

WCC President Ed Wilson to retire

After 14 years as president of Wayne Community College and 39 years in education, Dr. Ed Wilson is retiring at the end of the spring semester. During his years here, the college has experienced a number of achievements including construction of new buildings and receiving of high marks from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Dr. Wilson's contributions have touched not only the college, but the community. The Campus Voice talked to some of the people who know him best, and here is what they had to say...



"I have learned a tremendous amount from Dr. Wilson. He has many years and vast experience in the community college system, and he has always been willing to be a mentor/teacher. Dr. Wilson believes in discussing issues with everyone who is involved. We all function as a team, (which is) beneficial. An additional benefit is that Dr. Wilson has tremendous resources or networks throughout the nation, state and community, which helps get additional information for discussion and decision making. He also knows how to have fun and we are able to laugh a lot. That is how work should be; you should be able to have fun."

-Dr. Kay Albertson,
Vice President, Student Services and Academic Affairs



"Dr. Wilson's leadership and involvement have been vital to the Chamber. We appreciate all he has done for the Chamber very much."

-Steve Hicks
Executive Director
Wayne County Chamber of Commerce



"I have worked as Dr. Wilson's assistant and assistant secretary to the Board of Trustees since he became president of Wayne Community College. I would describe my experiences as both rewarding and challenging. Dr. Wilson is very knowledgeable and well respected at Wayne Community College and throughout the entire community college system. I truly feel by working with Dr. Wilson, I have worked with the best president of the community college system. He will be missed and his shoes will be hard to fill."

-Joy Ginn
Secretary



"Dr. Wilson brought great leadership skills to the United Way; he was a champion of improving lives and has a passion for serving the community."

-Steve Parr
Executive Director
United Way of Wayne County



"I've worked with him for five and a half years and it has been very pleasant and a positive learning experience. He is a very knowledgeable man, and it will be hard to replace him. I consider it an honor to work for him."

-Robin Wheeler
Secretary



"He has led us to be one of the premiere colleges in the nation, not just the state. We have become a superior college in the past few years with his help. His Open Door Policy for students, faculty and staff is one of his best assets. He has always been very supportive of every initiative that the Wayne Community College Foundation has tried. He has not only given leadership to Wayne Community College, but Wayne County as well through his involvements."

-Jack Kannan
Executive Director, WCC Foundation



"Dr. Wilson is willing to share his thoughts and ask others' opinions. There have been many times he has come into my office... and asked for my opinion on issues. He is very receptive of ideas. He involves his staff in decision making, which keeps us informed and allows us to make choices in what we do. He is not a micro-manager; he tells us what he wants and lets us do our jobs. One very important thing about Dr. Wilson is that he is 100% student oriented; the first question that he always asks is how it affects the student ... He is very involved in the community and encourages his staff to be active in community organizations and events. A great boss to work for and learn from."

-Ken Ritt
Vice President
Educational Support Services

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