

## IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

### February 2009

- 15 – Priority deadline for financial aid (FAFSA)
- 15 – Academic Performance Scholarship deadline
- 16 – Path to Health Professions Day
- 27 – ACT registration deadline for April 2009 test
- 28 – Wright From the Start Visit Day

### March 2009

- 14 – SAT national test
- 25 – CollegeWeekLive Virtual College Fair
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- 23–28 – Spring Break
- 30 – First day of Spring Quarter classes

### April 2009

- 4 – ACT national test

#### Admissions deadline

Applications are processed year round for new students, but transfer and returning students with a GPA below 2.0 should pay close attention to petition deadlines. Decisions regarding admission to Wright State are usually made within two weeks.

#### Housing deadline

Housing is granted on a first-come, first-served basis. It is recommended that students submit applications and prepayment in the fall to ensure the best possible housing options.

#### Financial Aid deadline

Filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online is the quickest and most convenient method for submitting financial information. Wright State's Title IV code for the FAFSA is 003078. The priority deadline for the FAFSA at Wright State was February 15, 2009, but students may still apply for financial aid.



## Choose Ohio First scholarships available for STEM students

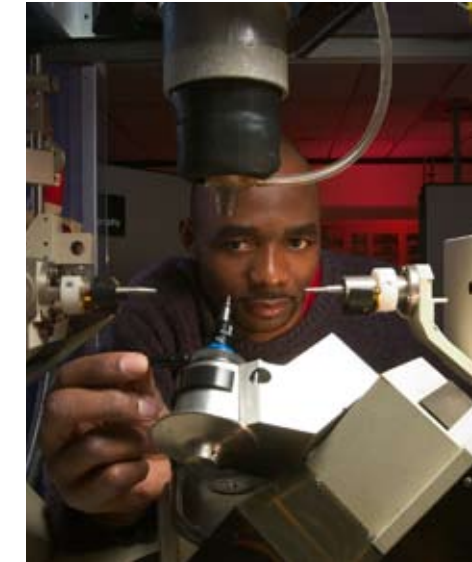
Scholarships totaling nearly \$4 million are now available for graduating high school seniors and current college students interested in pursuing careers in the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine.

These competitive scholarships are the result of a tremendous community partnership. Eight institutions of higher learning joined together to form the Dayton Regional Collaborative, consisting of Wright State University as the lead organization, Central State University, University of Dayton, Wittenberg University, Clark State Community College, Edison Community College, Sinclair Community College, and Southern State Community College, along with Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and more than 450 representatives from government, industry, and health care.

In its proposal, "Growing the STEM Pipeline in the Dayton Region—Becoming an International Center of Excellence for Human Effectiveness/Human Performance," the Dayton Regional Collaborative recognized the region's need for a STEM-educated workforce and requested the Choose Ohio First funding to award scholarships in those areas.

By 2011, more than 1,200 jobs in the areas of human effectiveness/performance, sensors, and information technology will be relocated to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base as a result of the 2005 Department of Defense Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC).

"In the coming years, the Dayton region will need thousands of new employees to



fill these and other anticipated openings in the STEM fields, including aerospace, information technology, advanced materials and manufacturing, and human sciences and health care," said WSU President David R. Hopkins. "Investing in people is crucial for our future success. These Choose Ohio First scholarships for students in STEM disciplines represent higher education's contribution to the future of Ohio."

The Dayton Regional Collaborative's proposal was reviewed by a national panel of STEM and STEM education experts. The experts, empanelled by Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor Eric D. Fingerhut, recommended nine of 16 submitted proposals for this round of Choose Ohio First funding. The selected proposals not only identified a commitment to outstanding programs, but also focused on

STEM recruitment and retention as they relate to building Ohio's new economy.

#### About Choose Ohio First

Choose Ohio First Scholarship awards are part of the Ohio Innovation Partnership created by the Ohio General Assembly to assist Ohio's higher education institutions in building the talent and research pipelines critical to the state's economic development.

Governor Ted Strickland and the Ohio General Assembly have invested more than \$250 million to remake Ohio's economy through collaborative programs in higher education, particularly in the STEM fields.

"There's nothing more crucial to our economic future than investing in the people of Ohio," said Governor Strickland. "The Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program is part of the investment we are making to attract and retain students in the vital areas of science and technology."

According to the Ohio Board of Regents, the competitive awards are based on collaborations between colleges, universities, and their Ohio business and industry partners that will have the most impact on advancing Ohio's position in the world markets for aerospace, medicine, computer technology, and alternative energy.

Stressing collaboration over competition, Chancellor Fingerhut has emphasized the need for Ohio to regain its prominent role in the areas of scholarship and research. To help reach that goal, the University System of Ohio's 10-year strategic plan for higher education calls for a 110 percent increase in bachelor's degrees in STEM disciplines by 2017. Increasing the production of these high-demand degrees is also a top priority of the state's business community.

For more information about Choose Ohio First, visit [www.wright.edu/chooseohiofirst](http://www.wright.edu/chooseohiofirst)



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## Wright State participates in virtual college fair on March 25 and 26

The Wright State University Office of Undergraduate Admissions is giving interested students, parents, and guidance counselors the chance to learn more about Wright State University from the comfort of their home or office during an upcoming virtual college fair.

Wright State will participate in CollegeWeekLive's virtual college fair on March 25 and 26. As part of the event, visitors can chat live with a Wright State admissions representative who will be standing by, ready to answer questions about the university, admissions process, and more. This is a great alternative for those who cannot travel to a physical college fair. It can also complement an in-person visit and allow visitors to ask any additional questions.

In addition, CollegeWeekLive's virtual college fair will feature a number of live video keynote presentations and panels from admissions experts, counselors, and students.

For more information about the free virtual college fair, please visit [www.wright.edu/admissions/chat](http://www.wright.edu/admissions/chat)

## Path to Health Professions Day

Monday, February 16, 2009

High school students who are interested in going into a medical or health profession or teachers and guidance counselors who are interested in learning more about Wright State's pre-med or pre-professional programs are invited to the 2009 Path to Health Professions Day. Discover more about career opportunities in the health professions, tour the new and renovated buildings and labs, find out what it takes to be admitted into the Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine and other professional programs, and more.

For more information, or to register, visit [www.wright.edu/cosm/premed/presday.html](http://www.wright.edu/cosm/premed/presday.html)

Registration deadline is February 11, 2009.

### Wright State student profile:

## Megan Uhrig

**Hometown:** Chillicothe, OH (Southeastern High School)  
**Major:** International Studies/Spanish

Megan is involved in a variety of clubs and organizations at Wright State, including the Dean's Student Advisory Board for the College of Liberal Arts, Student Government, and the Model United Nations Team.



### What is the Model United Nations Team, what is your involvement, and how has that benefited you?

The Model United Nations Team is a four-credit hour seminar class where you interview for a position on the team. Our team is assigned a country to represent at the National Model United Nations Conference in NYC and we spend several months researching to prepare. The Team helps you to develop extensive research techniques, public speaking, negotiation, and technical writing skills that are essential to diplomacy. We have received top honors for the last 29 years, which is a winning streak unmatched by any other university in the country.

For me, this experience has been a unique one at WSU. I not only have expanded my knowledge of how the United Nations system works, but I have also built valuable skills that I will be able to utilize with any career in the future. This has also been the most challenging course I have taken here, but it has provided me with a lot of experience.

### How would you describe the sense of community to be found at Wright State?

Our sense of community here at WSU is one of the most appealing parts of the university. I have been able to find where I fit in among the 17,000-plus students and have been able to personally develop because of that. It doesn't take long to feel like you're a member of the family.

### What is your career goal and how is Wright State helping to prepare you for this?

My career goal is to work with a non-governmental organization, hopefully out of South America. Eventually, I would love to settle down and teach at the college level. Wright State has helped me prepare for these goals in so many ways. The professors have assisted me in broadening my horizons in countless ways by opening doors I never knew were there. Also, our study abroad programs are absolutely amazing and have allowed me to develop a deeper understanding of different cultures, which is critical to my success in the future.

## Wright From the Start Day 2009

Saturday, February 28, 2009

Students interested in attending Wright State University can take a campus tour, learn more about college life, and discuss their academic goals and interests with members of the faculty. Information sessions on Financial Aid, Housing, Student Life, and more are offered through the day.

For more information, visit [www.wright.edu/wrightfromthestart](http://www.wright.edu/wrightfromthestart)

## Send your students to college for a day!

Learn more about WSU during a one-day campus visit

All prospective Wright State students are invited to spend a day on campus. The Office of Admissions will work with each student personally to create a customized visit, including a campus tour and meetings with an admissions counselor.



Campus tours are offered Monday-Friday at 10 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m.

Check out our **Campus Housing Virtual Tour** for important information about student housing.

Unable to come to campus? Visit [www.wright.edu/admissions](http://www.wright.edu/admissions)

## What's new @ WSU?

You can find news, events, and WSU website highlights at:

ON THE WEB [www.wright.edu/announce/](http://www.wright.edu/announce/)

## Wright State unveils newly remodeled medical education center

Local medical students are learning in a specialized, state-of-the-art facility that rivals the best in the nation thanks to an ambitious building project at the Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine.



The new facility is the result of a three-year project to completely renovate the former Frederick A. White Health Center for Ambulatory Care and to expand the building with an 18,000-square-foot addition. In total, the facility now includes more than 84,000 square feet of lecture halls, classrooms, laboratories, offices, study spaces, computer labs, and common areas, all devoted to the specialized training of tomorrow's finest medical professionals.

"The new facility serves as a dedicated home for the medical school in the heart of campus," said Howard Part, dean of the Boonshoft School of Medicine. "All of the resources students need during the first two years of their education are now concentrated in one convenient location."

The medical school's innovative, community-based educational model has earned the school national recognition, and students will continue to prepare for success in today's dynamic health care system through diverse experiences at area hospitals and health care facilities, especially in their third and fourth years. At the outset of their medical education, however, the dedicated facility will foster a greater sense of camaraderie, forge stronger connections among classmates and faculty, and allow more time to focus on mastering the fundamentals of their new profession.

