Save the date for

AP DAY

Tuesday, April 23
10 a.m.-noon

Hosted by Wayne State’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Irvin D. Reid Honors College, and Undergraduate Admissions, this 18th annual event invites more than 1,500 outstanding high school students to attend sample lectures on a variety of topics, giving them a glimpse at college life. Learn more at wayne.edu/apday.

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Apply now

Wayne State University’s 2019-20 application is live. Incoming freshmen can visit wayne.edu/apply to complete the university application or the Common Application.

Haven’t had a chance to explore our campus? We invite you to take an online tour of WSU at your convenience. Visit us virtually at wayne.edu/tour.

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Guiding students to the finish line

Wayne State University has garnered national attention for its efforts to improve graduation rates, which have nearly doubled between 2011 and 2017.

In November, Wayne State earned the 2018 Degree Completion Award from the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU). The annual award honors institutions that use innovative initiatives to increase retention and graduation outcomes and decrease achievement gaps. Wayne State was recognized for its commitment to student success and improvements in graduation rates, which the university began in earnest in 2011 when it invested more than $10 million as part of a five-year student success initiative.

The ARLU also noted WSU’s creation of a student retention and tracking system to monitor student progress. Graduation rates at the university have nearly doubled in six years, particularly among first-generation, low-income and minority students. Wayne State was also recognized for the new Warrior Way Back program, which was designed to relieve the past debt of former students who did not graduate.

“The latest federal graduation rate results from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System show that WSU is the fastest-improving university in the nation among public universities with more than 10,000 students,” Monica Brockmeyer, senior associate provost for student success, told Michigan Capitol Confidential. “We are fully committed to continuing this transformation to exceed the 50 percent graduation rate goal established in our strategic plan as well as to narrow and close educational disparities.”

Food for thought

Two Irvin D. Reid Honors College students have come up with an answer to a seemingly timeless question: What can we do with the excess prepared food from campus events?

Seniors Nicholas Ang and Camilla Caccardo launched the Detroit Feedback Loop to help combat food waste. The student organization, which recently earned a $10,000 grant at the Optimizewayne showcase, works by using a series of volunteers to help deliver food from on-campus eateries and local restaurants. A distributor contacts the Detroit Feedback Loop to notify the organization of excess food, which volunteers pick up and transport to nearby soup kitchens and homeless shelters such as the Detroit Rescue Mission or Coalition on Temporary Shelter. A log is then created of what was donated, where the food was taken and how much it weighed.

One area of concern the organization is tackling is the lack of nutritious food for the homeless, given the prevalence of diabetes in the city. “A lot of homeless people are stuck eating canned food or fast food because it is cheaper,” observed Ang, who is working with restaurants to help offer more healthy, wholesome options through donations.

Warrior VIP offers keys to success

As part of its commitment to student success, Wayne State created the Warrior Vision and Impact Program (Warrior VIP), a comprehensive student support program and learning community designed to help incoming freshmen successfully transition into college, excel as Warriors and graduate on time.

Warrior VIP encourages students to establish strong ties to WSU well before starting classes in Midtown through a series of pre-college workshops and events during their senior year of high school. That same personalized support is continued and adapted to their unique interests and needs as they begin their freshman year and progress toward graduation. Students are also matched with an academic advisor and an upperclassman who serves as a peer mentor.

“We want students to feel welcomed and at home on campus,” said Warrior VIP Coordinator Kanya Swanson. “If they feel pride in being a Warrior and know that everyone here is in their corner, they’ll be able to clearly visualize their success and hold themselves more accountable.”

To learn more about Warrior VIP, visit wayne.edu/orientation/vip or email vip@wayne.edu.

Making big moves in the Motor City

In May 2018, Detroit was designated a Talent Hub by Lumina Foundation in partnership with The Kresge Foundation. The city earned this distinction based on its ability to attract, retain and grow a diverse array of talent, especially among students.

Detroit’s recognition as a Talent Hub reflects a collaboration led by the Detroit Regional Chamber in partnership with Wayne State and Macomb Community College. In particular, WSU’s new Warrior Way Back program — a re-enrollment initiative that relieves the debt of former students who left their studies before earning a degree — contributed to Detroit being named a Talent Hub.

WSU is a SMASH hit

The Summer Math and Science Honors Academy (SMASH) is a free, STEM-intensive college preparatory program for underrepresented high school students. The second annual SMASH Academy will be held at Wayne State from July 6 through Aug. 10, 2019. The deadline to apply for this year’s SMASH Academy is March 1. For more information, visit smash.org.