



Join us for  
**AP DAY**

On Tuesday, April 25, more than 1,400 high school students from across metro Detroit will gather in Midtown for WSU's 16th annual Advanced Placement Curriculum Enrichment Day. This is a unique opportunity for teachers to reward students who have been prepping since September for this spring's challenging AP exams. Participants will spend the day at Wayne State for a firsthand look at college life, including lectures in a range of subjects such as chemistry, psychology and world history. Also included are a complimentary lunch and a tour through all of the places Wayne State students live and learn. Space is limited at this extremely popular event, so watch for registration details and reserve your school's spot before the April 14 deadline. In the meantime, find more information at [wayne.edu/apday](http://wayne.edu/apday).



# Wayne State Update

WINTER 2017

*News from the heart of Detroit, one of the top 10 destinations on The New York Times' "52 Places to Go in 2017" list.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- MARCH 26**  
METRO DETROIT NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR  
2-4 p.m.  
Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi
- MARCH 27**  
METRO DETROIT NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR  
9-11:30 a.m.  
Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi
- MARCH 28**  
WESTERN MICHIGAN NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR  
8:30-11:30 a.m. and 6-8 p.m.  
DeVos Place, Grand Rapids
- APRIL 8**  
ADMITTED STUDENT DAY  
9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Midtown campus

# Spring OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, March 25 • 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
[openhouse.wayne.edu](http://openhouse.wayne.edu)

## Visit campus

- Walking tours offered each weekday
- Morning and afternoon reservations
- Led by current student Warrior Guides
- Sign up at [wayne.edu/visit](http://wayne.edu/visit)



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## New Wayne State housing is on the horizon



Last fall, the Wayne State Board of Governors approved a campus housing partnership that will allow WSU to fulfill the demand for more on-campus housing while maintaining affordability for students and strengthening the university's finances.

The agreement calls for Corvias Campus Living to be responsible for all aspects of property and asset management, including maintenance, janitorial, and repair and replacement services. The

university will maintain ownership of the land and all facilities used for campus housing. Additionally, WSU will continue to provide all residence life staffing and programming.

The partnership includes the construction of the new Anthony Wayne Apartments (artistic rendering pictured), demolition of the Helen L. DeRoy Apartments and renovations to Chatsworth Apartments. All of these major capital projects are scheduled to be completed by 2021.

"Our students will begin seeing the benefit of our restructured housing operations soon, as we will start moving residents into Phase I apartments in fall 2018," says Tim Michael, Wayne State's associate vice president for business and auxiliary

operations and chief housing officer. "Once Phase II of the project is completed in August 2019, the Anthony Wayne Apartments will house 842 students in a mix of studio, one-bedroom, two-bedroom and four-bedroom apartments with upscale finishes and residential-grade kitchens. In addition to residential units, the new building will include 18,000 square feet for retail space and 9,000 square feet for a new student health services center."

## Staff updates benefit current and prospective students



Guiding students to Wayne State and helping them succeed once they get here are common goals for Dawn Medley (top left) and Cathy Kay (bottom left). In 2016, Medley joined WSU as associate vice president of enrollment management, while Kay was promoted to director of the Office of Financial Aid after advancing through the department for 30 years. Now they are working together to enhance WSU's admission process and best serve incoming students.

"I have been so impressed by the focus on student success at all levels of the institution," says Medley, who came to Wayne State from St. Andrews University in North Carolina in July, bringing with her 20 years of experience in enrollment management, financial aid and recruitment at institutions of various sizes.

"I'm told that we've made great strides in this area but this high level of commitment is all I've known here. Within Enrollment Management, we are working to improve our communication with students, parents, counselors and other members of the community to make sure that we are answering questions before they are asked and supporting students where they are. We are building staffing levels in our division to make sure that we improve our customer service and provide guidance at every step of the enrollment process. We want to build a scaffold of success for all of our students and for our community through higher education."

Kay, meanwhile, started her career in Midtown. She began working for the university after graduating from Wayne State in 1987, progressively climbing the ranks of the financial aid department. In her current role as director, Kay is responsible for overseeing the delivery of aid and scholarships that consist of institutional, state, private and federal programs totaling more than \$350 million annually to prospective and returning students. Approximately 70 percent of Wayne State students receive some form of financial aid.

"I'm excited to be a part of a great team of people who work together to build students up and usher them toward graduation," Kay says. "There is great energy and focus on all aspects of student involvement, and financial aid plays a key role in the student experience. Building our office to better serve our students is important."



Thanks to its prime position in the heart of the Motor City, Wayne State offers outstanding opportunities for experiential learning related to the auto industry.

On campus, the College of Engineering supports a variety of student organizations that are open to all majors at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

For example, the Warrior Racing team designs, manufactures, markets and races an open-wheel style racecar to compete against other universities. The team competes in dynamic events that test the vehicle's performance and efficiency, and static events that test the team's marketing, management and engineering skills. They

have participated in events at Formula Michigan, Formula West, Formula North and Formula UK. Most recently, the group placed 10th out of 80 teams in the 2016 Formula West competition, making them the highest-ranking team in the state.

"You definitely get out what you put in with Warrior Racing," says Justin Bekker, Warrior Racing president and a mechanical engineering senior. "The more time you spend in the garage, the more you learn and the more opportunities you get. It is a lot of work, but the payoff is there."

For more information about Warrior Racing and other auto-related student organizations, visit [engineering.wayne.edu](http://engineering.wayne.edu).



## Offering students the world

When Laura Kline (above) was in the third grade studying geography in Toledo, her teacher told the class that Russia was a country of slaves and robots. In the seventh grade, Kline became obsessed with the Russian Revolution and read every book about it in the city's libraries. In 10th grade, in the midst of the Cold War, she went on a 10-day class trip to Russia. It was then she realized her teacher and many of the books she had read hadn't given an accurate portrayal of the country and its people.

Today, Kline is a senior lecturer in Russian and director of Wayne State's new global studies program.

"Global studies is about giving students an accurate picture of what is going on in the world," says Kline. "Who knows, it could prevent another Cold War."

Students interested in understanding and being active participants in a globalized world can now earn a major or minor in global studies. Kline encourages students to consider pursuing a double major with global studies and another discipline.

"It's important to fight against isolation of disciplines," says Kline. "For example, if you just study geology, you may not understand how it plays in politics and world affairs. The Department of State is desperate for people in the natural sciences who have a broader understanding of cultural and societal implications."

To see the long list of possibilities for global studies graduates, visit [clas.wayne.edu/languages/GLS-Careers](http://clas.wayne.edu/languages/GLS-Careers).



## Summer school is cool

It's no secret that taking classes every semester — including throughout the summer — will get students to graduation on time or even ahead of schedule. Staying on campus year-round keeps students in the habit of studying and focusing on the greater goal.

Wayne State helps make this possible for more students through its Spring/Summer Tuition Break program, which offers a 30 percent savings off tuition and, if desired, campus housing. To qualify, students must enroll full time for the fall and winter semesters, completing at least 24 credits with a minimum GPA of 2.5.

Last year, 2,725 students took advantage of the spring/summer discount. For details, visit [wayne.edu/tuition](http://wayne.edu/tuition).