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FROM THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

From Business Manager/ Financial Analyst Holly Smith:

Happy New Year SEHS!

The New Year is a time when many make resolutions to start or improve on some aspect in their lives. For this year, I would like to suggest a twist on this tradition: take a moment to reflect on 2014, and make a list of at least five positive moments you experienced in the past year either personally or professionally. Celebrate those moments with others! There were many accomplishments within the School of Education and Human Services during 2014. So, take a moment and pat yourself on the back for a job well done!

Adding to the twist, take another moment and share acts of kindness. Is there someone that made your day better? If so, thank them personally with a hand written note. Did you observe an act of kindness? If so, let the person know you observed their generosity. Could you make someone's day better? If so, then pay it forward. Share random acts of kindness and tokens of appreciation throughout Pawley Hall and watch what happens. Be on the lookout in our collaborative space for items to share these random acts of kindness.

SEHS has been a place I have had the pleasure to call home for nearly 14 years as an employee and most recently as a student. During my time as an employee, I have had the opportunity to experience serving a department, assisting the dean, and supporting the School. As a student, I was able to observe and learn from some of the best instructors within the University. I am happy to be a member of SEHS, an alum of OU, and alive to say thank you for being my SEHS family.

Congratulations on a great 2014. Cheers to a fabulous 2015 and BE HAPPY!

Holly Smith

**ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Scholarship Update

Ji-Eun Lee, associate professor in TDES, published two book chapters. One chapter, titled *Curriculum reform and research trends in early childhood mathematics education in Korea*, has been published in *Mathematics Education in Korea Volume 2: Contemporary trends in researches in Korea*.

Another chapter, *The beauty of communication in the mathematics classroom*, co-authored with Dr. Jinho Kim and Dr. Misun Nam, has been published in *Korean Society of Mathematical Education Yearbook 2014*.

Congratulations to Ji-Eun!

**IN THE NEWS**

AERA Expenses

Those full-time faculty members who wish to travel to AERA or the American Counseling Association conferences this year will have their expenses (up to \$2500) paid for as a pilot program from the Dean's Office. Those interested should work with their department support staff person to ensure travel authorizations and travel expense summaries are routed through appropriate channels.

Early bird registration end dates: AERA - March 6, 2015; ACA - February 15, 2015.

Charter School Success

Caniff Liberty Academy, an Oakland University public school academy located in Hamtramck, enjoyed tremendous success in its first year participating in competitive soccer. Fifth graders went undefeated and brought home the Goal Detroit Soccer Charter Schools 5th Grade Championship trophy.

Middle school students took part in the Detroit PAL Soccer program and won the U-14 Division championship. Congratulations to both teams on their accomplishments! CLA opened in 2012 and enrolls students in grades K-8.



SEHS Alumn Donates Final Paycheck

Camille Klimecki, SEHS '71, '74, recently visited the John Dodge House to donate her final paycheck to the School of Education and Human Services. She has two degrees from OU, has trained OU counseling interns and been back on campus for various trainings and meetings. She was so inspired by **Samantha Wolf's story** (<http://www.oakland.edu/news/?sid=528&nid=11643>) of her donating her first paycheck back to OU, that she decided to do the same with her final paycheck.

Center for Autism Received Donation

This year, Logicials Inc. distributed \$55,000 to 63 charities nationwide. They have recently selected the Oakland University Center for Autism to receive a \$1400 monetary donation in order to assist with the wonderful work being performed within the community. It is their wish that this donation will bring a bit of comfort, joy, and hope to those in need during the holiday season.



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>).



UPCOMING EVENTS

Evening Enrichment Series - January 15, 2015

The Spectrum Conundrum: How to Give Your All to Your Child with ASD and Still Manage to Love, Laugh & Have a Life! will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2015 from 6-7:30pm in the Lake Michigan Room, Oakland Center.

The event is hosted by Jackie Purton, who is the proud mother of an "awesome" teenage boy with autism. Jackie will discuss issues such as trying to date and form new relationships, and the juggling act of trying to be the best parent possible...while also trying to be yourself. Attendees are encouraged to network and share their own stories as well.

This event is designed especially for single parents of children with ASD.

RSVP at oucares@oakland.edu (<mailto:oucares@oakland.edu?subject=Evening%20Enrichment%20Series>) or by calling 248-370-2424. View the [complete flier \(https://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/SEHS/Newsletters/2015%20January%20Jackie%20Purton.pdf\)](https://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/SEHS/Newsletters/2015%20January%20Jackie%20Purton.pdf) for additional information.

Autism Day - January 22, 2015

Mark your calendars for Oakland University's Center for Autism special event with an appearance by two Detroit Tigers players and the OU Athletic Teams. This event is for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders as well as their families and friends.

For additional information, view the [complete flier \(https://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/SEHS/Newsletters/SEH-10413_OUAutism_Day_Invite.pdf\)](https://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/SEHS/Newsletters/SEH-10413_OUAutism_Day_Invite.pdf).



African and African American Centered Research Symposium - February 5, 2015

In celebration of Black History Month 2015, the new SEHS Black Faculty Network and the ERL will sponsor its first African and African American centered Research Symposium on Thursday February 5, 2015 at 5:30-7:00 pm in the ERL.

All SEHS faculty and students are invited to share their completed or in progress African and African American research at this symposium. If you or your students are interested in participating in this event, contact **Dr. Chaunda L. Scott** (<mailto:cscott@oakland.edu?subject=Research%20symposium>) by January 5, 2015.



Diverse Voices Conference - February 14, 2015

The Thirteenth Annual Diverse Voices Conference will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2015 from 10am -12:30pm at Meadow Brook Theater. The aim of the Diverse Voices Conference is to provide a supportive forum for OU students, faculty, staff and community members to speak out in support of valuing all aspects of human diversity. The conference theme is *The Role of Diversity Leadership in the 21st Century*.

The keynote speaker is Dr. Bertie M. Greer, Professor of Management from the University of Northern Kentucky. A panel comprised of a local business leader, and Oakland University students from the departments of Human Resource Development and Counseling will as well be a part of this conference.

Entertainment and refreshments will also be provided. Admission is free to this conference as it is a community event open to the public. Please invite your students to attend this conference.

For additional information, contact **Dr. Chaunda L. Scott** (<mailto:cscott@oakland.edu?subject=Diverse%20Voices%20Conference>).

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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