



THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Wolverine Caucus - Alumni Association - Office of Government Relations

Invites you to an upcoming program and luncheon

Thursday, April 28, 2005

11:30 am-1:30 pm in the Farnum Building Rm. 810

FROM THE RESEARCH BENCH TO A START-UP BUSINESS:

HOW IT WORKS AND WHY THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN IS COMMITTED TO IT

You are invited to join us as we take an inside look at how the University of Michigan turns research into revenues for Michigan's economy! Our panelists will discuss their roles in moving scientific and research discoveries through the process of commercialization, and the future of technology-based economic development in Michigan.

~Featuring~

University of Michigan Regent **Katherine White**

From 2000-2002, Regent White was appointed by the Secretary of Commerce to serve on the United States Patent and Trademark Office Patent Public Advisory Committee. She is currently a law professor at the Wayne State University Law School, and serves as a Major in the U.S. Army reserves. She is currently assigned to the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's School (JAG) at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. She is a Fulbright Senior Scholar, a White House Fellow 2001-2002, and a registered patent attorney.



Marvin Parnes, Associate VP for Research, Executive Director of Research Administration
With broad responsibility for the infrastructure and administration of the Office of the Vice President for Research, Mr. Parnes also coordinates "seed funding" for new scholarly projects and special needs in the research community. Mr. Parnes manages the Division of Research Development and Administration, the primary organization responsible for the development and administration of externally funded research, scholarship, and creative activity. He received his BA in English from the City College of the City University of New York and his Master's in Social Work from UM.



Ken Nisbet, Executive Director of the Office of Tech Transfer

Mr. Nisbet heads the Technology Transfer function for the University of Michigan, licensing UM's research discoveries, and assisting University of Michigan faculty in launching new business start-ups. He holds a BSME and a MBA, both from UM, and is active in entrepreneurial initiatives in the community.

The University of Michigan is committed to providing diverse forums at which we may utilize the talents and expertise of our faculty to inform and assist the efforts of our state's policy makers. Programs feature UM experts in economics, international affairs, technology, health and medicine, labor relations, law, fine arts and athletics.

We welcome any and all participation in our programs and are happy to provide contacts and resources regarding special projects and topics. We invite you and your colleagues to join us. Please contact our office to receive announcements of upcoming programs:

UM Lansing Service Center at (517) 372-7801 or e-mail veronicj@umich.edu



More About the Wolverine Caucus

University of Michigan Alumni and friends who work in and around the State Capitol are welcome to participate in the Wolverine Caucus. Our mission is to provide diverse forums at which University of Michigan friends can meet one another, enjoy fellowship, exchange views, and learn from the world-class talents of the University of Michigan.

The Caucus is informal: no dues, no messy elections, no organization chart. To get announcements of programs call the UM Lansing Service Center at 517 372-7801, and ask us to add your name or the names of associates.

Please join us at a Wolverine Caucus event soon!

Reservation Form

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Name (please print): _____

Affiliation: _____

Telephone: _____
(daytime) (evening)

Please take a moment to provide us with any questions or concerns you may have surrounding this topic. Our speaker is pleased to address specific issues during the program and on an individual basis.

Thank you for your interest and support!