SUMMER 2018

COMMENCEMENT
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For a man who has seemingly done it all, Charles Woodson (School of Kinesiology ’97, HLLD ’18) remains remarkably humble. Woodson—who accepted an honorary Doctor of Laws degree and delivered U-M’s Spring Commencement address in April—is no stranger to accolades. When the thing you resent most is being on the sidelines, the awards just tend to pile up.

But a celebrated life’s journey began with modest origins. As an infant, Woodson was diagnosed with clubfoot. He was required to wear a pair of corrective braces that barred his legs in place and prevented him from playing with his siblings. For much of his early life, a boy who would one day be known for his ability to make spectacular leaping interceptions was—more or less—forced to stay put.

The infant superstar-to-be howled and shrieked. He walked for freedom. But it was thanks to the early intervention of pediatric medicine that Woodson was able to make a full recovery. Smith, the braces came off. The boy stood up. And with plenty of pent-up energy, he was immediately drawn to sports. The rest is a celebrated chapter in football history. But the most remarkable thing about Charles Woodson may be that football is only one part of his story. Childbirth wouldn’t be his last brush with pediatrics.

At U-M, former head football coach Lloyd Carr was known for his own childhood, his experiences at Mott impacted the lives of his players, a way to give back and lift the spirits of those who needed it the most. Woodson was no exception. Maybe owing to his own childhood, his experiences at Mott impacted him deeply. Long before he was a Heisman Trophy winner and Super Bowl champion, Woodson—who accepted an honorary Doctor of Laws degree and delivered U-M’s Spring Commencement address in April—is no stranger to accolades. When the thing you resent most is being on the sidelines, the awards just tend to pile up.

For everyone, there will come a time when you’re sitting in your home or in your car, wherever you may be, and you’ll say, “You know what? It’s time for me to stand up and get involved.” Everybody has time for me to stand up and get involved. What I do is fight through the things they’re fighting through. What I do is just a small part.

When U-M reached out in 2003 to ask if Woodson would help raise money for the Charles Woodson Clinical Research Initiative at C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital, Woodson had no hesitation. “He didn’t blink,” says Valerie Opipari, a pediatric oncologist and chair of the Department of Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases at Mott. “He helped us to raise $75 million for the building. It would not have happened (without him). There was no single person who gave more of their time and effort to making the case for Mott Hospital than Charles.”

And he didn’t stop there. “Around 2008 when the building was taking shape... he said to me, ‘I want to do more.’ And he didn’t stop there. ‘Around 2008 when the building was taking shape... he said to me, ‘I want to do more.’ And he didn’t stop there. ‘Around 2008 when the building was taking shape... he said to me, ‘I want to do more.’ And he didn’t stop there. ‘Around 2008 when the building was taking shape... he said to me, ‘I want to do more.’ And he didn’t stop there. ‘Around 2008 when the building was taking shape... he said to me, ‘I want to do more.’ And he didn’t stop there. ‘Around 2008 when the building was taking shape... he said to me, ‘I want to do more.’ And he didn’t stop there. ‘Around 2008 when the building was taking shape... he said to me, ‘I want to do more.’ And he didn’t stop there. ‘Around 2008 when the building was taking shape... he said to me, ‘I want to do more.’ And he didn’t stop there. ‘Around 2008 when the building was taking shape... he said to me, ‘I want to do more.’ And he didn’t stop there. ‘Around 2008 when the building was taking shape... he said to me, ‘I want to do more.'”

When I think about the hospital, I think about the doctors, the nurses, the researchers, he says. “I am able to be a voice and a face, so to speak. But that’s the easy part. The hard part is done by the people who are at the hospital each and every day. The hard part comes for the patients who have to fight through the things they’re fighting through. What I do is just a small part.”

Woodson continues playing his part today. He offers ongoing support at the annual Event on Main, which raises funds for the Charles Woodson Clinical Research Initiative at Mott. The young man who once spent his autumn Saturdays inspiring thousands at the Big House remains a celebrated presence in Ann Arbor. Once considered an elder statesman of the NFL, Woodson is now an ambassador for philanthropy and social activism at his alma mater. A champion for hope.

On giving back, he offers a simple message. “For everyone, I think that you find your moment,” he reflects. “There will come a time when you’re sitting in your home or in your car, wherever you may be, and you’ll say, ‘You know what? It’s time for me to stand up and get involved.’ Everybody has their time. When that time comes, you’ll feel it.”

To support the Charles Woodson Clinical Research Initiative today, visit myumi.ch/ibCWRI
To watch Charles Woodson’s commencement address, check out myumi.ch/ibWoodson
To more on Woodson and his presence at Mott, visit myumi.ch/ibWoodsonMott

EVENT ON MAIN
Ann Arbor, MI | June 21, 2018 | Main Street
Co-chairs Kristen Finn (BSEnv ’11, MSF ’12) and Lisa Mattison Roberts welcomed guests for the annual Event on Main—a fundraising evening to support Charles Woodson’s Clinical Research Initiative at C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital. This year’s event broke records, raising more than $650,000 to provide crucial support and resources for researchers studying pediatric diseases.

1. Lisa Mattison Roberts; Kristen Finn; Mott and Von Voigtlander National Campaign Leadership Council member; 2. Charles Woodson poses with guests 3. Manu and Sheena Anand
4. Brian Greise (AB ’87)
For more photos, check out myumi.ch/ibMain

COMMENCEMENT
Ann Arbor, MI | April 28, 2018 | Michigan Stadium
The University of Michigan honored graduates during Spring Commencement in April. Former Michigan Football and NFL champion Charles Woodson was welcomed back to Michigan Stadium as the commencement speaker, encouraging students to stop the spread of hate and help others. Woodson was among four honorary degree recipients:

1. One of the nation’s most respected dental educators, academic leaders, and social justice advocates Jeanne Craig Sinkford received an honorary Doctor of Science degree
2. Arts advocate, community leader, and philanthropist Penny W. Stamps (BSDes ’66, ‘TeachCert’ 66) received an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree
3. World-renowned life scientist David R. Walt (BS ’74) received an honorary Doctor of Science degree
4. Charles Woodson, one of America’s most celebrated football stars and philanthropists, received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree

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FUTURE OF MEDICINE RECEPTION
NEW YORK, NY | FEBRUARY 10, 2018 | LOTTE NEW YORK PALACE

Victors for Michigan campaign co-chair and chair of the Michigan Medicine campaign Rich Belpol (BB ‘70, MD ‘72) hosted a reception at which Richard B. Vauter, the provost, introduced DistiguishedProfessor of Surgery and chair of the Department of Surgery, presented on the future of patient care, education, and research.


HAIL YES!
GREATER MICHIGAN AREA | MARCH 14, 2018
ANN ARBOR, FLINT, AND DEARBORN CAMPIBNS

Since 2001, the Hall Yeah Student Day of Thanks has encouraged U-M students to campus handshakes. Thank you notes to share with alumni who have given $25 or less to the university in the last fiscal year. Table settings were set up across all three campuses where students could sign postcards and personally express gratitude for donor support. This year, students sent nearly 2,000 cards to alumni donors.

1. U-M Flint students visited the Harding Nott University Center 2. U-M Detroit students gathered at the University Center and Faber Center

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RECEPTION FOR UMMA DIRECTOR CHRISTINA OLSSEN
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Christina Olsen, who began her five-year appointment as director in October 2017, also shared her vision for UMMA and the important role it will continue to play at the university.


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CELEBRATING DONORS AND THEIR SCHOLARS
ANN ARBOR, MI | MARCH 24, 2018 | JACK ROTH STADIUM CLUB, MICHIGAN STADIUM

Scholarship donors and the students they support came together in Jack Roth Stadium Club for the 50th annual gathering to celebrate the impact of philanthropy on student academics. The afternoon reverberated with music, storytelling, laughter, and praise as students shared the many ways U-M has shaped their lives.


For more photos, check out myumi.ch/lb50thLAsupport

WOLVERINE PATHWAYS LA SUPPORT RECEPTION
LOS ANGELES, CA | MARCH 1, 2018 | THE BLACK-BENNETT RESIDENCE

World-renowned brain surgeon Keith Black (BS ‘78, MD ‘81, MedRes ‘87) and Carol Bennett (MedRes ‘87) opened their home for alumni and friends to connect and to talk about the impact of giving to U-M. Black and Bennett are especially passionate about creating opportunities in the Detroit area for future students, and have been partnering with Wolverine Pathways to make a difference with students from underrepresented communities.


For more photos, check out myumi.ch/lbLAsupport

FUTURE OF ENTERTAINMENT PANEL
BEVERLY HILLS, CA | APRIL 18, 2018 | UNITED TALENT AGENCY

The university community gathered at the United Talent Agency headquarters in Beverly Hills for an evening hosted by U-M’s co-chairman and co-chairwoman Peter Benedek (AB ‘79, PhD) who also serves as chair of the Los Angeles Campaign Leadership Council. Guests heard an insightful panel discussion from U-M alumni and alumni who are now some of the arts and entertainment industry’s leading figures. Los Angeles continues to be a hub of culture for the university, and this event is just another reminder that the base of Hollywood’s future is made and molded from a U-M education.


For more photos, check out myumi.ch/lbKтикаEntertainment

MICHIGAN SEMINARS IN FLORIDA
NAPLES, FL | FEBRUARY 12, 2018 | NAPLES YACHT CLUB

Craig (BB ‘73) and Susan (MBA ‘77) Barceloux hosted fellow donors and university leadership for a private dinner in honor of President Mark S. Schlissel providing the Michigan Seminars in Florida. Marshall Rangere, executive vice president for medical affairs and dean of the Medical School, presented in attendance.


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For more photos, check out myumi.ch/lbNewYorkPalace

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For more photos, check out myumi.ch/lbNCBEATS
SPRING LUNCHEON FOR THE MARY H. WEAVER FOOD ALLERGY CENTER
WEST BLOOMFIELD, MI | APRIL 26, 2018
KNOLLWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

The Mary H. Weaver Food Allergy Center hosted its fourth annual lunccheon to raise support for allergy research initiatives at Michigan Medicine. Through the support of donors and sponsors, along with proceeds from the center’s first silent auction, the lunccheon raised over $20,000. Guests also enjoyed a panel discussion moderated by Detroit’s WDIV-TV viewers anchor Sandra Ali. Paul featured experts in allergy—including Jim Baker, director of the Mary H. Weaver Food Allergy Center and the Ruth Dow Dean/Professor of Biology Nanotechnology.

1. Guests having a great time while learning about the challenges of food allergies and their possible causes.
2. Mark Pawlik, committee co-chair, Alexander Poyraz, Sandra Ali, Keri Prieto, committee co-chair, Edward Rubak (MD '71), Karl Fitzgerald (MD/Schw Med '17), Sandra All, Jim Baker, Nick Lucas Jr., Todd Aaron Frankel, Jim Frankel, Cameron Frankel
3. Robert Smith
4. Jillian Bondot (BSE '73, BSEEng '73)
5. Jessica (PhD '74), Dennis Knapp Jr. (BSE '73, BSEEng '73), Kathy August (BSE '69, BSEEng '74), Carrie Wendel, Trudy Golden, Mary Heinz, Marla Karimipour, Michelle Kramer, Mary Marquart (MD '73), Mary Weaver, Jim Baker

For more photos, check out myumi.ch/b5SpringLunch

BLAVIN SCHOLARS CELEBRATION
ANN ARBOR, MI | APRIL 27, 2018 | MUNGER GRADUATE RESIDENCE

The 2018 Blavin Scholars and supporters welcomed this year’s Blavin Scholars to their annual commencement celebration. The Blavin Scholarship and Program provides support for students who experienced foster care or homelessness that is designed to maximize their undergraduate college experience at U-M. University leaders offered discerning lectures on the challenges of higher education and what it means to design spaces of equity.

1. David Evans (BGS '85), Nathan Harnden (AB '18), Blavin Mentor Patricia Griffith (AM '89), Joan C. Kaufman, Scott DeRue
2. Jeff T. Blau
3. Jeff Bluestein (MBA '04).
4. Arik Ruchim (BBA '02), Jason Kaufman, Scott DeRue, and the Edward J. Frey Dean for prominent NYC Ross School donors and alumni discuss pressing business questions with industry thought leaders. Scott DeRue, the Edward J. Frey Dean of Business at the Ross School of Business and Jeffrey Borenstein (BSE '72), and Jacob Zajaczek lead this year’s panel discussions on cryptocurrency—highly debated economic development that has revolutionized the currency landscape in recent years.

1. Guests connecting over drinks.
2. Scott DeRue. Arik Ruchim (BBA '02), Jason Kaufman, Scott DeRue, Jeff Bluestein (MBA '04). Amy Wildstein (BBA '10),
3. Cathy Roschen, Jeff T. Blau, Jeff T. Blau, Scott Stewart (MBA '10), America Stoessel (BBA '17).
4. All attention on the roundtable discussion.

For more photos, check out myumi.ch/BlavinCelebration

ROSS ROUNDTABLE NYC
NEW YORK, NY | APRIL 26, 2018 | HODSON YARD EXPERIENCE

Jeff T. Blau (BBA '90) hosted the inaugural Ross Roundtable in New York City, a forum for prominent NYC Ross School donors and alumni to discuss pressing business questions with industry thought leaders. Scott DeRue, the Edward J. Frey Dean of Business at the Ross School of Business and Jeffrey Borenstein (BSE '72), and Jacob Zajaczek led this year’s panel discussions on cryptocurrency—a highly debated economic development that has revolutionized the currency landscape in recent years.

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PHOENIX M-TALKS
SCOTTSDALE, AZ | FEBRUARY 28, 2018
JPMARRIOTTCAMERBACKGOLFCUB

The U-M community came together in Scottsdale to hear faculty present on how their research is impacting the university’s building. From finding solutions to both re-establishing and strengthening pipelines by exploring the many ways tech is transforming the English language, guests enjoyed engaging discussions that underscored the ambitious scope and depth of current research at Michigan.

1. Rich Boggs (BSA '74, M.A. '73)
2. Terra and Jen
3. E. Royster Harper (BSEd '73, TeachCert '73, AM '74)
4. Mary Weiser, Jim Baker, Nick Lucas Jr., Todd Aaron Frankel, Jim Frankel, Cameron Frankel
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BOSTON ROBOTICS PANEL
BOSTON, MA | MAY 10, 2018 | MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

A special panel discussion and reception was held in Boston for alumni and friends to learn more about the many ways innovation at Multigenerational caring could future for robotics technology and its applications. The panel was comprised of faculty and researchers from the College of Engineering, School of Nursing, and MobiLab, along with special guest Peter Woman (MSE '86, MS '96, PhD '99).

1. Cy Hopkins (BS '19), Sangita Thakore (BS '21), Pete Woman, John R. 18 (ISE '16), MSE '20, and Lawrence (ISE/EE '17/12), Steve R. E. (ISE '96).
2. Mike Papadopoulos (MedRes '88, MBA '09), Steven Papadopoulos (MedRes '88, MBA '09), Jay Lee (ISE '02, MD '12)

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SEATTLE M-TALKS
SEATTLE, WA | JUNE 30, 2018 | NOVELTY HILL JANUIK WINERY

Alumni and friends gathered in Woodinville wine country for a special program and reception that highlighted the bright future of learning and research at U-M. It offered thousands of labs that administratively inclusivity fosters excellence in higher education and what it means to transform systems of equity.

1. Edgar Gonzalez, Jonathan Mason, dean of Tad Taebert College.
2. Femi Lee, associate dean of Diversity Equity, Inclusion, and Professional Development.
3. Angel Lee (MD '72), Group Therapists (MD '74, BSE '75, MBA '80), Rayna Lenihan, (MD '78, MBA '80), Mike Papadopoulos (MedRes '88, MBA '09), Jay Lee (ISE '02, MD '12)

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DENVER M-TALKS
DENVER, CO | JUNE 10, 2018 | HISTORY COLORADO CENTER

The leaders and heads arrived in Denver for an annual update on the transformation work being conducted at U-M. University leaders offered engaging lectures on the challenges of communicating and living in spaces of difference, such as in political differences of opinion or in the current on that led through inhibition growth.

1. James R. Bond (BSE '74, MBA '92), Ruth Rosend (BSE '75, MD '70), Doug Tisdale (MD '72),
2. Stephen Zayas (MD '89, BSE '83), Jennifer Lee (MD '92, BSE '90).
3. Michael A. Fitzpatrick, Robert J. Shiller, and Jennifer Lee (MD '92, BSE '90), School of Public Policy.
4. John T. Green (BSE '75, MD '70).
5. Brian Deegan, Jennifer Lee (MD '92, BSE '90).
Yoon-Dae Euh
SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA | MAY 26, 2018 | THE WESTIN CHOSUN SEOUL

Performances from Just Jerk Crew, So-Hee Song, and Kwang Jin Kim (MBA ’09).

So-Hee Song

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SUMMER UP NORTH
PETOSKEY, MI | JULY 12, 2018 | BAY HARBOR YACHT CLUB

Petoskey continues to be a favorite summertime location for alumni and friends to reconnect and enjoy the beauty of Northern Michigan. This year featured a special discussion by Hank Meijer (AB ’73) and Michael S. Barr, the Joan and Sanford Weill Dean of Public Policy at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, on the political philosophy of former U.S. Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, apropos of Meijer’s recent monograph, “Arthur Vandenberg: The Man in the Middle of the American Century.”

1. Hank G. Meijer
2. Judy Frey (BSN ’66)
3. Barb Rivard (ABEd ’69, TeacherCert ’69), Liesel L. Meijer (AB ’89)
4. Frank Westover (BBA ’62, MBA ’62)
5. Tim Manganello (BSEMech ’72, MSE ’75, PD ’81)
6. Rob Morrison (DDS ’62), David Frey

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