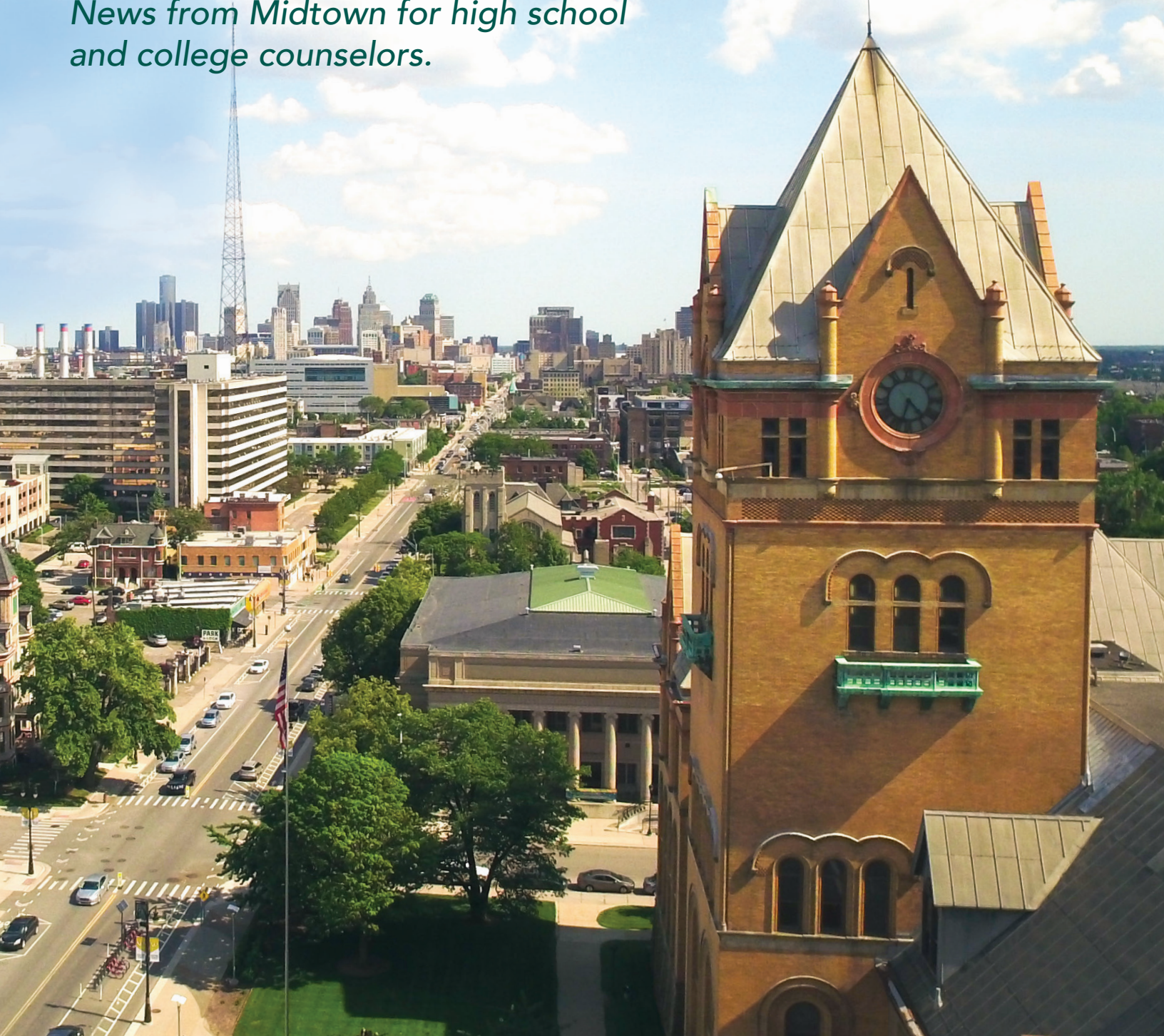




Wayne State Update

SPECIAL SPRING 2020 EDITION

*News from Midtown for high school
and college counselors.*



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Managing the application



Wayne State University encourages students to utilize the features offered by Slate, the leading college application management system. By logging in to the individualized student portal, applicants can:



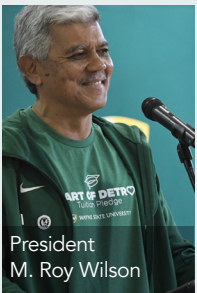
- View application status
- View missing required items
- Make a deposit
- Complete supplemental applications
- Download a copy of the application for admission

Slate also offers features for high school and independent counselors, as well as community-based organizations, to schedule visits with college representatives, check in on where students are in the application process and securely submit application materials.

For more information or to get started, visit slate.org.



Regional impact leads to award



Wayne State University was named Detroit Regional Chamber Member of the Month for December 2019. This honor recognizes the

university's innovative approach to expanding opportunities for postsecondary degree completion in Detroit and across the region, as well as the exceptional leadership of President M. Roy Wilson. Wilson also received "The Daniel Little Award" for his profound commitment to better serving his students.

Wayne State has long sought to make a university education accessible for all students, with initiatives such as the Wayne ACCESS Program, Heart of Detroit Tuition Pledge and the Warrior Way Back debt-forgiveness program, along with myriad merit- and need-based scholarships and aid awards.



Students at Communication and Media Arts High School celebrate the announcement of Wayne State's Heart of Detroit Tuition Pledge in October 2019.



Virtual campus visit

Virtual, student-led campus tours are available any time of day.

Visit go.wayne.edu/e-visit to see all that Wayne State has to offer, from the comfort of your own home.

WSU's commitment to education, workforce initiatives earns national honor

For the second year in a row, Wayne State University has received an award from the Association of Public Land-grant Universities (APLU), this time for its efforts to improve citywide workforce participation rates and increase the proportion of individuals with high-skill credentials and college degrees.

"Wayne State University is driving an education and talent-development agenda that paves the way for students to earn their degrees and equip Michigan with a 21st-century workforce," said Wayne State President M. Roy Wilson. "Students, graduates, long-term residents and prospective residents want more than just a degree. They want safe and prosperous neighborhoods where they can study, live, create homes and raise families. We are honored to receive the APLU's Innovation & Economic Prosperity Talent award for our continued efforts."

This award comes on the heels of an APLU Degree Completion Award in 2018, for the institution's initiatives to increase student success and improve graduation rates.



The APLU awards are among other recent notable accomplishments at Wayne State that include:

Posting the largest six-year graduation rate improvement in the nation in 2018 — increasing to 47% from 26% — while the African American graduation rate almost tripled.

Increasing extramural research awards to \$260 million, the highest in university history.

Enrolling the largest full-time freshman class in Wayne State's history, while most other Michigan public universities experienced a decrease in enrollment.



Think like a lawyer with new law minor

Wayne State University Law School, in partnership with the Mike Ilitch School of Business, the School of Social Work, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, launched a minor in law program in winter 2020.

This program develops in students the skills traditionally associated with "thinking like a lawyer" — logical and critical thinking, oral and written communication, and reading comprehension and analysis. By doing so, it prepares them for

the increasing number of desirable career opportunities with some legal component or nexus — like jobs in state and local government, immigration, human resources, compliance, and advocacy. It also gives students who might be curious about a legal education a chance to get their feet wet with actual law classes designed specifically for undergraduates.

Three law minors will be available to undergraduate students — one through the Mike Ilitch School of

Business, one through the School of Social Work, and one through the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Each will involve the same three core courses in law taught by Wayne Law professors, but will have other course requirements that vary depending on the minor.

For more information about the program and the three different minors, visit go.wayne.edu/lawminor or contact the program's director, Professor Christopher C. Lund, at lund@wayne.edu.



Resources for parents and students

Wayne State has numerous resources available for parents and students to help them through the college enrollment process under these unique circumstances.



WISR allows newly admitted students to connect with current WSU students serving as peer mentors. This interactive online platform creates a personalized experience by combining one-on-one and community engagement opportunities through instant messaging, message boards, and both live and pre-recorded video. Admitted students will receive an email invitation to join the platform.



Parent e-newsletters are sent monthly to foster the connection between families and campus. In addition to university news, the newsletter includes information about university events that are open to families. Parents can sign up at go.wayne.edu/parent-newsletter.



AdmitHub is a responsive chatbot that engages with current and admitted students. It has been updated regarding COVID-19 to better respond to students' text messages. Admitted students will receive messages to the cellphone number they provided.



Temporary changes to make enrollment for fall 2020 easier:

- The enrollment deposit deadline has been extended from May 1 to June 1 to provide more time for families to make decisions about the upcoming school year.
- The community college transfer scholarship deadline is June 30 for fall 2020 transfer students.
- For new fall 2020 freshman applicants unable to take the SAT or ACT due to COVID-19, Wayne State has instituted a test-optional admissions policy. Additional information can be found at go.wayne.edu/test-optional.
- Transfer applicants with fewer than 24 transferrable hours can submit screenshots of their SAT or ACT score reports and unofficial transcripts through their application status portal until official documents are available.
- Expanded online services bridge the gap left by the cancellation of in-person visits and events. Students can visit go.wayne.edu/e-visit to sign up for virtual student panels, Next Steps for Admitted Freshmen webinars and more.



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