Wayne State University has seen many transformations over the last 150 years. Since its beginnings in 1868 as the Detroit Medical College, the university has changed size, shape and name several times. But at its core has always been a commitment to the local community. Throughout its history, Wayne State has played a central and integral role in the story of Detroit and Southeast Michigan.

Join Alison Stankrauff, Wayne State’s University Archivist, for the Humanities Center presentation as she takes us on a pictorial journey through Wayne State’s history in celebration of its sesquicentennial. Join us on Tuesday, November 6, in the Faculty Administration Building Room #2339. The presentation begins at 12:30 p.m.

Wayne State’s campus has grown organically, using existing buildings and constructing new ones that have added to Detroit’s architectural heritage. Stankrauff will look at some of these key brick-and-mortar developments through archival images of the campus and surrounding neighborhood. She will also focus on Wayne State’s most valuable asset — its students — and how they’ve made the university Michigan’s most diverse campus and a powerful place to learn and grow.

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