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FROM THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

From Chair of Organizational Leadership Dave Strubler:

Only ten months have passed since the approval of the Department of Organizational Leadership by the Board of Trustees. Beyond mere financial considerations, the creation of the new department was to be about "all things leadership." A great challenge facing our society today is the need to develop people capable of effectively leading any kind of organization in a fast changing, 'cross-everything', and global world. By combining Educational Leadership programs in Higher Education and K-12 with HRD, the merger has contributed to SEHS with the design of new curriculum that will increase enrollments by meeting needs of traditional and working students and their organizations. The idea is to create curricular and co-curricular programs that integrate the passions and talents of our faculty and students with what the world needs and is willing to pay for. Further, leadership research from our faculty is another outcome of this merger.



For the past year, the focus of the new department has been to effectively and appropriately integrate the two programs. At the same time, students and faculty have been assured that academic programs in Educational Leadership and HRD remain distinct. Again, our strategy as faculty is to "come alive" and "come together," focusing our energies on new curriculum and co-curriculum in order to provide programs needed by students and to increase enrollments. In addition, some faculty had their best research and publication year. The DOL has also worked hard to support the priorities of our Interim Dean Bob Maxfield in public school partnerships.

Thanks to our faculty and staff with support from the Dean's office, it has been an outstanding first year for the Department of Organizational Leadership.

ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Ed.S. Students Awarded Travel Grant

Ed.S. students, Julie Rains, Todd Bidlack, and Jennifer Johnson, received the University travel award, which will allow them to present their action research project, *How Leaders can Shape a Culture of Thinking* at the Project Zero Perspectives Conference, sponsored by Harvard University's Project Zero and the Center for the Advancement and Study of International Education (CASIE) on October 12, 2014 in San Francisco. This conference will draw educators from across the globe, and SEHS is pleased that Oakland University students will be participating.



Congratulations to Julie, Todd and Jennifer!

IN THE NEWS

Hillary Clinton Visits OU

On Thursday, October 16, former First Lady, United States Senator and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton spoke at Oakland University on behalf of the Democratic candidate for Governor, Congressman Mark Schauer and Congressman Gary Peters, who is running for a seat in the U.S. Senate.

The current Student Body President of OU and undergraduate education student, Annie Meinberg had the privilege of welcoming her. Associate Dean Nancy Brown along with several others had an opportunity to meet and be photographed with her as well.

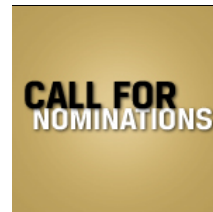


Excellence in Mentoring Faculty Award - Call for Nominations

The SEHS Excellence in Mentoring Faculty Award will be awarded to two full-time faculty members who have demonstrated excellence in mentoring in one of these three areas: teaching, scholarship, or service. The two full-time faculty mentors selected for this award will each receive an additional \$500 to support their contract faculty travel expenses in 2015-2016.

The deadline to apply for this award is Monday January 26, 2015 by 5pm. The recipient(s) of this award will be announced in the SEHS newsletter on Friday February 13, 2015. An open call for nominations via the SEHS list serve begins on Friday October 17, 2014 and will run through January 23, 2015.

For information regarding how full-time faculty members, part-time faculty members, and graduate students can nominate their full-time faculty mentor to receive a SEHS Excellence in Mentoring Faculty Award, view the **complete form** (<https://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/Newsletters/MENTORING%20AWARD%20SEHS3-4.docx>).



Lowry Staff Attend Training on COR

Meagan Lynch, Josh Yax and Amie Manelski attended a training on October 9-10, 2014 to learn about the Child Observation Record (COR), the web-based assessment tool used by the Lowry Center to documenting children's development, interests and progress.

They will share what they learned with the rest of Lowry teachers at upcoming staff trainings.



SEHS Represents Careers in Education

On Thursday, October 16, 2014, representatives from SEHS spoke to Honors College Students about careers in education.

Pictured to the right are: Sarah Bruha, Auburn Elementary Teacher; Emery Petchaur, TDES; Tuf Francis, TDES; Dan Quinn, Teacher at Grosse Pointe North High School; and Nancy Brown, Associate Dean.



UPCOMING EVENTS

OUCARES Red Carpet Film Premiere - October 25, 2014

For two weeks in August, OUCARES hosted an innovative film camp for children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Led by well-known actor, director and entertainer, Joey Travolta, participants learned to write, act, direct and edit their own film.

The film premiere, on October 25, from 7-9:30pm in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms will showcase the short film produced by the participants and celebrate their accomplishments. OUCARES is very excited to have Dick Purtan from *The Dick Purtan Show* as the emcee for the evening. Joey Travolta will also return to OU to help honor the participants and introduce this year's film *Mr. Joey's Block* (a spoof of *Mr. Roger's Neighborhood*).

To purchase tickets (\$25), visit the **website** (https://ebill.oakland.edu/C21178_ustores/web/store_cat.jsp?STOREID=6&CATID=22&SINGLESTORE=true).

**Nurturing Resilience, Motivation and Hope - October 26, 2014**

Dr. Robert Brooks, an internationally recognized psychologist, speaker and author, will be the featured presenter at the Anita Naftaly Family Circle Conference on Sunday, October 26, at 1:30pm at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield.

Nurturing Resilience, Motivation and Hope: Searching for Islands of Competence, is presented by Jewish Federation's Alliance for Jewish Education Opening the Doors Program. This program is designed for educators, mental health professionals and parents of students with diverse learning or behavioral challenges.

View the **complete flier** (https://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/Newsletters/14_FamilyCir_flyer4hr.pdf) for additional information.

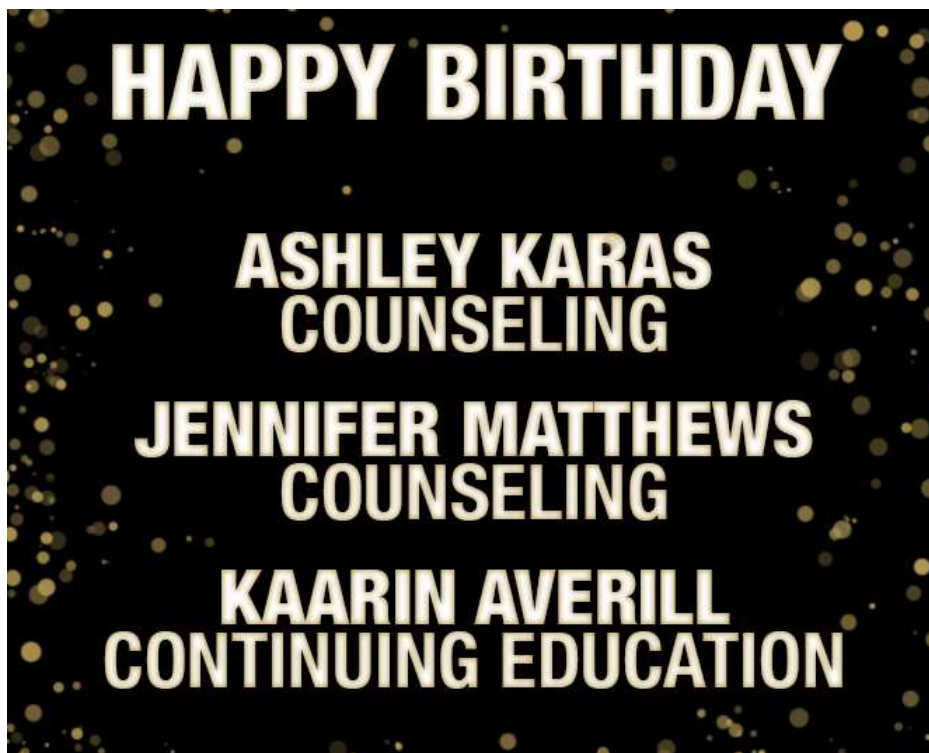
Halloween Luncheon - October 31, 2014

The School of Education and Human Services will be holding a Halloween luncheon on October 31, 2014 in room 493PH. Come join your fellow employees for creepy food, conversations, and costumes (optional). The luncheon will be held from 11:30am-1pm.

Sign up (<https://docs.google.com/a/oakland.edu/spreadsheets/d/1IqdmJWsxBRZgCp0obOeE4CexOoYsxUoiziZs38vwPpY/edit?usp=sharing>) to bring a dish to pass. The creepier, the better! If possible, please bring your food between 11-11:30am while the luncheon is being set up.

If you have any questions, contact **James Silvestri** (<mailto:jmsilves@oakland.edu?subject=Halloween%20Potluck%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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