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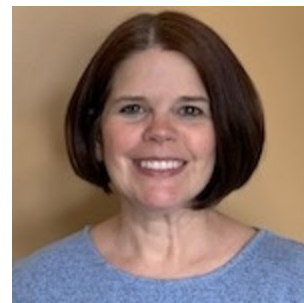
## ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### **Julie Baxa Receives 2019 Most Outstanding Dissertation Award**

The Thesis and Dissertation Selection Committee has chosen Dr. Julianne Baxa's dissertation, "Teacher Knowledge Matters," for the 2019 Most Outstanding Dissertation Award in the non-STEM category.

The committee commented that it was impressed with how the manuscript-style-dissertation was proposed in a strong institutional framework with real world applications for teachers. They also stated that Dr. Baxa's published peer-reviewed journal articles and presentations at state and national conferences were impressive and game changing.

Dr. Baxa will receive a \$1,000 award and a trophy recognizing her award-winning dissertation.



The committee closed their congratulatory note by saying that, although they are not able to properly celebrate her achievement because of the coronavirus, “please be assured that your work was greatly appreciated and truly admired.”

Dr. Baxa’s work was guided by her chair, Tanya Christ, and committee members S. Rebecca Leigh and Nicole Martin.

**Congratulations, Julie!**

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## **Student Teacher Interns Continue Providing Service to PK-12 Schools**

Although the COVID-19 pandemic has closed schools for the remainder of the academic year, many SEHS student teacher interns have continued supporting K-12 students remotely. Several mentor teachers have shared stories of how their student interns have risen to the challenge of continuing to lead, support, collaborate and teach during these unprecedented times.

“It’s so heartwarming to hear the stories of the ways in which our student teachers or our interns are helping their mentor teachers and the schools in which they’ve been placed,” said TDES Professor Cynthia Carver in an [interview with WWJ earlier this week](#).

These stories have been outlined in a [letter](#) sent to Oakland University President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost James Lentini. The information in the letter was compiled by Marcia Hudson and the School and Field Services staff.

**Thank you to all our student teacher interns!**

## **IN THE NEWS**

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### **Weekly ERL Update: Author James Patterson Donates Money to Fund Classroom Libraries**

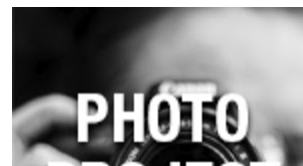
*School Library Journal*’s “Extra Helping” newsletter reports that money dedicated to building classroom libraries has been donated by author James Patterson, and teachers may submit requests to receive funding. Partnering with Scholastic Books, teachers can receive \$500 plus a matching amount in books from Scholastic. For more information, [read the full article on the SLJ website](#) and be sure to share with all of your students.



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### **Photography Project for Children**

One of the many programs OUCARES offers is a photography class, led by Digital Strategy Manager James Silvestri. Since in-



person classes are no longer an option, James put together two photography projects students (and their families) can work on from home. They are meant to be fun and instructional activities to help stay busy and pass the time.

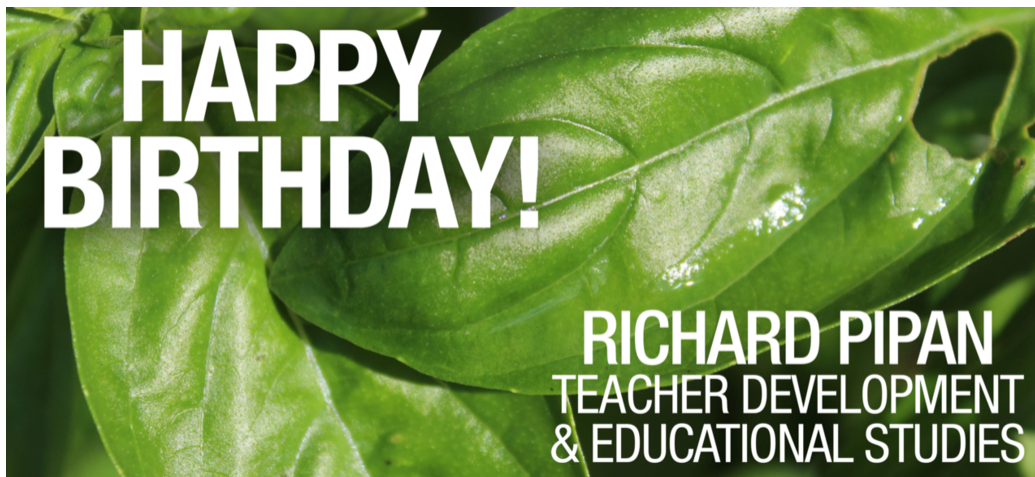


- [OUCARES Photography Scavenger Hunt – Part 1](#)
- [OUCARES Photography Scavenger Hunt – Part 2](#)

If any of you have children you think would enjoy these or know of someone who may benefit, feel free to use them and pass them along.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

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If you do not wish to have your birthday included, contact [Trevor Tyle](#).

## **ABOUT THE SEHS BULLETIN**

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