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75th Anniversary Dinner Attended by Over 200 Guests from Across the Country

The School's 75th Anniversary (1935-2010) dinner held at the Detroit Golf Club Thursday June 10th was well attended: over 200 individuals were there, including faculty and staff members, retired faculty members, and alumni from around the country. The program booklet balanced reflections on the school's history with snapshots and information about where the school is today and our promise for the future. The booklet was designed by Rachel Lothrop from the school's staff and printed by alum Vincent Little, who also designed the 75th Anniversary logo.

This anniversary dinner was the 8th anniversary event held during the 2009-2010 academic year, and the program included speakers representing all the important components of the school's history. Dinner organizer and alum Loren Hoffman introduced the evening's emcee, local broadcaster Liza Lazarus, who opened with a moving tribute to Ana Maria Vazquez, a friend who died of cancer and was an alumna. Acting Provost Phyllis Vroom then took the podium. In welcoming the guests she said, "As we celebrate the past tonight, I invite you to also look with me into the future of the Wayne State University School of Social Work. May we work together to extend its tradition of excellence and to strengthen this wonderful institution by continuing to work together on behalf of the school and its students." She



Vroom and Lazarus presided over Dinner Program



Over 200 guests attended the dinner at the Detroit Golf Club

then introduced her predecessor as Dean, Distinguished Professor Emeritus Leon W. Chestang, who invited the guests to make a celebratory toast, and followed with warm reminiscences of his years at the school and the people with whom he worked.

At that point, dinner was served, followed by the rest of the program. The first post-dinner speaker was Susan Rogers, chair of the Board of Visitors, who described how the Board operates: "Meeting periodically with Dean Vroom throughout each academic year has given each of us an appreciation for her dedication, strategic planning skills, and her laser-like focus to support the continued growth and sustainability of the school. Under

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MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING PRESIDENT



Acting President Phyllis I. Vroom

As you may be aware, recently I have been Acting Provost of the University and am now Acting President. Fortunately as I have been undertaking

these new temporary responsibilities, the day-to-day leadership of the School of Social Work has been in the able hands of Acting Dean Cheryl Waites. So it seems only appropriate that the Dean's Message for this edition of *Visions* be over her signature. I fully expect to be resuming my responsibilities as dean well before the next issue. In the meantime, please welcome Acting Dean Waites to this space. ■

Sincerely,
Dean Phyllis Vroom, Acting President



Acting Dean Cheryl E. Waites

MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING DEAN

Greetings. Allow me to introduce myself in a new context. I am Cheryl Waites and I am serving as acting dean of the School of Social Work while Dean Vroom fulfills her duties as Acting President of the university. We are thrilled and proud (but not surprised) that our own leader

has been asked to take on that important responsibility, but also eager to have her back at the helm when she has completed her duties there. In the meantime it's my pleasant duty to welcome you to the summer edition of *Visions*.

The lead story covers one of the most memorable events in the school's recent history, the 75th Anniversary dinner in June. I was pleased to be one of the speakers there, and I hope you'll enjoy reading about it, especially if you weren't among the 200 people who attended. I want to give a special thank you on behalf of the

school and the Alumni Association to Special Assistant to the Dean Loren Hoffman and Tina Lyles of the university's Office of Special Events, who coordinated planning for that wonderful evening.

Another 75th Anniversary event, yet to come, is covered here also. A faculty committee has chosen Alumna Janice Prochaska to deliver 23rd Annual Edith Harris Endowed Memorial Lecture October 1. Be sure to mark your calendars for what is certain to be a practical and worthwhile presentation.

In the last issue of *Visions*, we asked alumni, in celebration of the school's milestone, to bring us up to date on what they are doing now. In this issue you'll find several responses we have received, along with longer profiles of a couple of others.

I would also like to welcome to the ranks of *Visions* readers the newest members of the alumni: the class of 2010, which was honored at the graduation luncheon last May. You'll find a story and pictures from that event in these pages as well.

Last, but far from least, you'll find an informative article about a new initiative from our Center for Social Work Practice and Policy Research. All in all I think you will find a lot of interesting reading here. Happy Summer! ■

Sincerely,
Cheryl Waites, Acting Dean

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her leadership ... the school's endowment--funds available to support student scholarships--has grown from \$500 thousand dollars to nearly \$1.5 million and is growing every year."

Rogers was followed by Phyllis Edwards, representing the alumni in her role as president of the alumni association. She pointed out the broad influence of the alumni body, "Our alumni are currently serving as social workers and commissioned officers with our forces in the Middle East, and as civilians serving our troops at home and abroad." She added that "Counting this year's graduating class we number over 9000 living alumni, with over 1000 alums demonstrating loyalty as dues paying members."

The next speaker, representing current students, was Corey Faulkner, who, like many non-traditional students, entered the school in his 30s, after working for many years for youth recreation and youth assistance programs in Oakland County during which he received numerous community service awards. This year Faulkner was recognized by NASW-Michigan as "Social Work Student of the Year" and last month he completed his MSW degree. His personal, story was warmly received by those at the dinner. He said, "I, and all of my



Dinner attendees from left to right: Professor Emerita Betty Welsh, Distinguished Professor Emerita Leon Chestang, Mrs. Aurelia Chestang, and retired faculty member Virginia Crowthers.

classmates, continue to benefit from the strong tradition of practice experience... through field education. My emerging interest in medical social work was respected by the school, and I... was assigned to an organization which I felt would enhance my career opportunities. Not only was my field placement

a great learning opportunity, but immediately after graduation I was employed full-time as an inpatient Oncology Social Worker at Providence Park Hospital in Novi."

Representing the emeritus faculty, retired professor Ted Goldberg remarked how he had been associated with the school (as a student and faculty member) for 6 decades (40s into the 90s) of the 75 years being celebrated. He met his wife, Arlene, at Wayne when they were students at the School of Social Work in the 1940s, and he joined the faculty in 1965 after teaching for 6 years at Indiana University School of Social Work. In his remarks Ted Goldberg remarked that this was an especially memorable evening, because he was seated at a table with several former students in the first class he taught at WSUSSW, members of the Class of 1966, including Dr. Peter Vaughan, Dean of the School of Social Work at Fordham University.

Another retired faculty member, Professor Emeritus Creigs Beverly, wasn't able to attend, but sent a message: "To all of those who came before, to all those who currently comprise the Social Work family and to all those who will occupy roles in the future, appreciate what was in order to understand what is, so as to be able to fashion what ought to be tomorrow. Enjoy the celebration and then, get back to work. Peace, Power, Love."

Acting Dean Cheryl Waites, speaking on behalf of the faculty, concluded her remarks with an invitation: "It occurred to us that many of you haven't visited the Thompson Home in a long time... So we invite you to drop by tomorrow ... enjoy some light refreshments and have a short tour."

Dean Vroom ended the program, "We wish all of you safe travels home and look forward to your help and support as the school begins to write the next chapter of advancing knowledge, community engagement and social justice."

If anyone wishes to receive a copy of the dinner program booklet, contact Loren Hoffman at 313-577-4464 or aa2851@wayne.edu. ■

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NEWS FROM THE *Center*

The Center Introduces New Opportunities for Student Involvement in Research



Students working with Joanne Smith-Darden (face partially obscured) and Center Director Joanne Sobeck.

In an effort to promote student engagement in research beyond typical course work, the Center for Social Work Practice and Policy Research is launching its "Applied Research Together" (ART) initiative, which includes three non-credit components: pairing of students with faculty engaged in cutting edge social work research, peer mentoring and a brown-bag series.

Dr. Joanne Smith-Darden is leading these initiatives. Smith-Darden is Research Associate for the Center and instructor of the Action Research course for current MSW Community Practice and Social Action students. She has over 15 years of experience and her current research is driven by 25 years of experience working with underserved children and youth in a variety of capacities. Smith-Darden, along with the Center staff and school faculty, will work to pair students, faculty and mentors together to provide opportunities for learning, growth and success around the stages of research.

The broad mission and long-term goal of ART is to build a sense of community among BSW, MSW, PhD students, and faculty/academic staff to promote learning, critical thinking, and discourse. It provides opportunities for groups of students, faculty, and staff to interact on an ongoing basis. Each aspect of this research initiative is designed to promote opportunities for students to make more meaningful connections with members

of the School of Social Work community and to support students' successful completion of research courses.

Most social workers proceed through their graduate education without ever participating in the research enterprise. Although research competencies are emphasized in the classroom and during field education, many students miss opportunities to gain hands-on skills or mentoring related to answering tough questions in social work today.

The short term goals of ART include: Developing a sense of belonging to a learning community; increase co-curricular collaborative interactions with other students, faculty, and academic staff; demonstrate an increased understanding of research and the

research process; demonstrate improved critical thinking and collaborative problem solving skills relative to the research process; demonstrate improved knowledge and skills related to professional and research career opportunities.

To this end, the ART Learning Community will provide the opportunity for individualized peer mentoring offered by an advanced Master student and a PhD student to students entering the BSW and MSW programs.

Within our current social service environment of limited resources, accreditation standards, and calls for continuous quality improvement, program evaluation and applied research have become much sought after tools for both bachelor's and master's level social workers. These three student research initiatives will provide opportunities that will better prepare our social work students for the changing market place and employment environment. The level of exposure offered will allow students to gain a greater appreciation for how research can inform their own practice as clinicians, community organizers or agents of societal change.

If you work with students of the School of Social Work who may be interested in becoming involved in ART, you are encouraged to have them fill out a "Student Interest Form" via the Center's website at: www.research.socialwork.wayne.edu They can click on the "Contact Us" tab and "Student Interest Form." ■

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Alumnus Ryan Hertz named Executive Director of South Oakland Shelter

In May, the Board of Directors of South Oakland Shelter announced the appointment of school alumnus Ryan B. Hertz as Executive Director. Previously, he was the Executive Director of HOPE Hospitality and Warming Center, Inc. in Pontiac. In his time at HOPE, the agency experienced a 144% annual



Alumni Ryan Hertz

growth in revenues. In announcing the appointment, the Board of Directors, in a press release, stated, "We are excited about his energy and enthusiasm, as well as his experiences and passion for serving the homeless population in the Southeast Michigan region."

Hertz completed his undergraduate degree from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, and earned his MSW from the school, with a focus on community practice and social action.

In 2009, Crain's Detroit Business recognized Hertz for his community efforts, naming him to their "20 in their 20s" list. He is also Principal of EcoZoic, L3C, a consulting firm specializing in organizational transitions, social enterprise, multi-sector collaboration, process facilitation, and new media applications to achieving social outcomes.

In January, his research on human rights violations in Port-au-Prince, Haiti was presented at the Society of Social Work Research annual conference in San Francisco.

Hertz lives in Ferndale, and is actively involved in several local and global community initiatives. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Greater Detroit Network of Social Innovators, as well as for the Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center. He is a co-founder of the Water for Huicholes initiative, a social enterprise in partnership with the indigenous community of La Laguna, Jalisco, Mexico, and is also actively involved in the Oakland County Taskforce on Homelessness and Affordable Housing. ■

Alumna Janice Prochaska to Deliver 23rd Annual Edith Harris Endowed Memorial Lecture October 1



*Harris lecturer and Alumna
Janice Prochaska MSW '68*

The 23rd Annual Edith Harris Endowed Memorial Lecture will be delivered by Janice Prochaska, PhD, President & Chief Executive Officer of Pro-Change Behavior Systems, Inc. on Friday, October 1, 2010 from 10AM to 12PM at the Community Arts Auditorium. The lecture's title is "Helping Family Members at Each Stage of Change."

In announcing the selection of Prochaska, MSW '68, committee chair Dr. Margaret Brunhofer said "in this anniversary year we thought it was particularly appropriate to choose an alumna, and we were delighted to know how honored and delighted Dr. Prochaska was to accept our invitation. We are sure she will be a personable and engaging presenter with a practical and impressive message."

Therapeutic change is a process that unfolds over time and involves progress through six stages: Precontemplation, Contemplation, Preparation, Action, Maintenance, and Termination. Prochaska's lecture will explore each stage of change and the principles and processes of change that are emphasized at each stage. Matching therapeutic principles to each stage decreases resistance and facilitates progress. One of the special challenges of family therapy is that family members are usually in different stages of change. This can lead to conflicts over the change process and to negative attributions about family members' motivation.

Prochaska's most recent work includes applying that model to behavior issues, such as juvenile delinquency, bullying prevention, weight management, consumer credit debt, advancement of women

scientists, and being a proactive health consumer. She serves on the Board of Directors for the National Parks & Recreation Association and for the Star Island Corporation.

She also holds an adjunct faculty position at the University of Rhode Island. She earned her MSW from Wayne State University and her PhD in Social Work Administration and Policy from Boston College.

Therapists and family members can find it helpful to understand the change process and where they fit into it. This awareness can help families deal with conflict outside of therapy and after therapy.

Two Continuing Education Contact Hours will be offered for social workers attending. To register for continuing education credits, contact the school at 313-577-4464.

Edith Harris was a graduate student in the School of Social Work from 1966 to 1968. An outstanding scholar, Mrs. Harris was deeply committed to the profession and demonstrated that commitment by showing serious interest in the welfare of individuals and families. So, her untimely death in 1968 cut short a very promising career and was a loss to society at large.

Her memory is honored annually by the presentation of the Edith Harris Memorial Endowed lecture, featuring a prominent speaker and expert on the mental health of individuals and families.

This yearly event is made possible through the generous support of the Harris Foundation. A committee of faculty members is responsible for selecting the speaker each year. In addition to chair Dr. Brunhofer, Director of Continuing Education and Professional Development, the selection committee includes Professor Arlene Weisz, Assistant Professor Shirley Thomas and Assistant Professor Antonio Gonzalez-Prenedes. ■

75th Anniversary Alumni Updates from All Over

In our last issue, we encouraged alumni, in celebration of the school's 75th anniversary, to let us know what they have been up to. Here are updates we've gotten since. Next time we hope to include you.

Garland L. Jagers, MSW '62 Garland Jagers is now retired, lives in Detroit, and reports these publications in print: "That Rare Moment in History" Volume I, 2003 Volume II 2010, which span 40 years of history of the Association of Black Social Workers.

Jim Lewis MSW '72 After serving as Director of Lutheran Adoption Service for 25 years, Jim Lewis is now working for the State of Michigan as an adoption consultant in the MCI Ward Division of the Department of Human Services. He lives in Royal Oak, Michigan

Gary Mathews, MSW '68 Gary Mathews earned his Ph.D. in sociology from Western Michigan University. He is beginning his

35th year of teaching at Western Michigan University's School of Social Work. He has served as President of the WMU-AAUP faculty union, Chair of the Intercollegiate Athletics Board, Managing Editor of the Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare, and is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Council on Social Work Education. Recalling his SSW years here, Mathews says, "I remember with affection and appreciation the inspiring instruction I received from such icons as Maryann Mahaffey, Frank Zweig, Art Antidel, and David Wineman. My years at Wayne were punctuated by the 1967 Detroit riots/rebellion, the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the student organization's sit-in at the university president's office (because the university would not let us use student fees to rent buses to attend the March on Washington to protest the

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Vietnam War). Either because of the turbulent times or in spite of them, my experience at Wayne State University stands out as a time of churning, burning, yearning, and learning."

William Nystrom, MSW '53 DPM of Green Bay, Wisconsin was recently featured in the APMA News, a monthly periodical published by the American Podiatric Medical Association. The article called Nystrom a "Super Hero" for his leadership of NEW (North East Wisconsin) Curative Workshop which provides the elderly and disabled citizens of the area with rehabilitation and socialization services. Nystrom agreed to lead the organization in 1960. In his 33 years at the helm, it grew from serving 350 individuals in a single county with about \$80,000 in revenue and 5 employees to serving more than 2,000 persons in 17 counties with almost \$5 million in revenue and 130 employees. A ceremony was held last October to name the main building of the organization's new campus in Dr. Nystrom's honor.

Paul M Rakoczy, '03, left Michigan in October 2003 and earned certification from the state of Oregon as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor, level 3.

Rakoczy is currently working part time at Providence St Vincent

Hospital in Portland, Oregon as an intake/assessment therapist in their Intensive Outpatient Chemical Dependency Program. Before January, he also worked as a group facilitator in their partial hospitalization, Eating Disorder Program.

He reports that, "My private practice is going well. I started it about 4 years ago in association with Wise Counsel & Comfort (a group of 50 colleagues sharing office space and a web page-, portland-therapist.com). I'm doing between 20 and 24 sessions per week while seeing individual adults and adolescents around mental health issues, addictions or personal growth."

Rakoczy lives just east of Portland in Troutdale, Oregon, and belongs to NASW and Association of Humanistic Psychology.

Susan Vlajk BSW, MSW '88 Susan Vlajk is a self-employed therapist at Child Advocacy Center, which specializes in the treatment of sexual trauma. She reports that the center has received a grant from the West Virginia Department of Disabilities Commission to offer a series of state-wide trainings on improving multi-disciplinary responses to children with DD/MR who have also been sexually abused. She adds that the training has "increased awareness about the issue and improved services in our county." ■

MESSAGE FROM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Phyllis Edwards



*Alumni Association President
Phyllis Edwards*

It has indeed been a special honor to serve a president during this 75th anniversary year. Our wonderful 75th Anniversary dinner was celebrated at the Detroit Golf Club on June 10th with many alumni and friends traveling to attend from California, Oregon, Washington, DC, New York, Florida, Minnesota and Alabama. As is the case with other professional

schools at Wayne State, about 60% of our alumni work and reside in Michigan and Ohio. But we are also well represented in universities and human service organizations across the United States and the world. Our alumni are currently serving as social workers and commissioned officers with our armed forces overseas, and as civilians serving our troops at home and abroad. For the Anniversary dinner celebration, your alumni association published a wonderful 44-page program book, which includes historical anecdotes and photos covering the history of the school and presents a nice snapshot of where the school is today. 75th Anniversary t-shirts are available for a \$25 donation to the social work alumni association's scholarship fund. Contact me at aa2851@wayne.edu if you would like to receive a gratis copy of

the program booklet or to purchase an anniversary T shirt.

Throughout this academic year, your alumni association will continue to co-sponsor social work continuing education opportunities as a way of supporting our members' professional standing. Last semester's highlight for me was the Dean's Diversity Lecture presented by Dr. Larry Brendtro which reviewed the legacy of Fritz Redl and David Wineman at our school, and the currency of their work today in the area of child welfare. This fall, plan to attend the 23rd Edith Harris Lecture presented by alumna Dr. Janice Prochaska on Friday, October 1st at 10:00 am in the Community Arts Auditorium. This lecture is approved for two continuing education hours.

It is not too early to help your alumni board to select our next Alumna or Alumnus of the Year and Citizen of the Year. You can find a nomination form online at www.socialwork.wayne.edu. Consider becoming a member or renewing your alumni association membership during this final semester of our anniversary year. Thanks for responding to my prior invitations to hear from you and letting us know about your professional milestones since completing your social work education at Wayne State. ■

Sincerely,

Phyllis Edwards, President

Class of 2010 Honored at Dean's Graduation Luncheon

On May 5th, Acting Dean Cheryl Waites, on behalf of herself and Acting Provost Phyllis Vroom, honored the 2010 graduates during

graduation luncheon at the Roostertail restaurant on Detroit's waterfront. Waites welcomed the graduates with these words, "By completing the work required for your

degree, you have also earned the right to join a respected profession that has the power and the will to change the world. I am also proud to greet you now as a colleague in this

wonderful, rewarding field."

One historic element of this luncheon was the recognition afforded the school's very first four students to earn the PhD in Social Work, whose degrees will be conferred in December: April Carcone, Angela Kaiser, Cristina Tucker and Rebecca Wiersma.

Besides Dean Waites, other luncheon speakers included student representatives Stephanie Hayes (representing BSW students) and Corey Faulkner (the MSW representative,) followed by BSW Coordinator Cassandra Bowers, MSW Coordinator Billy Blodgett and Arlene Weisz, Director of the PhD Program.

Then School of Social Work Alumni Association President Phyllis Edwards extended a welcome to the graduates on behalf of the association. ■



Graduates attending the Dean's Luncheon, including speakers Corey Faulkner (far left) and Stephanie Hayes-Materazzi (in striped dress).

Alumna Kalimah Johnson now Teaching at Marygrove College



Kalimah Johnson

Kalimah Johnson, who received her BSW Degree in 1996 and her MSW Degree in 1997 from the school, is now a full-time, tenure-track social work professor at Marygrove College in Detroit. She also has been a field instructor for the school at Serenity Services, a local domestic violence agency, and founded a new sexual assault agency within the city of Detroit called Sexual Assault Services for Holistic Healing and Awareness (SASHA) which is an activism/support

group/prevention program for survivors of rape in the metropolitan area. SASHA Center has been the catalyst for the Take Back the Night-Detroit, held every April during Sexual Assault Awareness

month.

Johnson writes a bi-monthly article about African-Americans and diabetes on d-life.com and was recently featured on Good Morning America, which highlighted her trip to Africa last summer as she traced her maternal roots to the Akan people of Ghana, West Africa.

She has served as Chair of the Women of Color Task Force and consultant to the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, providing coalition building and training to professionals on this topic across the country. In this capacity, she developed several workshops, trainings and programs working with women, children and adolescents in urban settings on the topic of sexual abuse, molestation and rape.

Johnson was poet-in-residence for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for three seasons during which she hosted poetry slams and traveled the country performing at universities, coffeehouses and other venues. ■

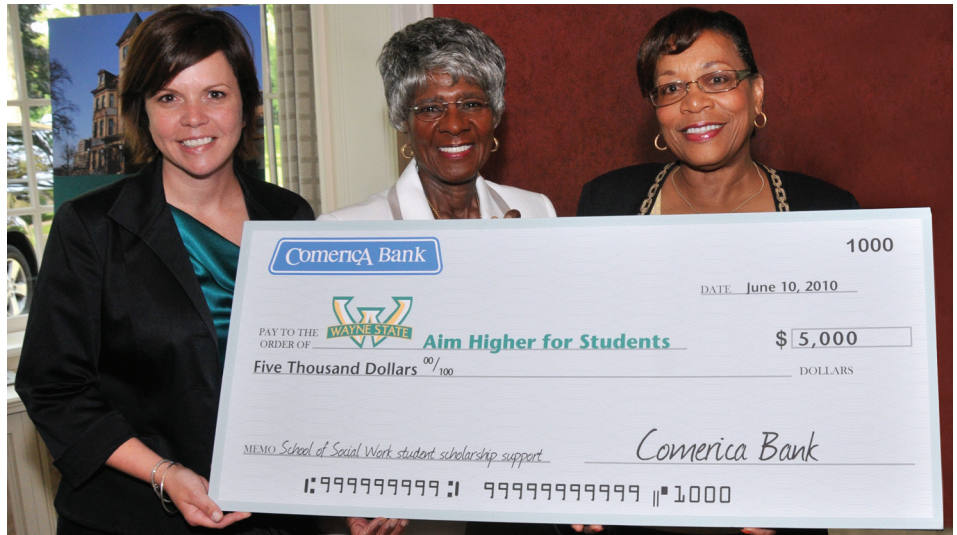
SERVING THE COMMUNITY. . .

Another 75th Anniversary event....Aim Higher for Students Special Reception

An "Aim Higher for Students" reception held June 10 at the Detroit Golf Club provided a special opportunity for then Acting Provost Phyllis I. Vroom to recognize new "Aim Higher for Students" scholarship supporters, as well as long time partners and special friends of the school.

Vroom honored special guest Dr. Nancy S. Barrett for her visionary and action-oriented leadership, and major support of the school during her seven-year tenure as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs. Barrett stepped down in May to return to full time teaching. She now serves as economics professor within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

In her role as Provost, Barrett was instrumental in introducing and implementing many initiatives of lasting benefit to both the university and the



Pictured at the "Aim Higher" reception, from left: Tracy Muscat, WSU Associate VP for Development; Phyllis I. Vroom; Louise G. Guyton, Comerica VP for Community Relations;. Comerica provided "Aim Higher" major scholarship support as well as major event sponsorship

school. She was a strong advocate for key initiatives in the school's long-range plan, including the 2005 launch of the

PhD program and establishment The Center for Social Work Practice and Policy Research.

Barrett expressed her appreciation for such a productive working relationship, Vroom's leadership efforts in bringing the above-mentioned programs to fruition, and for developing

diverse partnerships that continue to strengthen support for students, faculty and community.

New major scholarship supporters were also recognized as they expressed their personal reasons for partnering with the school.

In addition, Louise Guyton, Comerica Bank VP for Community Relations and member of the school's Board of Visitors and Development Committee, presented remarks on behalf of James (Jim) Garavaglia, Senior VP and Director of Corporate Compliance and Public Affairs, Comerica Inc. and WSU alumnus, who serves as president of the WSU national Alumni Association Board.

Look for an expanded profile on our new Aim Higher for Students scholarship supporters in the next issue of Visions. ■



Phyllis I. Vroom and Nancy S. Barrett, who both spoke at the reception honoring new "Aim Higher for Students" scholarship supporters, as well as long time partners and special friends of the school.

ADVANCING KNOWLEDGE

Ronald T. Brown Named Provost and Senior Vice President



Provost and Senior Vice President Ronald T. Brown

On June 16 Wayne State University President Jay Noren announced the

appointment of Ronald T. Brown as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, effective August 1.

Noren said, "Ron consistently has earned the respect and admiration of his students and colleagues for high standards as a teacher, administrator, scholar and researcher, and he brings an outstanding record of visionary leadership to bear on his new responsibilities. I'm confident that he will be an invaluable member of our leadership team as we face the challenges of a new decade."

"I'm honored by this opportunity to join one of the nation's great urban research universities," Brown said. "Wayne State is an exceptional institution, with superb faculty and a forthright commitment to academic achievement and innovative research. Wayne State has a dynamic environment for scholarship and research, and has influenced an enviable culture of loyalty and philanthropy among its alumni. I'm excited about the possibilities of

working in a community so firmly dedicated to the pursuit of excellence."

Brown was dean of the College of Health Professions at Temple University for six years before joining Wayne State. He holds a PhD from Georgia State University and a BA from Emory University. Brown is a fellow of the American Psychological Society, the American Psychological Association, the Society of Pediatric Psychology and is a Diplomate in clinical health psychology of the American Board of Professional Psychology.

An Atlantic City, N.J. native, Brown is a leading pediatric psychologist who specializes in children and adolescents with chronic illnesses, attention deficit disorders and learning disabilities. In the role of provost he will oversee all aspects of teaching, learning and scholarship, as well as student affairs and a variety of student services at Wayne State.

Brown replaces Nancy S. Barrett, who stepped down as provost in May 2010. ■

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