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Alumni Receive Discounts at Detroit Businesses

Show your alumni association OneCard at businesses throughout Midtown and downtown and receive discounts up to 50 percent.

The all-new program, Show Your OneCard and Save, gives Wayne State alumni association members 10 to 50 percent off at restaurants, hotels, retailers and other businesses in Detroit.

Currently, 25 businesses are participating in the program, one of the many ways that a [Wayne State University Alumni Association](#) membership pays for itself. The discounts are available at restaurants such as Agave, the Whitney and Century Grill; casual eateries such as Blimpie, Quizno's and International Mini Cafe; retailers such as Pure

Date Book

Alumni Association Events

**Arthur L. Johnson
Urban Perspectives
Lecture**
Noon Jan. 11

**Las Vegas
Chapter Reunion**
6 p.m. Jan. 15

**Knowledge
Road Show**
2 p.m. Feb. 12

**Annual Champagne
Matinee**
2 p.m. Feb. 20

**Women of Wayne
Grosse Pointe Chapter
Fashion Show**
11 a.m. March 5

Theater

**Death of a
Salesman**
Jan. 7-March 24
Hilberry Theatre

Miss Julie

Detroit and Utrecht; and entertainment venues such as the Garden Bowl and the Detroit Tigers. Other participating businesses include The Inn on Ferry Street, Simmons and Clark Jewelers and The New Detroit Science Center.

For a complete list of businesses participating in the program, visit www.wayne.edu/showyouronecardandsave. Not an alumni association member? [Click here](#) to join.

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University Opens Call Center

Wayne State has developed a new onsite call center for the university's annual fund.

Opening this month, the call center will employ Wayne State students who will contact more than 120,000 alumni and friends throughout the year. The center is housed at 5057 Woodward Avenue, in the former Detroit Public Schools Center building.

The annual fund supports scholarship programs, teaching innovations, technology and other university needs. Gifts made to the annual fund are tax-deductible (check with your tax advisor for details).

For more information about the call center or the annual fund, or to make a donation, visit the [annual fund Web site](#) or contact annual giving director Mary Bucher at (313) 577-6046 or mbucher@wayne.edu. To give a gift online, [click here](#).

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Ebony Executive Editor to Visit Alumni House

Lerone Bennett Jr., executive editor of *Ebony* magazine, will speak next week, Jan. 11, at Alumni House.

There is no charge for the event, which begins at noon and is part of the [Wayne State University Alumni Association](#) Arthur L. Johnson Urban Perspectives lecture series.

Jan. 27-29
Feb. 3-5
Studio Theatre

Metamorphoses

Jan. 21-23
Jan. 28-30
Bonstelle Theatre

Mother Courage

Through Jan. 29
Hilberry Theatre

I Hate Hamlet

Feb. 4-March 31
Hilberry Theatre

Louise Heck-Rabi Playwriting Competition

March 3-5
March 10-12
Studio Theatre

Anna Lucasta

March 4-6
March 11-13
Bonstelle Theatre

Art

Cranbrook Students

Through Jan. 14
Community Arts Gallery

White on White

Jan. 21-March 11
Elaine L. Jacob Gallery

MFA I

Jan. 28-Feb. 25
Community Arts Gallery

MFA II

March 4-April 1
Community Arts Gallery

Bennett, a prolific writer and social historian, has been on the editorial staff of *Ebony* for more than 50 years. He is the author of more than nine books about African-American history and the current political challenges facing blacks.

Although there is no cost for the lecture, reservations are required. Boxed lunches are available for \$8 and can be purchased with your reservation.

To register online, [click here](#), or call (313) 577-2300.

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Let the Games Begin on New Web Page

It's all fun and games on Wayne State's newly launched Web page, games.wayne.edu.

The first of its kind for a university, the page contains six retro-arcade games featuring animated characters with Wayne State-related names such as Anthony, Wayne and Warrior. The characters take part in challenging action games modeled after Pac Man and Breakout, as well as word and jigsaw puzzles.

The Web page is geared toward prospective students at the junior high and high school levels. The Wayne State-themed games are designed both to entertain the students and provide information about the university.

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Champagne Matinee Will Take Place at the Hilberry

Spend an afternoon with alumni and friends at the Hilberry Theatre's production of the comedy *I Hate Hamlet* on Feb. 20. A reception of champagne and chocolates will be held during intermission.

I Hate Hamlet tells the tale of a young actor who rises above his fear and loathing of playing the role of Shakespeare's famous character. The play features the ghost of actor John Barrymore, who comes back from the grave to give advice to the young actor about Shakespearean acting, as well as life and love.

**Images of Time
and Place: Contemporary
Views
of Landscape**
March 25-May 13
Elaine L. Jacob Gallery

The performance begins at 2 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$15 for alumni association members and \$20 for non-members. To register online, [click here](#), or call (313) 577-2300.

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African-American Museum Hosts Knowledge Road Show

Wayne State professor Dora Apel will discuss her book *Imagery of Lynching* at the [Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History](#) on Feb. 12. After the lecture, alumni and friends are invited to visit the museum's *Without Sanctuary* exhibit and tour the newly renovated main exhibit.

The event, which begins at 2 p.m., is part of the [Wayne State University Alumni Association](#) Knowledge Road Show Faculty Lecture series.

Through an analysis of more than 100 representations of lynchings, Apel will discuss how the visual documentation of such crimes can be a central vehicle for both constructing and challenging racial hierarchies. She will investigate how photographs were used to construct ideologies of "whiteness" and "blackness," what role gender played in these visual representations and how interracial desire became part of the imagery.

The cost is \$12.50 for alumni association members and \$15 for non-members. To register online, [click here](#), or call (313) 577-2300.

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Las Vegas Chapter Celebration is Planned

The Las Vegas Alumni Chapter of the [Wayne State University Alumni Association](#) will hold a reunion from 6-8 p.m. Jan. 15.

The event will take place at the Las Vegas home of an alumnus and will include food, drinks and the opportunity to win tickets to the Gladys Knight show at the Flamingo. For more information, contact alumni chapters manager Katie Clark at (877) WSU-ALUM or k.clark@wayne.edu.

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Volunteers Needed for Scholars Day

The Wayne State [Honors Program](#) is recruiting volunteers for Scholars Day, Feb. 12, 13 and 19.

Scholars Day is an opportunity for prospective Wayne State students and their parents to visit campus for interviews, tours and conversations with college and school representatives. Each student who attends Scholars Day becomes a Wayne State Scholar and receives a \$1,500 scholarship for four consecutive years.

Volunteers will be paired up with other volunteers – usually a faculty member – and interview students about their academic interests, career goals and life plans. Volunteers should arrive at Alumni House at 8 a.m. on their day of training; a continental breakfast will be served. Interviews begin at 9:30 a.m. and will end around noon. Afterwards, volunteers are invited to join students and faculty members for lunch in the Welcome Center. Parking will be provided.

Selected students will receive increased scholarship offers, up to and including four-year, full-tuition Presidential Scholarships. Selection for increased awards is based upon interviews, writing samples, high school grade-point average and ACT score.

To volunteer for Scholars Day, contact Carol Baldwin at (313) 577-4621 or via e-mail at carol.baldwin@wayne.edu.

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Alumni Association Seeks Nominations for Board of Directors

The [Wayne State University Alumni Association](#) seeks candidates for three-year terms on the organization's National Alumni Association Board of Directors beginning July 1.

The board is the governing body of the alumni association. It has 30 members elected at large, plus appointed representatives from the constituent alumni associations of the schools and colleges, the Organization of Black Alumni, Women of Wayne and Athletics.

Ten new members are elected each year. To be eligible, one must be a member of the alumni association and an annual donor to the university.

If you are interested in serving on the board, or would like to recommend someone, return the [nominations form](#) by March 1. The Leadership Development Committee will contact all nominees. For more information, call (313) 577-2300.

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Gourmet Gifts Support the Alumni Association

The [Wayne State University Alumni Association](#) and Monogram Gourmet have teamed up to offer Sara Lee cakes, meats and other products in a personalized, custom package.

Simply select your gift, choose the packaging and write a message that will be included with the gift. A portion of the sale price is donated to the alumni association to support important alumni programs and scholarships.

Give a gift for any reason: to send Valentine's Day wishes, say thank you, happy birthday, or to express sympathy or appreciation. You also can show your affiliation with Wayne State by selecting a university package image, or you can select from more than 2,000 other images.

An online link will be posted soon on the alumni association [member benefits Web site](#), so be sure to check back for details. For more information, call (313) 577-2300.

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Preview: Winter 2005 Wayne State Magazine

Don't miss the winter 2005 issue of [Wayne State magazine](#), mailed later this month. This magazine is free to members of the [Wayne State University Alumni Association](#).

Here's a peek at what's inside:

- Talk of the Town: Midtown, centered at Wayne State, is evolving into Detroit's hottest dining, entertainment and cultural district. Take a look at what's making it happen.

- From Slavery to Scholarship: William Sanders Scarborough was born into slavery, but went on to become a world-respected scholar of the classics. His amazing story is told in a groundbreaking autobiography published by [Wayne State University Press](#).
- The 'Reel' World: It may be some time before Wayne State is mentioned routinely among the world's leading film-festival destinations, but the university's involvement in the Detroit Docs festival is making that possibility closer to reality.
- Plus, on campus and alumni news, class notes and more!

To become a member of the alumni association and receive the magazine and other great [member-only benefits](#), visit the alumni association's [online membership form](#), or call (313) 577-2300.

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Nominations Accepted for Alumni Awards

The [Wayne State University Alumni Association](#) is seeking nominations for several prestigious alumni awards:

- The Distinguished Alumni Award for outstanding service or achievement.
- The Homer D. Strong Award for leadership and service to the alumni association and university.
- The Recent Alumni Award for graduates of the past 10 years with outstanding achievement.
- The Faculty Service Award for faculty whose professional or civic efforts bring a greater appreciation of the university's contributions to the community.

The deadline for submitting nominations is March 1. For more information, including a nomination form, call Alumni House at (313) 577-2300. To download the application form, [click here](#).

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***MiLife MiTimes* Subscription Free to Alumni**

A subscription to [MiLife MiTimes](#), a new electronic newsletter published by the Michigan Economic Development Corp., is offered free to Wayne

State alumni.

The monthly e-newsletter offers a look at life, work and culture in Michigan and has links to a number of state-based resources, including the [Wayne State University Alumni Association](#). To register for the e-newsletter, [click here](#).

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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](#).
- Waived application fees when you, your spouse or dependents apply to Wayne State (except for applications to the Law School or School of Medicine).
- Discounts with The Henry Ford, the Renaissance Center Marriott hotel, Courtyard by Marriott, Choice hotels, Shanty Creek, 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.
- Reduced 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.
- Placement services with the University Career Planning and Placement Services office on campus.
- Special alumni association OneCard with access to a variety of campus services, such as the libraries, parking and bookstore.
- 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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