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Jackie Wiggins Wins Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award

Jackie Wiggins, Ed.D., Professor of Music Education and Chair of the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance at Oakland University, has been named the inaugural winner of the University's Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award. The award was presented at the recent Founders' Day faculty recognition luncheon. "Mentoring involves developing a personal relationship and taking a deep interest in a student," says Provost James P. Lentini. "Jackie embodies those traits and has spent her career contributing to her students' academic, intellectual and professional development."

With a career in music education practice and research spanning more than 40 years, Wiggins joined Oakland in 1994 where she has dedicated her career to helping college students succeed. She has taught graduate courses during that time and has grown the master's program into one of the nation's most successful music education programs.

[Read more.](#)



Provost James P. Lentini,
Professor Jackie Wiggins &
President Betty Youngblood.

Summer Workshops and Intensives

Once again this year, Oakland University is throwing open its doors to offer camps and intensives with our dedicated faculty to those not yet old enough to enroll in college. Young musicians, actors, designers and dancers can experience a specially tailored class that melds rigorous standards with excellent teaching and the kind of relaxed atmosphere best suited to a summer experience. Of course, we don't want to deter adults interested in the performing arts. We have jazz and theatre workshops open to those already done with college!

New this year is Piano Camp, which runs from June 23 to June 27. Our current piano students and alumni have won several awards and honors recently. Serious piano students aged between 8 and 17 can expect a fantastic experience. Everyone will participate in theory classes, master classes, choir and workshops. [Click here to see or print a flyer.](#) [Online registration is open now.](#)

[Read more.](#)



Great Lakes Dance
Festival

May News

Every spring, we host the members of the Leadership Greater Rochester Program, which is organized by the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce. They join us for an overview of our programs and a tour of the facility, including a visit with some classes. Publicist **Carly Uhrig** always leads the tour and this year the group enjoyed a lengthy Q and A with chair **Jackie Wiggins**. It's always a pleasure to meet with these civic leaders and chamber president **Sheri L. Heiney**, and we hope to see them soon at some of our 2014 - 2015 performances.

The Oakland University Brass Band returned from the recent 2014 North American Brass Band Association (NABBA) Championships covered in glory. In the words of band director Associate Professor **Kenneth Kroesche**, "The band won the first section championships and were really the talk of the competition. This was what we've been working for. It was a life-changing performance experience. I've played at the Kennedy Center, and the pride I felt in the students made this a more special experience for me."

[Read more.](#)



The Krescendo Trombone
Quartet. (L-R) Josh Nuss, Joe
Pascarello, Ken Kroesche
(chamber music coach), Dallas
Long, Luke Perzyk.

Upcoming Events

Friday, 5/16
Freckleface Strawberry

Friday, 5/16
Sunday, 5/18
Take Root Dance
Intensive

Saturday, 5/17
Brass Day

Sunday, 5/18
Freckleface Strawberry

Monday, 6/16-
Friday, 6/20
Theatre Arts Workshops

Thursday, 6/19
World Music Summer
Concert

Saturday, 6/21-
Sunday, 6/22
Jazz Workshop with
Regina Carter

Monday, 6/23-
Friday, 6/27
Piano Camp

Monday, 7/7-
Friday, 7/18
Great Lakes Dance
Festival

Monday, 7/14-
Friday, 7/18
Music Theory Boot Camp

Monday, 7/14
Friday, 7/18
Computer Music Workshop

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