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FROM THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

From Information Technology Analyst Rick Dement:

Yes, it's that time of year where we all hit the road to join family and friends for the holidays. Approximately 95 million Americans will be traveling this year by plane, train and automobile, and a lot of them will be taking their laptop or mobile device with them. Here are a few tips and suggestions for keeping your hardware and data safe.

1. Leave your computer at home.

Seriously? What's the point of having a laptop or other mobile device? Yes, I hear you. How can the computer guy even say this? Consider this, the holiday season is for friends and family and if we can't resist the temptation to "check email" what have we all come to? I'm not suggesting that you are a bad person for taking your computer on the road to a holiday celebration, it's just something to consider. Perhaps we should set an example so that the words "tiny tots with their eyes all aglow" will not come to mean aglow from the reflection of a computer screen.

2. Make sure all sensitive data is removed from your device.

Any information about students, be it grades, contact information, or any other person or confidential information should be taken off the device you're traveling with. Stick it on a thumb drive and keep it safe at home.

3. Keep your device out of sight.

Especially when traveling by car, don't leave your device out where people can see it from outside your car as you stop to eat or rest. Computers and tablets make for a tempting target for a smash and grab so hide them under a seat, or even better, in your trunk.

4. When traveling by plane be careful how you store your computer.

Overhead bins are a no-no. Especially if you have a lighter computer or tablet like a Macbook Air, Ultrabook, or tablet. Screens are easily cracked as people try to jam their oversized luggage into these bins, it becomes more of when, not if, your device will end up on Santa's workbench.

5. This is most important.

Enjoy yourself over the holiday!



ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**Holly Smith Earns Degree**

Holly Smith from the Office of the Dean, has recently earned her Bachelor's degree in Integrative Studies through Oakland University. She plans to begin her Master's program in Fall of 2015.

Congratulations to Holly!

Scholarship Update

This section is hungry for information. Please be sure to feed it for next week's newsletter.

IN THE NEWS

Volunteers Needed for Winter 2015 Classroom Greeters

In our first Assembly meeting of the year, we discussed helping students get to their classes in their first days of the semester. The time has come to get ready for the Winter 2015 semester. We are in need of individuals to help direct students on each floor of Pawley Hall for five days: January 6-9 and 12, 2015, most days from 7:30am to 6:30pm.

Please view the **attached form** (https://docs.google.com/a/oakland.edu/spreadsheets/d/1sUPo0aUAecSif001x4sWJNp1hHX_Pdf9slXyXB7r1HQ/edit#gid=0) to sign up for a time. We are asking for help an hour at a time, for as much or little as your schedule allows. If possible, please wear an OU top of some sort (even better if it is School of Education and Human Services gear)! Lists of class locations will be provided to volunteers to help direct students, as well as a brightly colored name tag.

We know this time of year is extremely hectic, but also believe this is a valuable service for our students. Thank you for helping in this worthy cause!



2015 Teaching Excellence Awards

The Senate Teaching and Learning Committee will be presenting two awards for 2015: one for a tenure-track or tenured faculty, and another to a non-tenure-track faculty member. Each award includes a cash stipend and will be presented at the Annual Faculty Recognition Luncheon.

Nominations are due by December 8, 2014. **Submit** (http://www2.oakland.edu/misc/tea/teaching_award.cfm) your nominations today!



Excellence in Mentoring Faculty Award - Call for Nominations

The SEHS Excellence in Mentoring Faculty Award will be presented 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 began on 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>).



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter Brunch Potluck - December 8, 2014

The School of Education and Human Services will be having a winter themed potluck brunch on Monday, December 8, 2014, from 10:30am-12:30pm. Come join your fellow employees in the Atrium for delicious food and holiday fun.

View the **attached form** (https://docs.google.com/a/oakland.edu/spreadsheets/d/1bsuh9QQwSsOT1qdFE3qCvjGxI6KD6Q3qiVpzD1es_Q4/edit#gid=0) to sign up for a dish to pass. As part of the fun, you have the option of wearing the ugliest holiday sweater you can find.

We hope to see you there!

**DAAS Choir Performance at Meadow Brook Hall - December 15, 2014**

The Office of Public School Academies is thrilled to announce that the Detroit Academy of Arts & Sciences (DAAS) Show Choir will perform at Meadow Brook Hall's 43rd Annual Holiday Walk on Monday, December 15 at 6pm. The DAAS Choir boasts 40 student members, ages 9-13, who achieved national fame with their 2012 appearance on The Today Show. Their popularity continued after their music video rendition of the Pharrell Williams song, "Happy," went viral receiving over one millions YouTube views! Next, The Ellen Show surprised the choir on May 20, 2014 with an invitation to open the show performing the "Happy" song with Ellen DeGeneres herself! The DAAS Choir also performed two shows at Disney World, Downtown Disney and The Magic Kingdom, making history as the first choir to perform on the Castle Stage. Although now a national sensation, the Detroit Academy of Arts & Sciences never misses an opportunity for a hometown performance. The choir performed at the first ever Detroit Lions Monday night Football game half-time show and the annual Thanksgiving Day game.

Now, the Detroit Academy of Arts & Sciences will bring their wonderful talents to Oakland University for the Annual Meadow Brook Hall Holiday Walk. This night has been designated OU Night, so it is the perfect time to join colleagues and friends to support this National Historic Landmark!

We will be "Happy" to see you there!

**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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