Wayne State University was pleased to welcome President M. Roy Wilson, M.D., M.S., when he took office on August 1. He was elected in June by the Board of Governors to become the university’s 12th president, succeeding Allan Gilmour upon his retirement.

Wilson has served in high-level leadership roles at the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities of the National Institutes of Health, Creighton University’s School of Medicine, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, University of Colorado Denver, University of Colorado Hospital, and Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science.

“I am grateful the board has asked me to serve as president, and I am honored to accept this great responsibility,” said Wilson. “Higher education is evolving rapidly, with many changes and challenges, both now and into the future. Wayne State University has a history of excellence and opportunity, and we must lead the way. I see my job as bringing us all together to build upon a rich legacy, and to position us for a successful future for the sake of our students, faculty, staff and friends, and the community and state we serve.”

Scholarships available
Wayne State offers a range of scholarships to incoming freshmen. For details about eligibility, visit scholarships.wayne.edu. Students are encouraged to apply by Dec. 1 for optimal consideration.

Great Lakes tuition award announced
As of fall 2013, residents of a state or province bordering a Great Lake will enjoy in-state tuition at only 10% above resident rates — a savings of thousands of dollars each semester.

Degree-seeking students from Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Ontario, Pennsylvania or Wisconsin can find details at admissions.wayne.edu.

WSU welcomes national student researchers
In June, professors in Wayne State University’s Department of Physics kicked off WSU’s only National Science Foundation-funded Research Experience for Undergraduates program. This program gives 10 undergraduates from across the country the opportunity to do cutting-edge research in astrophysics, and in particle and nuclear physics. Students work with WSU faculty mentors on campus or at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Illinois.
Phi Beta Kappa grows by leaps and bounds

During the 2012-13 academic year, the Phi Beta Kappa national academic honors society inducted 89 students into its Wayne State chapter. Students are eligible to be invited into this elite group beginning in their junior year.

Founded in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa is the nation’s oldest honor society and celebrates excellence in the liberal arts and sciences. The group sponsors activities to advance these studies — the humanities, the social sciences and the natural sciences — in higher education and in society at large. There are more than half a million members at approximately 280 colleges and universities across the country.

Gold ‘n’ Greens continues to serve up smiles

Wayne State’s newest all-you-care-to-eat dining facility, Gold ‘n’ Greens, features urban fresh cuisine that is 100 percent vegetarian and certified kosher-dairy. Considering WSU’s diverse student body, it’s no wonder that during its first year on campus, Gold ‘n’ Greens quickly became one of the most popular eateries around. Vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free choices are available — all prepared fresh and sure to please.

“We wanted to update the dining facility in the Yousif B. Ghafari Hall because it had operated under the same concept for 10 years,” said Tim Michael, associate vice president of business operations at Wayne State. “People like food that’s made from scratch, and they know that kosher food is rigorously inspected. When you combine that with the vegetarian element, it provides a popular and healthy addition to campus.”

WSU adopts eighth grade wing at Burton International Academy

In June, it was announced that the WSU Office of Undergraduate Admissions had partnered with Burton International Academy’s counseling department to adopt its middle school wing.

The university will provide mentors to eighth grade students, as well as college and career information, field trips to WSU’s campus, parent meetings, and classroom visits for Burton’s graduating middle school students for the 2013-14 school year.

“Having support from Wayne State is helpful for the students,” said Micah Shannon, a Burton International graduate who will attend Cass Technical High School in the fall. “It’s inspiring. This will help them with their education by showing them what college courses are like.”

LaJoyce Brown, interim senior director of undergraduate admissions and orientation, offered words of encouragement to seventh and eighth grade students during the ribbon-cutting ceremony: “Success comes before work only in the dictionary,” she said. “I encourage you to strive for excellence, do your best in the classroom, dream big and know that Wayne State University is excited to be a part of your future so that you can be all that you can be.”

Interested in doing the same at your school? Write to Brown at lajoyce@wayne.edu.

Kicking off fall with football

The 2013 home opener will be the first night football game at Adams Field, beginning what is expected to be a favorite annual event. Community members are invited to come cheer as the Wayne State Warriors take on defending GLIAC Champion Ashland University on Saturday, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m.

The Warrior football team reached the 2011 national championship game and posted a school record 12 wins that season. Both the Warriors and Ashland have qualified for the NCAA playoffs over the last two years, so it should be a good matchup. Join the fun with tailgating, giveaways and great college football in Midtown.