An instructor in five departments, Markovits, the Karl V. Deutsch Collegiate Professor of Comparative Politics and German Studies, professor of Germanic languages and literature, professor of political science and professor of sociology, is described by colleagues as a “gifted, brilliant and dedicated teacher” who remains an “enigma.” Not only is Markovits an outstanding classroom teacher, the nomination letter states, but he also influences lives as a concerned and rigorous advisor. As senior honors director in political science, he also made significant contributions to the program by redesigning the honors seminar from a class that met infrequently to a weekly gathering where students engaged in stimulating discussions of their projects.

Woolridge, the Gerald and Esther Carey Professor of Business Administration, and professor of organizational behavior, human management, organization and internal at the School of Business, is known as a world-class institution.

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Benefit-eligible participants who complete the MHealthy Wellness Assessment will receive a $100 taxable cash incentive through payroll. Everyone through in 30 minutes and that’s happening. Employers across the country recognize that prevention is key to improving health status and health care costs, Palma-Davis says. “This is a hot topic on leadership agendas across the country,” she says. “We need to focus on prevention. New employers are taking the bull by the horns and putting programs in place to help in that.” If we are going to succeed in creating a culture of health, we have to engage people. A select group of tenured physicians-in-training. The assessment includes a health questionnaire, a 30-minute wellness screening and a results revision with a health professional, during which each participant will receive a personal health report and information on resources for health and lifestyle improvement. Based on results, participants may be given the opportunity to work with a personal health coach to achieve health improvement goals.

To encourage privacy, the University has contracted with a third party vendor to provide the assessments. University and a colleague notes that his role was essential in helping “transform large lecture classes from passive receipt to something more dynamic and actively engaged.” His leadership regarding technology also was key to creation of the Academic Reporting Toolkit, which allows faculty to learn more about their students’ academic backgrounds and preparation.

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The increasingly difficult economic environment is stressing the ability of providers to meet the growing needs of the 1.2 million Michigan residents without health insurance, but UMHS remains committed to providing access to high-quality health care. UMHS maintains its status as a world-class institution by retaining an atmosphere of innovation. Uncompensated direct care to Washtenaw County residents totaled $643.4 million in 2008 and includes contributions to community mental health and federal and county health plans.

One such plan is the Washtenaw Health Plan, a public-private partnership between Washtenaw County government, the UMHS, St. Joseph Health System and other local health care providers. WHP enrols 12,490 Medicaid-eligible and uninsured adults and children who need mental health and substance abuse education and services are served through the Washtenaw Community Health Organization, and UMHS is a partner. WCHO serves about 20,000 members and 7,900 are assigned to the Health System.

Faculty, staff and students donate health care services at various sites throughout the county, including the Corner Health Clinic, Robert J. DeLonis Center, Hope Clinic, Packard Community Clinic, Migrant Health Clinics and numerous-managed family health clinics.

Community benefit is featured in programs that go beyond the doors of the hospitals and health centers. The Housing Bureau for Seniors has created a 18 who is able to maintain affordable and 55 maintain affordable housing and Meals on Wheels delivered 130,000 nutritious meals in 2008. Both are U-M sponsored programs.

Plus, UMHS participates in disaster readiness training, referrals to community services and supports initiatives to improve the health of the community, such as the Health Improvement Program at the Washtenaw County Health People. HIP is working to lower the proportion of adults with diabetes and increase immunizations among toddlers, among other goals.

“More than an obligation for non-profit hospitals, UMHS is proud to lead or support programs that improve the physical and mental health of local residents,” Strong says.

UMHS has adopted as its mission to be a leader in research, education and patient care. Community benefit can be found in each of them from drawing research funding to the Michigan economy, providing care to 300,000 different patients each year and attracting the nation’s best physicians-in-training.

More than a third of the physicians trained at the Medical School stay here to practice and care for Michi- gan residents.