebrating Monteith's 50th reunion in September 2009 — we can raise at least \$50,000 by counting on everyone to contribute \$50 in honor of 50 years."

Monteith College was founded in 1959 and, until 1979, focused on offering students the feel of a small interdisciplinary program within a larger research university. The college was funded through a \$700,000 grant from the Ford Foundation and a matching investment from Wayne State. Monteith students enrolled in a general education core that consisted of courses in Natural Science,

Science of Society, Socio-Humanistic Studies and Humanistic Studies. Teams of faculty taught these courses, with their own areas of scholarship influencing the discussion.

Monteith, however, did something that the Honors College does not: offer degrees. While Honors students select from any of the more than 120 majors at WSU and elect to complete the requirements for University Honors as part of their studies, Monteith alumni graduated with the unique bachelor of philosophy degree. The Ph.B. certainly stands out on a résumé, and it also symbolizes the Monteith commitment to creating an experience grounded in offering its students a one-of-a-kind experience.

"It is my hope that Monteith alumni will view themselves as part of the Honors project. Monteith offered its students a feeling of belonging and a sense of community that we hope to recreate."

— Honors College Dean Jerry Herron speaking to Monteith alumni in fall 2006

Since its creation in March, the Monteith College Endowed Scholarship Fund has accumulated more than \$7,000 from more than 55 donors.

If you are interested in contributing to the Monteith College Endowed Scholarship Fund, please contact Kathryn Rusak at (313) 577-9933. You may also use the enclosed envelope to make your gift.

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Please contact Kathryn Rusak at (313) 577-9933 with any questions.

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Endowed scholarship will nurture Detroit students

by Marion Ringe

Native Detroiters Cynthia Radom strongly believes in the potential of Detroit public school students who want to continue in higher education and who demonstrate that they are working hard toward academic excellence. She feels these students are especially worthy of scholarship assistance. Although she is not a graduate of Wayne State, Radom has laid the groundwork for the Cynthia S. Radom Endowed Scholarship through an estate gift to the Irvin D. Reid Honors College. The scholarship will assist talented Detroit students who aspire to a degree in medicine, law or business.

"I now live in California, but I am always proud to say that I'm originally from Detroit. My desire was finding a way to help the city and this is a gift that keeps giving," Radom said. She learned that 75 percent of Wayne State graduates remain in the Detroit area and overwhelmingly are the attorneys, businesspeople, health care and other professionals who contribute to the economy and well-being of the city and region. Radom recognized that creating a planned gift to Honors was the perfect way for her to invest in students at the university who would use their professional skills for the betterment of Detroit and southeast Michigan.

The Honors College curriculum has a unique focus on

the urban experience, beginning with The City and Citizenship, the two-semester signature course that looks at Detroit as a "classic" text, through the lenses of history, political science, philosophy, economics and urban studies. All Honors students take this required course during their first year. The Cultural Passport, also part of the first-year curriculum, allows students to visit cultural and historical attractions throughout the Metropolitan area. CommunityEngagement@Wayne helps students develop second-year community-based projects on highly relevant topics such as child literacy, recycling and poverty. In their sophomore year, students become involved in service learning, which takes the skills they have cultivated in the classroom and applies them to real-world situations, such as teaching reading skills to young Detroit Public School students or doing service projects that develop out of their experiences during their freshman year.

Growing up in the city, dedicated students from the Detroit Public Schools are especially attuned to the importance of this urban focus. Continuing to strengthen their service learning skills, in their junior and senior years, Honors students develop their research capabilities and take major steps toward determining their career path

after graduation.

"A college degree and a professional career were not a priority for many young women when I was growing up," Radom noted. "However, during my marriage and working full-time, I attended night school for seven years and earned a BA with scholastic honors in Business Administration. I have developed a successful career as a top-producing residential realtor in Beverly Hills and the more I earn, the more Wayne State students will benefit. I want to help young Detroiters succeed in meaningful careers."

"An endowment fund is perpetual, generating annual income to support the donor's intentions forever," said Kathryn Rusak, director of development for the Honors College. "We are extremely grateful for generous supporters like Ms. Radom who recognize that endowments will make an important difference for upcoming generations of Detroit students."

If you are interested in establishing a planned gift or including Wayne State University in your will or estate plans, please contact the Office of Planned Giving at (313) 577-2275.



Native Detroiters Cynthia Radom established an estate gift to the Irvin D. Reid Honors College.

Your Honors College Legacy

You can create a legacy at Wayne State University's Irvin D. Reid Honors College that will make an impact on many future students. It's easy to support a gift that will make an impact, either now or after your lifetime. Your gift plan can include:

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Please contact Kim Cross, associate director of planned gifts, to discuss the ways that you can create a Irvin D. Reid Honors College legacy. Call (313) 577-0039 or e-mail kimcross@wayne.edu.

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Our alumni, friends and supporters are important to us. Are you doing something interesting or exciting? Have news you want to share? We will try to include your news in the next issue of *With Honors*. Photos are especially welcome — particularly if you have a current photo of you.

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