

a lasting impression



I am honored and grateful the Board of Governors has elected me Wayne State University's 11th president.

I knew when I arrived last August that higher education is a great calling. Now that I've experienced it first-hand, I am even more convinced. I have had a fascinating time at Wayne State so far, and I have thoroughly enjoyed the challenges and opportunities of leading this great institution.

My first impression has proven to be true: We are an educational institution, and our most important responsibility is the success of our students, both in and out of the classroom. Everyone at Wayne State has a role to play in this, whether we are teaching, conducting research, helping students register, or clearing away the snow. In every part of this university a lot of very talented people work hard every day to make sure we give our students their money's worth and more.

Higher education is an essential factor in Michigan's eventual return to prosperity, and to the overall quality of life in our state. Wayne State plays a vital and active role in this endeavor. Most importantly, we do so by preparing our students to be successful and productive citizens. But we also do so through our research, our community involvement and our economic development. We make a big difference, both to individuals and to the world.

Wayne State University is a place of infinite possibilities: a place where great discoveries are a part of everyday life. A place where one can discover knowledge that can change the world, or where someone can discover their own unlimited potential.

As an alum, you already know this. The loyalty and involvement of our alumni are essential to keeping Wayne State strong. I hope you will continue to be a part of the life of the university, and support it with your time and your gifts. Feel free to comment or communicate directly with me at <http://president.wayne.edu/blog/>.

I look forward to working with each of you to ensure that Wayne State remains a university where we not only dream big but also make those dreams a reality.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allan D. Gilmour". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Allan D. Gilmour
President, Wayne State University