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MISSION

Working within the Strategic Plan of The University of Akron, Wayne College provides high quality, accessible credit and noncredit educational opportunities to the citizens of Wayne, Medina, and Holmes counties, and is a partner with and a resource for the communities and organizations it serves.

VISION

Wayne College will be recognized within The University of Akron, the College's service area, and among two-year colleges in the State of Ohio as a center of excellence for teaching and learning. It will be acknowledged via outcome measures and accrediting agencies for the high quality of its teaching, programs, services, and facilities. And, while it effectively utilizes appropriate technology and instructional strategies, Wayne College will continue to provide a teaching-learning environment in which "Where the Student Comes First" remains the chief guiding principle.

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The Dean's Notes



Interim Dean
Neil Sapienza

The primary missions of Wayne College are to provide educational opportunities to the citizens of Wayne, Medina, and Holmes counties and to partner with and be a resource for the communities and organizations that we serve. In the summer 2012 issue of *Insight* I indicated that, in an effort to more effectively and efficiently meet the ever evolving needs of the students and communities that we serve, we would be seeking opportunities to engage with you, our community partners, in new and transformative ways. Toward that end, I invite and encourage you to become more connected to Wayne College by sharing your ideas, thoughts, and recommendations directly with me at nbs@uakron.edu. Your input will help frame our planning for the future of Wayne College.

As an example of how the needs of the community drive our curriculum, we are pleased to report that, beginning spring 2013, Wayne College will be offering several upper level social work courses, with plans to make the Bachelor of Social Work degree available to students at Wayne College starting 2013-2014. This curriculum enhancement is the direct result of input from our students and our community partners who continue to

help define our path forward as we strive to support the continued economic growth of our region.

I recognize that Wayne College is a small part of broad based and deeply rooted regional efforts to assure the educational readiness of all citizens. These efforts begin with daily engagement at home and within the community, focused on preparing our children to enter and succeed in pre-elementary and elementary schools and ideally continue along an educational path that instills an appreciation for and commitment to lifelong learning. The successes of our communities are directly linked to the educational readiness of our citizens, their readiness to succeed at every level of schooling and their educational readiness to succeed as valued contributors in the workplace.

This fall I will be reaching out to community, civic, education, and business leaders seeking new opportunities to collaborate in our efforts to identify and eliminate obstacles that prevent children and young adults from achieving educational readiness and to explore new ways to further facilitate student preparedness. To learn more about these efforts as they move forward, please email me and we will add you to our educational readiness database. I look forward to hearing from you.

Dr. Dan Deckler Named Interim Associate Dean of Wayne College



The University of Akron Wayne College is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Dan Deckler to the position of interim associate dean.

Dan has been a professor at Wayne College since 1991, teaching the first two years of mechanical, electrical and civil engineering classes. He also served as the director of faculty at Wayne College from 2004 to 2006.

Dan earned his bachelor's degree in engineering from Ohio Northern University and his master's and doctoral degrees in engineering from The University of Akron.

Following graduation from Ohio Northern University in 1985, Dan worked as an engineer in the private sector for a number of years, working at The Timken Company and Loral Defense Systems.

Dan is a member of several engineering societies including the engineering honor society Tau Beta Pi. He is also the author of the book *Six Minute Solutions for Mechanical PE Exam Thermal and Fluids Systems Problems*.

In his new role of interim associate dean, Dan will be providing leadership and supervision to full-time faculty as well as to the office of academic affairs, the library, continuing education and workforce development and institutional research. He will also be collaborating in the development of course schedules and overseeing academic programming.

"We are very thankful to Dan for taking on this very important transitional role at Wayne College," says Neil Sapienza, interim dean of Wayne College. "Dan is a well-respected and experienced member of the College team, and I know he will do an excellent job in this administrative capacity."

Upcoming Events

October

- 20 Arthritis Expo • 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. • SLB109
- 22 Spring Semester 2013 In-person registration begins
- 22 Open House • 6-8 p.m. • SLB
- 23 Retirement Planning Today Workshop
6:30-9:30 p.m. • A-135
- 23 Candidates' Night • 7-9 p.m. • SLB109

November

- 2-3 Shakespeare Festival
- 5 Fireside Readers Group: *A Train in Winter: A Story of Resistance, Friendship and Survival* by Caroline Moorehead • 7 p.m.
- 12 Veteran's Day – Staff Holiday – classes held
- 22-25 Thanksgiving Recess – College closed
(Holiday begins at 5 p.m., Wed., November 21)
- 26 Classes resume from Thanksgiving recess

December

- 3 Life Share Blood Drive • 12:30-6:30 p.m.
- 3 Fireside Readers Group: *In a Sunburned Country* by Bill Bryson • 7 p.m. • Community Room
- 5 Orrville Young Professionals Development Luncheon • 12-1:30 p.m.
- 14 Fall Commencement • 7 p.m.
- 24-25 Christmas Holiday – College closed

January

- 1 New Year's Holiday – College closed
- 14 Spring semester classes begin
- 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – College closed

February

- 4 Fireside Readers Group: TBD
- 5 American Red Cross Blood Drive • 12-6 p.m.
- TBD Summer Session 2012 registration begins
- 19 President's Day – No classes – College open
- 28 Poetry, Prose and Acoustical Jam • 7:30 p.m.

Save these Dates!



Wayne County Arthritis Expo

Saturday, Oct. 20 • 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Student Life Building

Learn the latest news about osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, joint replacement, assistive technology and universal design. Exercise demonstration. Exhibits. Door prize. **Free and open to the public, however pre-registration is required.** Register online at <http://waynecountyexpo.kintera.org/> or call 1-800-245-2275, ext. 6438.

Open House

Monday, Oct. 22 • 6-8 p.m.

Student Life Building

Whether you're in high school, considering a transfer to another school, or an adult thinking of continuing your education, you can learn about college admissions, financial aid, degree options, and much more. **Reservations required by Oct. 15.** Register online at <https://wayne.uakron.edu/webforms/rsvp/open-house.dot>

Candidates' Night

Tuesday, Oct. 23 • 7-9 p.m.

Student Life Building

Local and state candidates will present their views and answer audience questions. **Free and open to the public.** Presented by the League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

14th Annual Shakespeare Festival

Friday-Saturday, Nov. 2-3 • 7:30 p.m.

Student Life Building

The professional performing troupe, the American Shakespeare Center on Tour, presents their 2012-13 Tempt Me Further Tour featuring *Twelfth Night* on Friday and *Love's Labour's Lost* on Saturday. Tickets are \$10 for adults, and \$5 for students. Dinner and a Show Option available. Enjoy an Elizabethan-themed dinner in the Marketplace at 6 p.m. Reservations required before Oct. 18. Tickets \$25 adults and \$20 students. Show tickets may be purchased in advance at the Cashier's Office at the College or at the door the night of each show. Charge by phone at 1-800-221-8308 or 330-684-8932. To learn more about the American Shakespeare Center on Tour, visit <http://americanshakespearecenter.com>.

Did You Know. . .

Wayne College awarded 203 scholarships totaling just over \$220,000 for the 2012/2013 year.

These totals do not include our second chance awarding for spring only. There are another 37 students receiving \$17,700.

This year we had our highest number of scholarship applications!

Celebrating Our 40th – Honoring the Founders

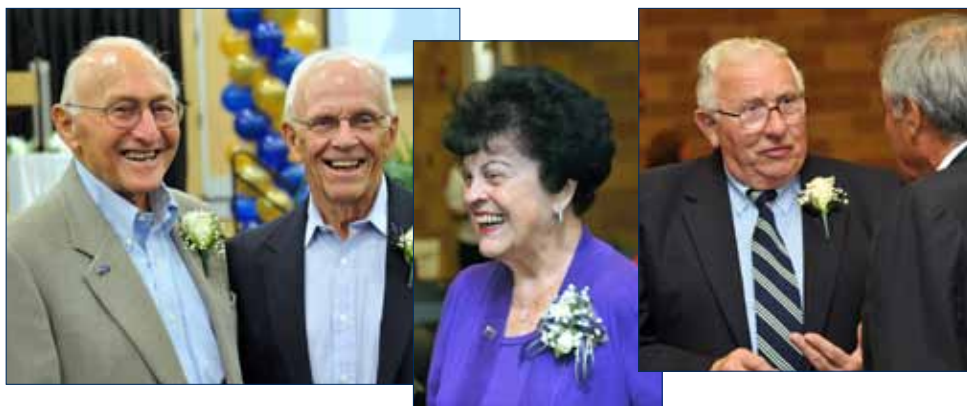
There are many ways to give to Wayne College, but during this 40th anniversary year, you may want to consider honoring our founders by giving to the Wayne College Founders Scholarship.

The Founders Scholarship was established in 1998 to make educational opportunities available to more students in our local community and to honor the vision and effort put forth by the founders of the College. Thirty-four **Founding Leaders** provided the initiative, leadership and planning to help encourage the Ohio Board of Regents to establish a University of Akron branch campus in Wayne County. Another 450-plus **Founding Benefactors**, comprised of individuals

and businesses, contributed through the “Be a Founder” fundraising effort to help secure land and create initial and ongoing scholarships. The fruit of their labor was finally seen on September 25, 1972, on the first day of classes at Wayne. The Founders Scholarship gives many awards every year of \$1,000 to full-time students and \$500 to part-time students.

Checks may be made out to Wayne College with ‘Wayne Founders Scholarship’ written in the memo. You may also give online at <http://wayne.uakron.edu/supportus/>

If you have questions, please contact Kevin Engle, assistant to the dean-development, at (330) 684-8948.



From left to right, Wayne College Founders Tony Yonto and Bob Hershey; Founder Norma Amstutz; Founder John E. Johnson has a conversation with President Proenza.

Enhanced digital content available at
<http://wayne.uakron.edu/community/>



Retired Wayne College employee of 35 years, Phyllis Wiebe, dedicating a time capsule to be opened in 2047.

Founder John Kropf in conversation with Provost Mike Sherman.



Karl Stroh, first graduate of Wayne College and University President Luis Proenza unveil the Founders plaque.



Aultman Orrville Hospital CEO, Dr. Marchelle Suppan, reflecting on being a student at Wayne College on its opening day in 1972.



Zippy poses with past and present Wayne College employees: Lou Janelle retired, Cher Deeds and Bill Fisher.

Wayne College – Completing a Perfect Circle



Jenni Ruesser, President of the Orrville Area Chamber of Commerce, speaking at Wayne College's 40th Anniversary Celebration.

I didn't realize until I attended the wonderful 40th anniversary celebration for Wayne College that I had been a small part of the very early seedling years. In '66 and '67 I attended summer courses held at Orrville High School,

earning credits from Kent State and The University of Akron. It was a great opportunity in many ways, but for me it mainly meant that I could finish my degree at Ohio State ahead of schedule and get married. Indeed the plan worked well and I had my bachelor's degree prior to our summer 1968 wedding.

My husband and I returned to live in Orrville in 1970. By then the seeds were being planted for the future UA branch campus. I'd have to say that, having grown up in Orrville, I wasn't surprised to see how many of our citizens were taking an active role in proving that this was the best location. The culture of team work and coming together for the good of all was something that had been ingrained in me since childhood. I enjoyed watching it come to fruition once again as a young adult.

It's easy for me to recall the day we all gathered on folding chairs to watch the ribbon cutting in 1972 for Wayne General & Technical College. I was eight months pregnant for one thing, but it was the pride and excitement of the community that made this an event not to miss. We were there with my parents, who had donated to the project and had been cheering the founders on I am sure. Seeing this all happen no doubt confirmed for us that we had made the right decision in returning home to settle in and raise our family.

Since that time I have been at Wayne College on many occasions.

While I never took a credit course, I have always been there learning something. The college has given me the opportunity to attend sporting events, banquets, trade shows, Shakespeare festivals, exercise classes, Toastmaster meetings, social events, concerts, lectures, and graduations. Wayne College has offered so much to not only the students, but also to everyone in the community through the wide range of programs and events it has offered over forty years.

It was a most humbling experience for me to be a part of the 40th anniversary celebration. As I watched the photos of the people who made it happen, I was overwhelmed by the way they have touched my life. In 1972, I might have predicted that I would end up with three children and eight grandchildren forty years later, but I would never have dreamed that I could touch the greatness of those leaders.

In my role at the Chamber, I have had the privilege of working with many of the movers and shakers from the College. Dean Jack Kristofco and I sat down on many occasions to talk about further connecting the community and the College. Interim Dean Paulette Popovich played a very significant role on the Chamber Board by introducing us to the Communities of Choice concept which has since guided many of our decisions. In fact, that was what began our series of discussions that eventually

led to Orrville's new slogan, "Where Progress and Tradition Meet." Now Interim Dean Neil Sapienza has stepped into our world, and I have to say that I was immediately impressed with how well he learned to know Orrville, almost overnight. I certainly look forward to working with him.

However, I do believe that the most significant gift that the college has given the Chamber is the role they have played in developing and guiding our Leadership Orrville program. Interim Dean Bob McElwee was the first to step forward in 2003, bringing his great wisdom, experience and expertise to help us develop a most wonderful and worthwhile leadership training curriculum. He brought along Amy Mast, director of continuing education and workforce development, who continues to advise and guide our decisions. Between them they have given us countless hours of facilitation expertise and professional guidance that have helped us graduate over 150 people who go forth better equipped to lead in their places of business, volunteer organizations and at home.

What a perfect circle that creates! Isn't that what it's all about? Those founding leaders planted the seeds for this great college, which in turn educates all of us to follow in their footsteps.

Congratulations, Wayne College! I am honored to know you.

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<http://wayne.uakron.edu/community/>

Wayne College Celebrates 40 years

Scores gather to reminisce, show support

By LINDA HALL Staff Writer
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WOOSTER -- What was once a potato field is now a thriving educational facility. Forty years since its inception, founders, supporters, alumni and friends gathered on Sept. 7 at Wayne College to celebrate its meaning to the community and their own lives.



"It's a good day in so many ways," said Luis M. Proenza, president of The University of Akron, commemorating 1972 as the year "a different kind of seed" was planted,

"accomplishing so much more" than could have been imagined.

William M. Sherman, the senior vice president, provost and COO of The University of Akron, called Wayne College "a gateway of economic prosperity," whose founders "knew what a college education could do" and "held fast ... to make a dream like this a reality."

"Our students receive a world-class education in their own backyard," Sherman said, making "the Akron experience" available locally.

Wayne College had 900 students in 1982, just a decade after its founding, more than 2,500 by 2011, "and even more in 2012," Sherman said.

To Wayne College's founders, supporters and their families, Neil Sapienza, the interim dean of Wayne College, extended his appreciation for "significant, often life-changing" contributions to the lives of thousands of students over the last four decades.

"I don't know of any other college that can boast they have over 400 founders," Sapienza said, recognizing the assistance of hundreds of people in addition to the 34 primary Wayne College establishers.

"They imagined a brighter future for this entire region," he said.

Many of those most closely associated with the birth of the branch campus shared their sentiments via video and from among the audience.

"Akron University was willing to go the whole route to get a branch," attorney John Johnson said.

"It was just a total community effort," said R. Victor Dix, publisher emeritus of The Daily Record.

David Noble credited his father,

businessman Don Noble, with compelling interest in the economic development in Wayne County and in making workforce education "available to as many people as possible."

"The very day it was open was a momentous occasion, said Marchelle Suppan, CEO of Dunlap Community Hospital, recalling "a special memory."

"Back in 1972, there were not a lot of barrier-free buildings at that time," she said; but Wayne College not only was beautiful, it was also "100 percent barrier-free," able to be navigated on their own by those needing handicap-accessibility.

"(That) made (a) tremendous impact on me," she said.

Wayne College was a milestone for Lydia Stahl, executive director of People to People Ministries, recounting her memories for guests.

As the first member of her family to attend college, she found Wayne College "affordably priced, close to home, and the professors made it just like family," she said.

One of the courses she took was public speaking.

"Look -- it pays off," she quipped, noting, seriously, "Some of these classes last a lifetime."

"I was not prepared I was going to be emotional," said Jenni Reusser, president of the Orrville Area Chamber of Commerce, expressing pride in the community of Orrville.

"I was so happy to take summer courses, get my (Ohio State University) degree early, get a job and support my husband, Paul (through college)," Reusser said.

Reusser recalled the ribbon cutting for Wayne College she saw from her spot on its front lawn.

"I remember the excitement of that day," she said.

The branch's location in Orrville was "a big deal in the papers and community conversation," Reusser said.

Its not just the academic curriculum that makes Wayne College an asset, but also the community events, including concerts, banquets, book studies and other enriching opportunities, she pointed out.

"I have been educated in many ways through The University of Akron Wayne College," Reusser said.

Lynn Moomaw, director of operations and adult education at the Wayne County Schools Career Center, discussed the link between the Career Center and Wayne College, personally commending the branch for being "user-friendly,"

with a "quality of instruction (that is) exceptional. I always felt I had a very good value for my education."

"We've been able to save thousands of dollars having staff trained there," said Suppan.

Wayne College is "a huge addition to the quality of life in Wayne and Holmes counties," said Glenda Lehman-Ervin.

"I don't know too many places in the nation that can do that in a community like this," said Wayne County Commissioner Scott Wiggam, referring to the ability to attend a quality high school, get a degree in an institution like Wayne College, and then go to work in a Fortune 500 company.

Phyllis Wiebe, retired after 35 years with Wayne College, helped fill a time capsule to be opened in 2047 with items including a flash drive, a 40th anniversary T-shirt, tie-dyed to represent the SSRq70s, notes from current students and an anniversary program.

State Sen. Larry Obhoff and State Rep. Ron Amstutz delivered commendations from the Ohio House and the Ohio Senate.

"These things don't just happen on their own," Amstutz said of the collaborative effort. "This is a community that gets it done."

Along with Proenza, Karl Stroh, the first University of Akron Wayne College graduate, unveiled a plaque bearing the names of the 34 founding leaders.

Refreshments were served, tours of the campus were offered, and alumni with 30 or more credit hours from Wayne College received complimentary anniversary T-shirts.

While distributing T-shirts, Connie Massaro, a teacher at Edgewood Middle School in Wooster City Schools, said back when she was the mother of a new baby, "I took just a couple of classes at a time (here). As we could afford it, I would take another class."

Massaro eventually went on to earn a master's degree from The University of Akron.

Visitors also had the opportunity to record their hopes for the future of Wayne College.

"We'll post those on our website," said Regina Schwartz, community relations manager.

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HOLMES COUNTY HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER



It's easy to be excited about the success of our newest offering at the Holmes County Higher Education Center this fall, as it is a course that has been talked about and

requested for years. Beginning Spanish has finally arrived in Millersburg via distance learning technology from a live classroom at The University of Akron's new UA Lakewood facility. Each Tuesday and Thursday evening our five students "go live" to join with the group up north and so far the reviews have been fantastic.

This is particularly great news not only for our students enrolled in Spanish, but also for all of our students here in Holmes County. Distance learning can offer us the opportunity to offer an incredibly vast array of courses that we may not have been able to offer

otherwise because of low enrollment. When we can match a handful of students here in Holmes County with additional students in another distant classroom it becomes much easier for us all to reach that "critical mass" enabling a class to run profitably. It's not an overstatement to suggest that the success of Beginning Spanish I DL has opened the door to an endless number of possibilities!

As in years past, the HCHEC will once again serve as an ACT test site for each of the national test dates. The facility has always filled quickly for each of these dates, and has served us well in terms of exposure, as many of the test-takers are actually visiting the Center for the first time when they arrive for the exam. Many folks in the Holmes County area are particularly excited to see whether the ACT Turbo Preparation Workshop will pay the dividend of higher ACT scores. The workshop was held at the Center this past summer through a grant by the Holmes County Education Foundation.

Congratulations to Dr. Adil Wadia, Wayne College's Newest U.S. Citizen

Wayne College professor Dr. Adil Wadia was one of 50 people granted citizenship on Sept. 14 at the Akron-Summit County Public Library.

Adil, who is a geology professor at the Wayne Campus, says he is "thrilled and proud" of his accomplishment.

A native of India, Adil has lived in the United States for 18 years and notes obtaining his citizenship was a lengthy process. "I couldn't apply as a student. I had to get a green card and

a work permit. I went through the right channels, but I think I took the hardest path."

As one of the new citizens taking the citizenship oath, Adil received a red carnation flower, a small American flag, an Akron city guide, a lapel flag and a book of the Constitution.

Please join us in congratulating Adil on his new status as a United States citizen!



More information about the Sept. 14 ceremony in Akron can be found at:

<http://www.ohio.com/news/local-news/fifty-new-u-s-citizens-from-26-different-countries-were-sworn-in-friday-1.334828>

Dr. Wadia explains the process of becoming a U.S. citizen at a celebration hosted by colleagues.

THE OFFICE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Network Security Professional Training Grant-funded by the Department of Labor

The University of Akron Wayne College's Office of Continuing Education and Workforce Development has received funds as part of a Department of Labor H-1B Technical Skills Training Grant for the purpose of recruiting and training individuals as network security professionals. The grant is funded over four years with the goal of training 96 people and placing them with employers.

Please visit our website for more details. <http://wayne.uakron.edu/ce/courses/network-security-professional.dot>.

For further information on how individuals and companies can benefit from this training opportunity, please contact the following:

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FYI

Fall Enrollment: 2,428 students for 20,805 credits.

Spring classes begin Jan. 14.

Class Schedule LINK:
<http://wayne.uakron.edu/courses/>

New Faces at Wayne



Dr. Amber Ferris is a visiting instructor of communication. Prior to Wayne College, she taught for eight years at Kent State University and Kent State University at Stark in the School of Communication

Studies. She has a B.A. in English from Michigan State University, an M.A. in communication from Michigan State, and a Ph. D. in communication from Kent State University. Her primary area of study is media effects, particularly within television and new media contexts.



Dr. Shawn Watters joins the College as a visiting instructor in education. She comes to UA Wayne with extensive public school special education teaching experience in preschool and early

childhood settings. Dr. Watters holds an Ed. D. in educational leadership with expertise in early childhood and special education teacher preparation from Ashland University, a M.A. in education in special education with an emphasis in early childhood education and a B.S. in speech pathology and audiology, both from Kent State University. She also has an Ohio permanent teaching certificate in developmentally handicapped K-12, preschool special education (3-5) and a reading endorsement (K-12).



Kathy Batchelder

For Kathy Batchelder, Wayne College is where she has wanted to be since visiting the campus five years ago. She was a part of UA's Human Resources

Department working as a trainer. Her career actually began in another field, but turned to UA for a new career path.

Alumni Corner Gloria Questel



When Gloria Questel began taking classes at The University of Akron Wayne College in 1991, she had no idea it would lead to a 17-year career at Wayne County Children Services that would allow her to assist thousands of children at risk of abuse or neglect.

She did know that she enjoyed working with children, having served as a foster parent with her husband for several years in the '80s, but her main reason for taking college classes was simply to get out of the house occasionally after she and her husband Brian adopted their second child. Brian had earned his criminal justice degree at Wayne College, and he encouraged her to consider taking classes at Wayne.

One of the first classes Gloria took, Humanities in the Western Tradition, was taught by a professor who had met Mother Theresa in Calcutta, and from that moment on Gloria says she was "hooked." She knew she wanted to continue taking college classes, but she didn't have a career plan until she took a social work class taught by Wayne College professor Jane Roberts, who inspired Gloria to seek a degree in social work.

After taking all of the classes she could in Orrville, Gloria transferred to the Akron campus and earned her bachelor's degree in social work in 1995. A few days before graduation, Gloria was offered a job as a caseworker at Wayne County Children Services, which she accepted.

In 1998, Gloria earned her master's degree through the Joint Master's Program, a program offered cooperatively by The University of Akron and Cleveland State University.

Since joining Wayne County Children Services in 1995, Gloria has supervised every department at the agency and founded the forensic unit. She currently serves as the social services administrator, overseeing all of the social service departments.

When asked what motivates her to keep working with children in crisis, she responds, "I like it because every day is different. I like that every kid and every family is different, bringing a new perspective and a new set of challenges."

Additional information about the social services technology program at The University of Akron Wayne College can be found at <http://wayne.uakron.edu/academics-majors/social-services-technology.dot>.



Once she started at UA she didn't stop, gaining a bachelor's degree in technical education and then achieving a master's degree in instructional technology and a certificate in e-learning. Kathy joined Wayne in June as coordinator of academic affairs support. She and her husband John have been married for 31 years and live in Doylestown with a very spoiled dog named Annie.

**Spring classes
begin
January 14**
**Schedule of classes
will be available online
in late October**

Highlighting Our Faculty and Staff

Honors, Presentations & Publications • May – Sept. 2012

HONORS

Wayne College

The University of Akron Wayne College has been selected by G. I. Jobs magazine as a Military Friendly School for 2013. This honor places Wayne College in the top 15% of all schools nationwide and shows our commitment to provide a supportive environment for military students. "We have approximately 90 veterans on our campus. We are honored to do what we can to help them succeed, and we are thankful for their service," says Melissa Triplett, student services counselor and veterans certifying official for Wayne College. We are grateful to those veterans attending Wayne College and congratulate Melissa on her contributions toward this award.



Dr. John Roncone

UAWC, Department of SSWE, Exercise Science Technology program established partnership with the Arthritis Foundation, Great Lakes

Region, Mrs. Mary Bird, Manager. Students within the EST program who are CPR certified and achieve certification with the AF regarding their exercise program, serve as the AFEP instructors, which is offered on the Wayne College campus. Spring 2012-present. Fall program will have seven sessions, beginning September 14 thru December 7.

Wooster YMCA Board of Trustees. Serve as board member for the Wooster Y. Ten members on the BOT. three-year term. January 2012-present.

Ohio Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (OAHPERD) Editorial Board for Future Focus. March 2011-present.

Board of Directors, Vice President, Health Council, American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (AAHPERD)-Midwest. Regional coverage includes: Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and West Virginia. First Term 2009-2011 and Second-Year Term, 2011-2013.

Orrville Area United Way – Board of Directors member, elected January 2010. Recently accepted second three-year term (2012-2015). Also, due to this role, serve on the Citizen Review Committee (CRC) and Events Committee (EC).



Dr. Dimitria Gatzia

Affiliate, St. Louis Synesthesia Lab (Director: Berit Brogaard)

Mr. Scott Hartman

Continues to play Taps at the Western Reserve National Cemetery and other venues

PRESENTATIONS



Dr. Shawn Watters

Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education (MAASE) Summer Institute 2012 August

"Everyone Counts"

Title: *Count Me In! Electronic PLCs for Inclusive Professional Development*

Ohio Special Education Leadership Conference 2012

"Closing the Achievement Gap – Show Me What Works"

September 2012

Greater Columbus Convention Center

Title: *Effective Inclusive Education Professional Development via Electronic PLCs*



Dr. Paul B. Weinstein

presented *The Big Stage: Realities and Possibilities for Humanities Courses* at The Tenth International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities, June 14, Montreal, Canada.



Dr. Debra Johanyak made a presentation about Iran at the Auglaize County Public Library in Wapakoneta, Ohio on August 27.

Dr. Werner Lange

"Religion: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly and The Very Beautiful" keynote presentation at the annual retreat of the Ginger Hill Unitarian Universalist Church in Moraine State Park, Portersville, Pennsylvania, on September 22.

Guest speaker on WCPN (90.3 public radio station) "Sound of Ideas" regarding the Amish case, August 30.

Dr. Dimitria Gatzia

"Fact, Fiction, and Pretense" (co-authored with Eric Sotnak) Presentations: University of Minho, Braga & Guimarães, Portugal: The European Society for Aesthetics, July 2012

Athens Institute for Education and Research, International Conference on Philosophy, June 2012.

PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Debra Johanyak

"Literature of the Undocumented Latino/a: Art Representing Life" (published in *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, September 2012)

Dr. Werner Lange

"Case against Amish a witch hunt: beard cutting hardly a hate crime" Forum article in *The Plain Dealer*, May 27.

Dr. Dimitria Gatzia

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Wayne College Athletics

Women's Volleyball

The women's volleyball team finished their season 10-3. They advanced to the semifinals of the Ohio Regional Campus volleyball tournament at Ohio State Newark before losing to eventual state champion Ohio University-Chillicothe.

This season was the first season for head coach, Jennifer Kiper. Congratulations to Coach Kiper and her team on an outstanding season.



Front row left to right: Student Coach Brooke Posten, Elaine Zollinger, Kaitlin Howard and Madeline Cargill. Second row: Monica Borsani, Abby Hanzie, Missie Sturdivant, Angela Wood and Briele Sweeney.



Men's and Women's Basketball

The men's and women's basketball teams begin play in November.

For a complete schedule visit our website at www.wayne.uakron.edu/athletics.

Writing Awards Writer of the Year

The University of Akron Wayne College is again conducting its annual writing competition. The program, which was initiated in 2000, has three categories of awards and culminates with the Writers Workshop and Awards in the spring.

The Student Writing Awards competition, for area high school students and Wayne College students, invites submissions in three genres: short story, poetry and personal essay. In each category there will be cash prizes of \$100 for first, \$75 for second and \$50 for third place. All prizes and honorable mention winners will receive free registration to the Writers Workshop scheduled for Saturday, April 6.

The Regional Writing Awards are for writers eighteen years and older. Entries in short story, poetry and nonfiction will be accepted with the same cash prizes as the student awards. There is a \$10 entry fee per category for regional submissions. Regional Awards prize recipients and honorable mention winners will also receive free registration to the spring workshop.

The Writer of the Year Award was launched in 2007 to encourage and recognize the accomplishments of writers in the region. This award is meant for an individual from Wayne, Holmes or Medina counties who has demonstrated excellence as a writer. Individuals are invited to nominate writers for this prestigious prize or they can nominate themselves. The prize includes a \$500 cash award and a commemorative plaque.

The deadline for submissions is December 7 and judging for the awards will take place in February. Winners will be notified in March, with the exception of the Writer of the Year award, which will be announced at the Writers Awards ceremony on April 6.

Entry forms for the competition and nominations forms for the Writer of the Year are available at: www.wayne.uakron.edu/learning-center/writing-center.dot.

Save the Date!

April 6, 2013

**10th Annual
Writers Workshop**

In Memory of **Russ Wilson**

Louis “Russ” Wilson, Coordinator of Academic Advising, passed away on July 29, 2012.



Russ joined The University of Akron Wayne College in 1992 as an academic adviser and was promoted in 1995 to his most recent position of coordinator of academic advising. Russ was well-liked and respected as a colleague and mentor. He will be missed as part of the Wayne College family.

“Russ was the “most complex simple man” I have ever known. His passions were varied – music, golf, poetry, animal lover and advocate, weekender on Kelley’s Island, history, basketball, fine dining, nature, economics, travel, and politics; his quirks and eccentricities were many and he was very much a creature of habit.

When he had a student in front of him that was focused on getting to someplace better in life through education, he could completely relate because Russ rarely looked back in his own life, didn’t hold grudges, was always positive and tried to move forward. When he saw students trying to do the same, he could relate to them and really wanted to do everything he could to help them succeed. He was a tremendous advocate for students, was judicious to a fault, and stuck his neck out when needed to make sure the student was treated fairly.”

Jim Lawrence, friend and colleague

His obituary:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/ohio/obituary.aspx?n=Louis-Wilson&pid=158924451#fbLoggedOut>

New Scholarship

Louis Russell Wilson III Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was recently initiated by the colleagues of Russ Wilson upon his unexpected passing. Russ was always quick with his smile and wit. He will be remembered for his hard work, laughter, jokes, and his kind spirit. Russ worked at Wayne College for over 20 years. He served most of that time as the Coordinator of Academic Advising. He deeply enjoyed assisting students in planning their academic schedules and encouraging them in their future goals. His colleagues at Wayne will greatly miss him and believe that this scholarship is a fitting tribute, as this award will help many students achieve their future academic goals. Eligible students must be enrolled full-time at Wayne College and demonstrate a financial need.

How to contribute:

If you would like to give to the Louis Russell Wilson III Memorial Scholarship, please make your check out to Wayne College and put the scholarship name in the memo. If you have questions, please contact Kevin Engle, assistant to the dean – development at 330-684-8948. You may also give online at the following link: <http://wayne.uakron.edu/supportus/>





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Student Spotlight

Jordan Woodruff



This is my second year at Wayne College and I am majoring in Health Care Office Management. I have a little under three semesters until I graduate. After graduation, I plan on working in either a hospital or doctor's office. I have been a student assistant in the Student Services Center since

May of this year. I absolutely love working in this office because the staff is so friendly, and I enjoy helping the students whenever they need assistance. Wayne College is a good fit for me because I enjoy the small campus, the relaxed atmosphere, and the one-on-one attention with faculty. I am very happy I decided to come to Wayne College to receive my education, and I look forward to graduating with my Health Care Office Management degree.

Jordan began working in our Student Services Center in May. She truly enjoys helping our entire campus community, however possible, and her dependability and willingness to take on projects have made her an asset to our office.

Barb Caillet, Manager, Student Services Center

Wayne College Receives iPad Grant from WCCF

The University of Akron Wayne College has received a \$5,000 grant from the John Kaylor Memorial Fund, a component of the Wayne County Community Foundation, for its iPads for Access program. The grant will allow the College to purchase six iPads along with the necessary educational applications and accessories.

The iPads for Access program is administered by the UA Wayne College Office of Accessibility Services and will improve ease of access to classroom content, activities and materials for students with disabilities. The accessibility services office works to ensure that the programs, services and activities of the College are accessible to, and usable by, students with disabilities.

According to Dr. Jane M. Fink, Personal Counselor/ADA Coordinator for UA Wayne College, the number of actively registered students with disabilities at the College has consistently grown over the past several years, from 20 students in 2007 to 86 students in 2012. She hopes this iPad purchase will be just the beginning, and that funding will be secured for a more comprehensive program to serve a greater number of students with disabilities in the future.

