



Part of Portage Street closed starting Wednesday as signs go up on new WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine

W.E. Upjohn Campus.jpg

Part of Portage Street will be closed from June 25 through June 27, as the signs for the new WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine go up on the new building in downtown Kalamazoo. *(Yvonne Zipp | MLive/Kalamazoo Gazette)*

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KALAMAZOO, MI – Part of Portage Street downtown will be closed starting Wednesday, while the signs for the Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine are installed on the newly renovated building.

The section of Portage Street between South Street and Lovell Street will be closed starting Wednesday through Friday, due to WMU construction, the city of Kalamazoo announced in a press release. Detour signs should be posted.

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The bulk of the work on the new downtown campus has been completed and staff began moving in June 13, said Laura Eller, director of communication.

"We are now downtown dwellers," she said.

Among those who already have moved in: Simulation Center staff, the dean's suite and the department of pathology. The medical examiner office also opened in June, Eller said.

The original 320,000-square-foot building, which has undergone an estimated \$68 million renovation, was donated by William Parfet, chairman and CEO of MPI Research in Mattawan, in December 2011 to Western Michigan University. Also in 2011, donors, who **were revealed this spring as Ronda Stryker and William Johnston**, gave WMU a gift of \$100 million for the medical school now named in honor of Stryker's grandfather.

The grand opening of the W.E. Upjohn campus is scheduled for Sept. 18, and the building will be open to the public Sept. 20 for tours. The first class of 50 students are scheduled to begin their studies in August.

