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FROM THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

From Teacher Development and Educational Studies Chair Bob Wiggins:

I am pleased to, once again, be asked to write the opening message for the SEHS Weekly Bulletin. Last year, I wrote about how important students are to me and how their enthusiasm and accomplishments have kept me going after 20 years. This time, I will write about my feelings for the University as a whole. That topic is appropriate since Monday, September 29th is the kick-off of this year's All-University Fund Drive. I have agreed to be a Team Captain because I believe in this cause. Let me tell you why.



In my earlier years at Oakland, I thought it odd that there was a push for employees to support the institution where they worked. After all, (to paraphrase Churchill), I was giving my sweat, my metaphorical blood, and more often than I wished, my tears to this place. Wasn't that enough?

Three ideas changed my thinking. First was a guest speaker on campus who emphasized collaborative giving as an underlying construct in American history. She reminded us that when the Pilgrims arrived, they signed the Mayflower Compact – not Contract. They did not enter into a balanced business arrangement; rather, they pledged to support each other – no matter what. That fits with my frame of social justice. For us at OU, that means even if our legislators are not going to fully support higher ed. as a public good, we can do so ourselves.

Education was considered a public good when I was an undergrad. As a NYC resident, college was free to me. And, at Queens College, the education was first rate. (After all, in addition to my wife and myself, it also produced Jerry Seinfeld!) It's a good thing that it was free or I would not have been able to attend. That is the second idea.

The third idea is that I am a charitable person. Like many of you, I believe that a percentage of what I earn should go back to the community. That being the case, why wouldn't I want to give to a cause that has meant so much to me? After all, counting myself, five members of my family have benefited from an affiliation with OU. But, I am also keenly aware that the benefits I received for free are out of reach for many of our students. I give blood, sweat, and tears, but I also need to give financial support.

I don't have the power to bring about a return to free public education P-16, but I sure can help. So this past year, my wife and I decided to follow the trail blazed by colleagues we admired and make a contribution to the creation of two funds to support student scholarships - one in her department and one in mine. It's not a huge amount, but it will help. Our contribution is going directly to students, and that pleases us. The more of us who contribute, the more it will help. So, as an AUFD Captain, I might be sending you an email or knocking on your door in the next few weeks.

To provide you with more information about the possibilities that might fit your own situation, David Tindall will follow-up in next week's Bulletin.

Together, we can make a real difference for our students!

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ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Darlene Grooms Presents Research at Summit Event

Darlene Grooms, associate professor in Human Development and Child Studies, recently traveled to the 7th Summit on Performance Management in Vocational Rehabilitation, in Louisville, Kentucky. She served as a member of the steering planning committee for this event, and presented research from a four-year and ongoing study on the Summit Reading Groups.

Darlene facilitates these groups as part of a national learning community dedicated to the improvement of performance management in vocational rehabilitation. The title of this presentation was *SURGE-5's User Guide: Survey Design within VR Performance Management*.

Darlene presented a second lecture on agile management and organizational knowledge assets titled, *Managing What Matters*.

To view the PowerPoints and to learn more about the Summit Group on Performance Management in Vocational Rehabilitation, visit the [website \(http://vocational-rehab.com/\)](http://vocational-rehab.com/).

Congratulations to Darlene!



Ji-Eun Lee Invited to Serve as Consulting Editor

Ji-Eun Lee, associate professor in Teacher Development and Educational Studies, has been invited to serve as a consulting editor for *Young Children*, which is the National Association for the Education of Young Children's (NAEYC) peer-reviewed professional journal.

Throughout her three-year term as a consulting editor, she will play an important role in ensuring the quality and relevance of articles published in *Young Children* and of the books published or co-published by NAEYC.

Congratulations to Ji-Eun!



Educational Leadership Alumni Publishes Article

Kevin Brockberg, Ph.D. in Educational Leadership '07, has recently published an article in the *World Journal of Educational Research*. The article is titled, *The Infrastructure of School Culture: Measuring Commitment, Discourse, Efficacy, and Sensemaking in Adequate Yearly Progress*.

To view the article, visit the [website \(http://www.scholink.org/ojs/index.php/wjer/article/view/237\)](http://www.scholink.org/ojs/index.php/wjer/article/view/237).

Congratulations to Kevin!

IN THE NEWS

Partnership Updates

Pontiac – OU SEHS Partnership

Dave Secord met with Alcott Elementary Principal Robert Jansen last week. Mr. Jansen shared his improvement plan and Transformation Plan Unpacking Tool, which outlines his major school improvement focus. If you are interested in reading the Transformation Tool, please contact **David Secord** (<mailto:dmsecord@oakland.edu>).

Also, a social worker has been hired to work at Alcott this fall. David Secord and David Strubler attended the Alcott Curriculum Night open House, and spoke briefly to families.

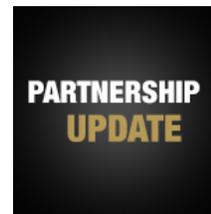
Encourage your elementary undergraduate students to consider working as a mentor and tutor at Herrington Elementary in Pontiac. An email was sent about this job opportunity last week. For additional information, contact **David Secord** (<mailto:dmsecord@oakland.edu>).

Avondale – SMEA

SMEA is looking to expand their activities to encompass more schools in Macomb County, as well as add representatives from the Macomb campus to the SMEA executive board. SMEA's networking banquet will be held on Friday, November 7, 2014.

In the spring, SMEA is hoping to sponsor a family fun fair at Auburn Elementary. More information will follow.

Paul Weinberg, assistant professor in TDES, has expressed interest in serving as a faculty adviser for SMEA. He is focused on increasing secondary student participant as well as using SMEA as an avenue to generate interest in teacher education.



Lowry's Accreditation is Maintained

The NAEYC Academy for Early Childhood Program Accreditation has recently reviewed the Annual Report submitted for the Lowry Center for Early Childhood Education. The report is complete and it has been confirmed that Lowry's accreditation has been maintained.

Congratulations to Lowry for continuing to keep a high level of excellence.

For additional information, visit the **website** (<http://www.naeyc.org/academy/>) and click on Currently Accredited Programs.



New Laundry Business has Begun

A new laundry business located at the OU INCubator has recently been launched. The laundry cleaning is done by adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Four adults with ASD have begun to work as a team to develop their work skills and create a productive work environment. They are ready to handle the business as it hopefully begins to flow in.

The service includes free pick up and delivery. It also includes your first bag of laundry to be cleaned for free. Student discounts are also available.

For additional information, contact Nate at (248) 881-9677 or nmziolko@oakland.edu.



Healthy Living Network Lunch Meetings

SEHS is pleased to introduce the new Faculty and Staff Healthy Living Network Lunch Meetings. The purpose of the meetings is to promote healthy living, eating and exercise tips within the SEHS community. SEHS faculty and staff members attending these meetings will meet once a month on Tuesdays in Fall term of 2014 and once on month on Wednesdays in Winter term of 2015, from noon-12:50pm.

The first SEHS faculty and staff healthy living network lunch meeting this term will be Tuesday, September 30, 2014 from noon-12:50pm in room 204 Pawley Hall. The first confirmed healthy living quest speaker will be our own Holly Smith!

For additional information about the program, contact **Dr. Chaunda L. Scott** (<mailto:cscott@oakland.edu?subject=Healthy%20Living%20Network%20Lunch%20Meetings-Inquiry>).



UPCOMING EVENTS

Navigating the Review Process Workshop - October 14, 2014

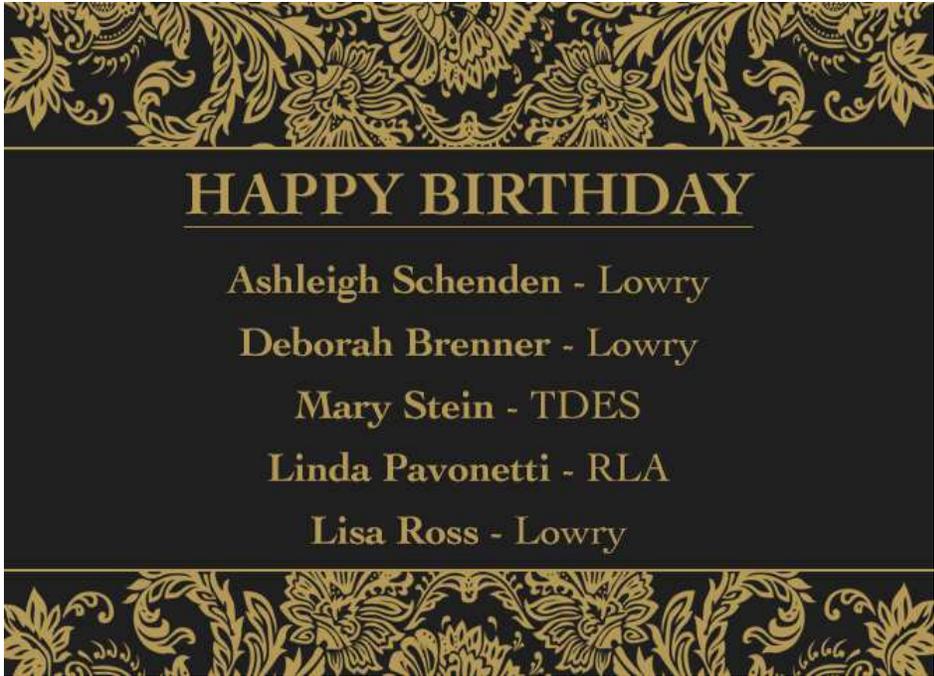
CAP (Committee on Appointments and Promotion) will be presenting a workshop on navigating the review process on Tuesday, October 14th from 10am-noon, in 488PH.

All are welcome to attend. Those who are currently in the review process or will be in the process next year are particularly encouraged to attend. This workshop will focus primarily on pre-tenure reviews.

For additional information, contact **Eileen Johnson** (<mailto:johnso10@oakland.edu?subject=Navigating%20the%20review%20process%20inquiry>).



CELEBRATIONS



If you do not wish to have your birthday announced, please contact James Silvestri at jmsilves@oakland.edu (<mailto:jmsilves@oakland.edu?subject=Birthday%20exclusion>).

ABOUT THE SEHS BULLETIN

Welcome to the SEHS Bulletin, where faculty and staff can share news and celebrate the wonderful things happening in SEHS. The bulletin is the perfect place to share information about your publications and awards, special projects and committee news, as well as announce events.

All are welcome to send items for inclusion. If you choose to do so, please ensure that your items are print ready, that you include all related links, and that you have permission to publish any photos being submitted. Please put "SEHS Bulletin" in the subject line and email your information to:

sehs@oakland.edu (<mailto:sehs@oakland.edu?subject=SEHS%20Bulletin>).

If you have questions about the bulletin, feel free to email James Silvestri at jmsilves@oakland.edu (<mailto:jmsilves@oakland.edu?subject=SEHS%20Bulletin>).



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