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Upcoming Events for Wayne State Alumni

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## Commencement Returns to Wayne State Campus

Wayne State will host [commencement ceremonies](#) on the football field May 6, the first time in 80 years the celebration will take place on main campus.

The event will be part of an annual ceremony that will take place of the twice-a-year ceremonies that previously were held at Cobo Hall. Approximately 1,500 graduates and their family members are expected to attend the May ceremony. Commencement activities for the Law School and School of Medicine will continue to be held separately off campus.

A university-wide committee in December submitted a formal proposal recommending the changes to President Irvin D. Reid. The committee included representation from across the university, including the Department of Athletics, Registrar, Special Events and Services, Facilities Planning and Management, and Alumni Affairs.

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## March 2006

### [Alumni Association Events](#)

#### **Chrysler Hot Rods Exhibit**

March 18

Walter P. Chrysler Museum

#### **CareerBoost! 12**

March 21

McGregor Memorial  
Conference Center

#### **Alumni Matinee**

March 26

Hilberry Theatre

#### **CareerBoost! 13**

April 20

McGregor Memorial  
Conference Center

### [Theater Events](#)

#### ***Electra***

Through March 23  
Hilberry Theatre

#### ***Sly Fox***

Through March 30  
Hilberry Theatre

#### ***Antony and Cleopatra***

## Tour the Islands of New England With the Alumni Association

Explore the Islands of New England, a region bound by common history, culture, sensibilities and unique style, with the alumni association's [Green & Gold Getaways](#) travel program.

In Boston visit the Freedom Trail, Paul Revere House and the JFK Library. Spend time in Martha's Vineyard, which offers a charming tour of its picturesque towns and Victorian "gingerbread" cottages. You also will have the opportunity to visit Hyannis, the summer residence of the famous Kennedy family, and Newport, R.I., America's first resort town.

The [alumni association travel program](#) offers tours to destinations throughout the world. To see a complete list of 2006 tours, [click here](#).

The tour takes place July 22-28. The cost is \$1,769 and includes airfare.

To request a brochure or more information, call (313) 577-2306 or [click here](#).

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## Detroit Zoo Features High-Tech Family Fun

Bring your family to the [Detroit Zoo](#), where you will enjoy a tour of the new Ford Education Center and learn about wildlife and conservation in a variety of fun and innovative ways.

The [alumni association](#) event takes place at 2 p.m. on April 8.

Enjoy hands-on activities and a virtual voyage through the center's four Interpretive Studios that simulate the jungle, a polar atmosphere, wetlands and rainforests. This vivid recreation of ecosystems uses multimedia projections and environmental controls to show how animals live in their natural habitats.

The cost for the event is \$20 for [alumni association](#) members, \$25 for non-members and \$15 for children 12 and under.

[Click here](#) to make a reservation or call (313) 577-2300.

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## Opera House Plays Host to Alumni Events

The Detroit Opera House will roll out the red carpet to alumni and friends during two upcoming events.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the [Detroit Opera House](#), and to celebrate this milestone is an elaborate new production of Verdi's *AIDA*, hailed as the most popular of the grand operas.

March 3-May 4  
Hilberry Theatre

### ***Othello***

March 3-5 and  
March 10-12  
Bonstelle Theatre

### ***The Inspector General***

April 7-May 13  
Hilberry Theatre

### ***Little Shop of Horrors***

April 21-23 and  
April 28-30  
Bonstelle Theatre

### ***Proof***

April 13-15 and  
April 20-22  
Studio Theatre

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## **Dance Events**

### **77th Annual Spring Dance Gala Concert**

March 30  
Detroit Film Theatre at the  
DIA

### **WSU Dance Umbrella**

April 20-23  
Maggie Allesee Studio  
Theatre/Old Main

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## **Music Events**

### **Verdi's *Messe da Requiem***

featuring the  
WSU Symphonic Chorus  
March 10  
Cathedral of the Most  
Blessed Sacrament  
March 12

Join the [alumni association](#) for a rare look behind the scenes at the Detroit Opera House at 10:30 a.m. on April 22.

You'll walk center stage to see the *AIDA*'s towering sets and venture backstage to visit the new costume design shop, wig and makeup studios, rehearsal studio and chorus room.

Tickets are \$10 for [alumni association](#) members and \$15 for non-members.

The third annual Opera Night Gala, which includes gourmet dinner at the Detroit Athletic Club and main-floor tickets to *AIDA*, will take place at 6 p.m. on April 28.

The cost for the event is \$145 for members and \$150 for non-members. Those who purchase tickets for this event may reserve tickets for the behind the scenes tour at no additional cost.

To make a reservation for either event, [click here](#) or call (313) 577-2300.

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### Join President Reid at Las Vegas Brunch

The [Wayne State University Alumni Association](#) will host a reunion March 19 in Las Vegas for area alumni and friends.

Meet President Irvin D. Reid and reconnect with Las Vegas-area alumni during a Sunday brunch at the [Canyon Gate Country Club](#).

The event begins at 11:30 a.m. and is \$20 per person. Make reservations before March 15 by calling (866) 7-ALUMNI or registering online at [www.alumni.wayne.edu/events](http://www.alumni.wayne.edu/events).

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### Graduate School Offers Open Houses

Learn about the master's degree you always wanted and apply for admission at no charge at Wayne State's Graduate School Open Houses this month. Each open house is from 3-7 p.m.

March 7 - Oakland Center, Farmington Hills

March 8 - Macomb Center, Macomb Community College University Center

March 9 - Welcome Center, Wayne State Main Campus

Admissions and program representatives will be on hand to review applications and advise applicants. The \$50 application fee will be waived for on-site participants. The Graduate School offers more than 60 doctoral degrees, 130 master's degrees and 30 certificate, specialist and professional programs. [Click here](#) for an application.

To make a reservation online, [click here](#) or call (313) 577-3577.

### Orchestra Hall

#### Tribute to Stan Kenton: WSU Jazz Lab Band I

March 28

Schaver Music Recital Hall

#### Celebrating the Birth of Mozart: University Orchestra and Symphonic Chorus

April 17

Community Arts Auditorium

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### Sports Events

#### Baseball Home Games

Ashland  
April 5

Hillsdale  
April 8-9

Saginaw Valley  
April 12

Grand Valley  
April 22-23

Northwood  
April 29-30

#### Softball Home Games

Gannon  
April 8

Mercyhurst  
April 9

Lake Superior State  
April 13

Northwood

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### Hot Rods Drive New Chrysler Museum Exhibit

Explore the [Walter P. Chrysler Museum's](#) all-new *Hot Rods Cool Mods* exhibit, which spotlights more than two dozen exquisitely crafted vehicles spanning 70 years.

The [alumni association](#) event begins at 2 p.m. on March 18.

The collection of hot rods, rat rods, resto rods, tuners and blinged vehicles salutes the Chrysler designs that over the years have inspired enthusiasts. Following a brief introduction and movie presentation highlighting Chrysler's dynamic automotive heritage, alumni and friends will enjoy a guided tour of the expansive three-level facility. Light refreshments will be served.

The event is \$15 for [alumni association members](#), \$20 for non-members and \$10 for children 12 and under. For reservations, call (313) 577-2300 or visit [www.alumni.wayne.edu/events](http://www.alumni.wayne.edu/events).

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### Hilberry Sets the Stage for Alumni Matinee

Alumni and friends are invited to a special 2 p.m. matinee showing of *Sly Fox* on March 26 at the [Hilberry Theatre](#).

The event includes a Champagne reception with an array of gourmet cookies and truffles in the lobby during intermission. The cost of the play and reception is \$15 for alumni association members and \$20 for non-members.

To make reservations for this [alumni association](#) event, call (313) 577-2300 or [click here](#).

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### Recent Grads Get a Boost from CareerBoost! Workshops

Get a boost with CareerBoost! this spring.

Hosted by the [Recent Alumni Committee](#), CareerBoost! is geared toward alumni and friends who have graduated in the past 10 years.

April 14

Saginaw Valley  
April 15

Hillsdale  
April 18

### Men's Tennis Home Matches

Michigan Tech  
April 8

Lake Superior State  
April 9

Northwood  
April 15

Each CareerBoost! begins with a networking reception and light refreshments at 5:30 p.m., followed by the seminar at 6 p.m., at the McGregor Memorial Conference Center on Wayne State's main campus.

Upcoming CareerBoost! events include:

**CareerBoost! 12: "Financial Planning for Life"**

Getting married, buying your dream car, paying off your college loans or saving for your child's education? Come to this seminar to ensure that your short- and long-term financial goals will be reached. The seminar includes a presentation by MB2 Financial.  
Tuesday, March 21

**CareerBoost! 13: "Strategies for Getting Promoted" - Co-sponsored by the College of Business Alumni Association**

Thursday, April 20

The cost for each CareerBoost! workshop is \$20 for [alumni association](#) members and \$25 for non-members.

For more information [click here](#) or call (313) 577-2300.

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### **Attend a Constituent Group Event**

Alumni association members receive free membership in up to three affiliate alumni associations, which host a number of events throughout the year:

- Wayne State will sponsor the 2006 College Hockey America Tournament March 9-12 at the Michigan State Fairgrounds Coliseum in Detroit. A reception will be held March 11 for [alumni association](#) members.

Tickets start at \$10. Call (866) WSU-TIKS or [click here](#) for details.

- The [College of Education Alumni Association](#) will offer an Educational Trends Forum on March 21. The topic, "Challenging Excellence: Educational Best Practices," will be presented by Dr. Jeff Radwanski from the Skillman Foundation.

The event is free, but reservations are required. To make a reservation, call (313) 577-1605.

- Join Wayne State's [Fine Performing and Communication Arts Alumni Association](#) for a performance of *Sly Fox* followed by an afterglow event featuring beverages and appetizers at the newly re-opened Twingo's Euro Café on March 11.

Tickets are \$55 and a portion of the cost will benefit the group's scholarship fund. To make a reservation, call (313) 577-2306 or [click here](#).

- The [Women of Wayne](#) Eastern Region presents a Salute to Phenomenal

Women through an inspiring one-woman show by Margaret O'Rourke-Kelly, Ph.D., on March 18 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

The event begins at noon and is \$16 per person. Make reservations before March 10 by calling (313) 884-3049.

For more information on constituent groups, or to join the alumni association, [click here](#).

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### **Wayne State and Local Musicians will Perform Verdi Classic**

The [Wayne State University Symphonic Chorus](#), under the direction of Norah Duncan IV, the Archdiocesan Festival Chorus and the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra, will host a special performance of Giuseppe Verdi's *Messa da Requiem* on March 10 at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit.

The concert, presented by the Cathedral Cultural Series, is a part of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Parish of the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. show are \$10 and can be purchased at <http://CathedralConcerts.Tix.com> or by calling (800) 595-4TIX.

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### **Religious Studies Program Holds 4th Annual Conference**

The [Religious Studies program](#) at Wayne State will hold its 4th annual conference on April 21. This year's theme is Religion and Science.

Professor Edward Davis of Messiah College in Pennsylvania, keynote speaker at the conference, will address one of the year's most debated issues: religion vs. science and the teaching of evolution in public schools.

The conference will bring together Wayne State faculty from both the humanities and science departments. Presentations will be offered by members of the English, geology, philosophy and biology departments.

The conference will begin at 9:15 a.m. in Bernath Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

For information contact Ken Jackson, associate professor of English and director of the Religious Studies program at (313) 577-7717 or [Jacksken@aol.com](mailto:Jacksken@aol.com).

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## Participants Needed for Rheumatoid Arthritis Study

Researchers at Wayne State are conducting a study of pain and stress management for rheumatoid arthritis. The study is funded by the [National Institutes of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal, and Skin Diseases](#).

Adults with rheumatoid arthritis are needed for a study of pain and stress management. The study will test the health benefits of a brief writing exercise followed by an eight-session class. Health evaluations will occur before and several times after the intervention. Study participants can be paid up to \$215 for the evaluations.

The study will be conducted at Wayne State's main campus and suburban locations.

For more information, [click here](#) or call (313) 577-2773.

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## Join or Renew your Alumni Association Membership

It's a great time to be an alumni association member!

Join or renew your membership to the [Wayne State University Alumni Association](#) and take advantage of group discounts, travel opportunities, member-only communications and more. For a membership application, [click here](#) or call (313) 577-2300.

Here's a look at the many benefits of being an alumni association member:

- Free subscription to the award-winning [Wayne State magazine](#).
- Free Wayne State application for you, your spouse or dependents (except for applications to the Law School or School of Medicine).
- Free membership in your school/college/program or interest alumni group.
- Leisure discounts for the Renaissance Center Marriott, Courtyard by Marriott, Choice hotels, Garland and Bird Creek golf clubs, and many others.
- Insurance at group rates with companies such as Liberty Mutual and other life, auto and medical insurance plans.
- Waived initiation fees to the Skyline and Renaissance clubs.
- Discounted membership to Wayne State's recreation and fitness center, and free use of the Matthaei Athletics Complex during recreation hours.
- Discounts to the Bonstelle, Hilberry and other university venues,

as well as 30 percent discount on books published by the Wayne State University Press.

- Special alumni association OneCard with hundreds of discounts and access to a variety of campus services, such as the libraries, parking and bookstore. [Click here](#) for details.
- Opportunities to travel at group rates with the alumni association.
- Member-price admission for events featured in the alumni association's [special events newsletter](#).
- Much, much more!

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