

# OAKLAND UNIVERSITY™

From the office of the  
President



Colleagues,

Booker T. Washington, a renowned advocate of education and entrepreneurship as means of social empowerment, offered a keen insight on the notion of strength. He said:

"There are two ways of exerting one's strength: one is pushing down, the other is pulling up."

The highlights below are excellent examples of how individual and group achievements here at Oakland provide inspiration that helps pull all of us to new heights.

Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.

President

RESOUNDING ACCLAIM

The Oakland University Brass Band recently demonstrated the breadth of its talent and mastery, claiming the title of Grand Champions at the Dublin Festival of Brass in Dublin, Ohio.



Band members' accomplishments were collective – having won recognition for the best march, best slow melody and best major work – as well as individual. Scott Brickner received the Best

Cornet Award, Nicole Tremonti won the Best Tenor Horn Award and John Andersen earned the Best Baritone Award.

Congratulations to all the Brass Band members, as well as to Director Kenneth Kroesche, for outstanding work. Thank you also for helping to spotlight the tremendous music programs here at Oakland.

## SPRINGING INTO HISTORY



For the first time in Oakland University's NCAA Division I era, a male Golden Grizzly diver qualified to compete in the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships.

Not only is this a historic milestone for the University, but it is an incredible accomplishment for junior Joe Smith. To reach it, he successfully competed against divers from powerhouse programs like Michigan, Indiana and Minnesota, emerging as Diver of the Meet at the 2018 Horizon League Swimming and Diving Championships in Cleveland.

Kudos for these wonderful achievements, Joe, and we look forward to cheering on your future success.

## EARNING ESTEEM

With a nod toward our part-time MBA program, U.S. News & World Report has named the School of Business among its Best Graduate Schools in the country for 2019.



Our meeting criteria for this honor speaks wonders about the evolving stature of our

Business School and the University in general. Specifically, peer institutions hold our program in high regard, and we are attracting students with diverse work experiences, and high placement test scores and undergraduate grade point averages.

I commend the vision, dedication and hard work that is steadily winning our business programs broader and higher regard among prospective students and the higher education community as a whole.

Is there a point of pride you feel is worth sharing with the campus community?  
If so, please [submit your idea](#) for consideration.

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