# Welcome to WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY in the HEART of MIDTOWN DETROIT!

Wayne State is proud to make its home in the heart of Detroit: a city of dreamers and doers. Inside are resources designed to help you explore and engage in the Motor City — a place unlike any other.



# **GETTING STARTED**

There are a lot of fun and exciting things to see and do in and around our Midtown neighborhood and the attractions featured in this guide are a great place to start. Interested in learning more? There are a number of organizations and publications working to uplift uniquely Detroit voices, activities and events. Below are a few Warrior favorites.

# INSIDER TIPS

- Take a virtual, walking or bus tour led by the City Institute or the Black Scroll Network History & Tours. The tours are led by local guides and highlight the people and places that make Detroit unique.
- Listen to WDET 101.9FM, Detroit's flagship NPR station and a community service of Wayne State. The award-winning station offers a mix of Detroit-focused news, music and cultural content.
- Grow your understanding of the opportunities available throughout the Detroit region and connect with other college students and young professionals via Let's Detroit.



# **ARTS & CULTURE**

Wayne State is located in the heart of Detroit's world-class Cultural Center. The Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA), Detroit Historical Museum, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History and Michigan Science Center are all within a 10-minute walk from the Wayne State Student Center, offering free or low-cost admission and exciting programming.

The Motown Museum on Grand Boulevard (a 15-minute bike ride or seven-minute drive from the Student Center) is a local favorite. Also worth a trip: the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit (MOCAD) and Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) on Woodward Avenue between the Cultural Center and Downtown theatre district (the 2nd largest in the U.S. — unofficially).

# INSIDER TIPS

- Main Library, the main branch of the Detroit Public Library, sits in the middle of the Cultural Center. Use your WayneState OneCard to check out books for free.
- The Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) offers a Soundcard Student Membership that unlocks their entire season for just \$25!
- Love theatre but can't afford Broadway in Detroit? Wayne State students can attend shows at the new Hilberry Gateway for \$15 (a full season is \$60).







# **PARKS & RECREATION**

There are a number of award-winning parks and public spaces in Detroit.

Ride DDOT or bike to **Belle Isle Park** (both free ways to access the 982-acre island park). The park is home to the Belle Isle Aquarium, Dossin Great Lakes Museum and Oudolf Garden Detroit, designed by renowned Dutch garden designer Piet Oudolf. Visitors can also swim (there is a beach!), fish, paddle and take in spectacular views of Detroit to the north and Canada to the south.

Hop on the QLine and head downtown to the Beach at Campus Martius Park, "a sun-soaked oasis that welcomes visitors May through October." Worried about fitting everything in by October? Don't! The Downtown Detroit Parks (there are multiple!) offer year-round programming, with an outdoor ice-skating rink in Campus Martius beginning in December.

Walk south from Campus Martius through the Woodward Esplanade to Hart Plaza and the Detroit Riverwalk. Head east to explore Milliken State Park and Harbor, the Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre and Robert C. Valade Park, which features an expansive sandy beach and community barbeque pavilion in the summer and "sled shed" in the winter.

### INSIDER TIPS

- Campus Martius and the Detroit Riverwalk have both been named the No. 1 public square and riverwalk, respectively, in the U.S. by USA Today.
- Rouge Park in northwest Detroit is more than 200 acres larger than Belle Isle (and both Belle Isle and Rouge Park are larger than Central Park in New York City).
- Detroit is the only U.S. city (outside of Alaska) north of Canada. Taking a day trip to Windsor? Don't forget your passport!

# **LOCAL SPORTS TEAMS**

Detroit is one of only a handful of U.S. cities with teams in each of the Big Four professional sports leagues. The Lions (football) and Tigers (baseball) play downtown and the Pistons (basketball) and Red Wings (hockey) play in Little Caesars Arena (LCA), right next to the Mike Ilitch School of Business. Detroit City Football Club (soccer) games are also a great time; "Le Rouge," as they are affectionately known in Detroit, play at Keyworth Stadium in Hamtramck.

### INSIDER TIPS

- The Motor City Cruise (part of the NBA G-League) is an affordable alternative to the Pistons. They play in the Wayne State Fieldhouse.
- Love to play sports? Sign up for a
   Come Play Detroit or Stonewall Sports
   Detroit league!

# **GET ENGAGED**

There are many nonprofit agencies and community groups doing important work in Detroit. Passionate about environmental justice or youth development? Interested in community mental health or human services? Experiential learning and community service are vital to Wayne State's academic mission and the university encourages students to participate in mutually-beneficial relationships. Look for opportunities to engage through your school or college and Dean of Students Office. Scan the QR code to learn more.



# **HOTELS**

Have a visitor coming to town? Here is a short list of Detroit hotels that feel like home away from home:

- The Inn on Ferry Street (Midtown)
- Hotel Saint Regis (New Center)
- El Moore Lodge & Residences (Midtown)
- Hostel Detroit (North Corktown)
- The Siren Hotel (Downtown)
- Shinola Hotel (Downtown)
- The Detroit Club (Downtown)
- Trumbull And Porter (Corktown)
- The Godfrey (Corktown)

### **DETROIT EATS**

The Detroit food scene offers something for everyone. Here are a few Warrior favorites:

### **MIDTOWN**

Avalon (bakery)

**Campus Bistro** 

Charminar Biryani House (Indian)

Cold Truth (vegan soft serve)

**Detroit Shipping Co.** 

La Palma Mediterranean

Pie Sci Pizza

Rocco's Italian Deli

Royale with Cheese (burgers)

Seva (vegan)

Shangri-La (Cantonese)

Supino Pizzeria

Tony V's Tavern

# **DETROIT DESTINATIONS**

Balkan House (Eastern European)

Bert's Marketplace (soul food)

Buddy's (Detroit-style pizza)

**Detroit Vegan Soul** 

Green Dot Stables (sliders)

Ivanhoe Café (Polish)

Louisiana Creole Gumbo (soul food)

**Sweet Potato Sensations** (bakery)

Sister Pie (bakery)

Taqueria Mi Pueblo (Mexican)

### **OPEN LATE**

**American Coney Island** 

**Armando's Mexican Cuisine** 

Checker Bar (burgers)

**Dos Locos Tacos** 

Duly's Place (Coney Island)

**Lafayette Coney Island** 

Honest John's (all-day breakfast)

**Telway Hamburgers** 

El Nacimiento (Mexican)

Yemen Cafe (Yemeni)

### **BLACK OWNED**

Baobab Fare (East African)

Good Cakes and Bakes (bakery)

Fork in Nigeria

Ima Izakaya (Japanese inspired)

Joe Louis Southern Kitchen

Kuzzo's Chicken & Waffles

Le Petit Dejeuner (breakfast)

The Kitchen by Cooking with Que (vegan)

The Block (gastropub)

Yum Village (Afro-Caribbean)

### **GROCERIES**

Eastern Market is the largest historic market in the U.S. and draws as many as 40,000 visitors each Saturday.
The Saturday Market is open from 6 a.m. - 4 p.m. year-round. Between June and September, the Eastern Market also offers a scaled-down Tuesday Market and Sunday Market featuring local artists.

Other options for groceries in Detroit include:

- Detroit People's Food Co-op (New Center)
- Honey Bee Market La Colmena (Southwest Detroit)
- Marcus Market (Midtown)
- Meijer Rivertown Market (Rivertown)
- Seasons Market & Cafe (Midtown)
- University Foods (Midtown)
- Whole Foods (Midtown)

# **SHOW YOUR ONE CARD & SAVE**

Wayne State partners with local businesses to offer awesome perks to students and staff through the Show Your OneCard & Save program. Scan the QR code to learn more.





### SAMPLE DEALS

- 10% off at Bash Izakaya (Japanese)
- \$1 off at Fresh Rootz juice bar
- 15% off at Mezcal Mexican Restaurant
- 10% off at **SuperCrisp** (Karaage fried chicken sandwiches)



# **CAMPUS BUSINESSES**

**Beyond Juice** 

(Anthony Wayne Drive)

Chase Bank

(5057 Woodward)

**Community Financial Credit Union** 

(Student Center)

Delite Café & Deli

(Mazurek Medical Education Commons)

**Detroit Yoga Lab** 

(Parking Structure 8)

**FedEx** 

(Anthony Wayne Drive)

**Insomnia Cookies** 

(Anthony Wayne Drive)

Jimmy John's

(Anthony Wayne Drive)

**Mezcal Restaurant** 

(Parking Structure 8)

Michigan First Credit Union (5057 Woodward)

\*ATMs across campus.

Moka & Co.

(Anthony Wayne Drive)

**Quickly Boba Cafe** 

(Student Center)

Shibam Coffee

(Gateway Theater)

Shield's Restaurant Bar Pizzeria

(5057 Woodward Ave.)

Sue's Convenience Store

(5057 Woodward Ave.)

Uncle Joe's Chicken Fingers (Anthony Wayne Drive)

Warriors Pharmacy

(Anthony Wayne Drive)

Wayne Lil Mart

(Anthony Wayne Drive)

7-Eleven

(Anthony Wayne Drive)

