

# An important message for the campus community

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Dear Wayne State community,

Last night we became aware of an incident in which a Wayne State student and a number of individuals staffing a table in State Hall engaged in a dispute. During a tense exchange, the student made some provocative remarks related to immigration and brandished a knife. This incident was shared via Facebook and other forms of social media. The individual in question has since been detained and is suspended from the university pending a full investigation.

At Wayne State, we strive to create a physically safe campus community. We are among the safest college campuses in Michigan and across the nation. As always, if you witness or become aware of incidents such as the one that occurred yesterday, we ask that you please call the Wayne State Police Department at 313-577-2222. In this instance, no one called the police.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to building an inclusive campus community where intolerance — particularly when accompanied by physical threats — is not tolerated. While we encourage respectful dialogue and sometimes passionate debate about differing views and perspectives, there is no place for violence or threats of violence at Wayne State.

Thank you to everyone who has written to express their concern about this incident. Together, we will continue to build a campus environment that is safe, welcoming and inclusive for everyone.

Sincerely,

M. Roy Wilson  
President

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