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MAY 2023



Congratulations to 492 Wright State students who were awarded master and doctoral degrees at the end of Spring 2023! Please cheer for their achievements and success. Enjoy reading the stories in this newsletter.

[Shu Schiller](#), Ph.D.

Interim Dean

College of Graduate Programs and Honors Studies

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## News



### Spring commencement

Congratulations to the Spring 2023 class - 1,111 bachelor's degrees, 476 master's degrees, 16 doctoral degrees, and 33 associate degrees.

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### Honors scholars

On April 19, the College celebrated the graduating Honors students with the award of a certificate and the Honors Scholar medallion. The event hosted over 130 people, including students, families, faculty, staff, and special guests.



## **Opening doors**

Amelia Whorton, who is pursuing a master's degree in physiology and neuroscience at Wright State, received a boost of support from the M. Patrick Daniels Scholarship.

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## **Wright State professor leads Intel summer internship**

Wright State is one of 11 research institutions in the Midwest Regional Network to address national needs in semiconductor and microelectronics.

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## **Wright State hires strategic Air Force leader as new dean**

Dr. Darryl K. Ahner will join Wright State as dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

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## **Mark Johnson**

Ph.D. student Mark Johnson successfully defended his dissertation and is now working at Gohypersonic Inc. Mark has published 9 journal papers. He won 1st place in the 2023 Art-in-Science competition at the Dayton-Cincinnati Aerospace Science Symposium. Mark's advisor is Dr. Zifeng Yang.



## **Graduate Excellence Award**

Jessica Thomas (M.A. in English, 23') won the 2023 Graduate Excellence Award in the College of Liberal Arts based on her super academic achievement and noteworthy research. Jessica's advisor is Dr. Andrew Strombeck.



## Keynote speaker

Dr. Carol Logan Patitu, professor and chair of leadership studies in education, was the keynote speaker at this year's Hats Off to You Ladies Luncheon in Columbus, Ohio. The luncheon recognized local women who had overcome adversity and were encouraged by their friends and neighbors.



## Program ranking

U.S. News ranks Wright State graduate programs among best in the nation.

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## Mental health

Mental Health Task Force aims to create culture of well-being at Wright State.

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## Faculty of the Month



### **Dr. Daniel Warshawsky**

[Daniel Warshawsky](#) is an associate professor of geography and director of the Master of Public Administration Program in the School of Social Sciences and International Studies, College of Liberal Arts.

Dr. Warshawsky's research focuses on urban food systems in North America and Africa. He received the 2020 Helen Ruth Aspaas SAGE Innovator Award, a prestigious national geography honor.

Students praise Dr. Warshawsky highly. They say, with skillful simplicity, Dr. Warshawsky lectures in a manner that we can quickly grasp the complex concept. He constantly provides information, advice, and opportunities that have made my graduate school experience enjoyable. Dr. Warshawsky walks in the spirit of guiding and is highly committed to our learning. As a student, I respect Dr. Warshawsky and consider him a true role model.

Daniel Warshawsky has been chosen as one of the three Provost Fellows for 2023-24. He will work closely with Carol Loranger, vice provost for faculty affairs, to develop and implement faculty mentoring programs, new faculty orientation, and development for mid-career faculty.

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## Announcements

### History Symposium

The History Symposium was held on April 14. Valerie Bogdan-Powers, President of Horan Health, delivered the keynote address. Public history students presented their work, and many projects involved archives. Dr. Arvind Elangovan moderated a panel with Dean Gary Schmidt, Jocelyn Robinson, and Valerie Bogdan-Powers. The panel reflected on the challenges of liberal arts in the current job market and explored ways educators and students could innovate to adapt to the market conditions.

### CSIC

The 2023 Campus Scholarship and Innovation Campaign concluded recently. The College reached a 100% participation rate! We are one of the only two units that achieved a 100% participation rate. Thanks to our team for supporting scholarships and our students!

### Apply for Summer 2023 Graduation

Will you graduate in Summer 2023? Remember to apply for graduation by **June 2**. Follow this [link](#) for instructions. This is very important. You won't be able to graduate unless you apply for graduation on time.

### Spring 2023 Dissertation Defense

Congratulations to the doctoral students who have successfully defended their dissertations in Spring 2023!

Abdullah Ali Alshudukhi, PHD, Advisor Dr. Hongmei Ren  
Lipin1 Overexpression Ameliorates the Dystrophic Phenotype in MDX Mice by Enhancing Myofiber Membrane Integrity

Danielle Denise Hollon, PHD, Advisor Dr. Mitch Wolff  
Icing Mitigation via High-pressure Membrane Dehumidification in an Aircraft Thermal Management System

Abdulrahman Jama, PHD, Advisor Dr. Hongmei Ren  
Lipin1 Improves Membrane Integrity in Dystrophic Muscles of MDX Mice

Mark Bradley Johnson, PHD, Advisor Dr. Zifeng Yang



Experimental and Numerical Studies on the Projective Dye Visualization Velocimetry in a Squared Vertical Tube

Lisa Renae Journell, EDD, Advisor Dr. Yoko Miura  
The Relationships Among Organizational Support, Teacher Well-being, and Teacher Resilience in Secondary School Teachers

Dharminder Singh Langri, PHD, Advisor Dr. Ulas Sunar  
Monitoring Blood Flow in Animal Models using a Camera-Based Technique

Jessica Hope Myers, PHD, Advisor Dr. Mark Rich  
Contributors to Pathologic Depolarization in Myotonia Congenita

Swati Padhee, PHD, Advisor Dr. Tanvi Banerjee  
Data-driven Strategies for Pain Management in Patients with Sickle Cell Disease

Juan Manuel Perilla López, PHD, Advisor Dr. John O. Stireman III  
Systematics, Taxonomy, and Ecology of Neotropical Tachinidae (Diptera) with Focus on the Tribe Polideini

Kristen Marie Rehl, PHD, Advisor Dr. Kwang-Jin Cho  
Identifying a Novel Ferrocene Derivative as a K-Ras Inhibitor

Jananie Rockwood, PHD, Advisor Dr. J. Ashot Kozak  
The Role of TRPM7 in Mouse Development and Immune Cell Function

Jennae Nicolle Shelby, PHD, Advisor Dr. Keiichiro Susuki  
Unfolding the Link Between the Axon Initial Segment and Endoplasmic Reticulum Stress in Type 2 Diabetes

Adaku Cheryl Ume, PHD, Advisor Drs. Clintoria Williams, Eric Bennett  
Friend or Foe? The Role of Transforming Growth Factor- $\beta$  (TGF $\beta$ ) Signaling in Calcineurin Inhibitor-Induced Renal Damage

## Quiz

How many master's degree programs are offered at Wright State?

April 2023 Quiz Question: True/False: The Honors Scholars are awarded to undergraduate students only. (T)

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