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FROM THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

From Interim Executive Director of Extraordinary Ventures Michigan Lisa Friedrich:

I find myself constantly reflective, asking the questions, "How did I get here?" or "How do these pieces fit together?" A recent graduate of the department of Organizational Leadership, I stayed in the School of Education and Human Services to research adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). That's how I got here. How the pieces fit together is a puzzle. Colorguard Detergent. Funding Flow Charts. Microgreens. Pizza Fridays. AERA Presentations. How does everything work together to function toward the purposes of teaching and learning?



As the Interim Executive Director of Extraordinary Ventures Michigan (EVM), a joint venture between Oakland University, Judson Center, and Autism Alliance of Michigan that exists to employ adults with ASD, there is daily irony. We strive to provide a workplace environment located on campus at the OUIncubator that is routine, structured, and safe. Yet, the challenges that arise and the research being done are anything but commonplace. Currently EVM operates a laundry service with five employees on the spectrum and is developing a new microbusiness in partnership with OU Organic Farms to enable us to hire several more. All the joy that I have found for years in the classroom as an educator now can be applied to best practices in this workplace setting as we seek to develop employment skills, communication skills, and socialization skills.

In partnership with Dr. Karen Markel from the School of Business, one vision I have as a researcher is to investigate and document the progress of efforts toward skill building in adults with ASD. As a parent of a now-adult with ASD, my connection to the need for post-secondary options for those on the spectrum is very personal. The supports available to children in K-12 with ASD fall away as they grow, but the reliance on those supports does not change. OU Center for Autism cares about this gap in services and research. That is why I am here - to help fit some of these pieces together.

I invite you to stop by our facilities at the OUIncubator and observe our learning environment. I can guarantee that if you arrive around 11:30am on a Friday, there will be pizza. That is non-negotiable!

ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Ji-Eun Lee Co-authors Chapter

Ji-Eun Lee, Associate Professor in TDES, co-authored a chapter with five graduate students (Heather Turner, Colleen Ansara, Jessica Zablocki, Cory Hincks, and Valerie Hanley).

The chapter titled, *Practicing questioning in a professional learning community: A hub of classroom assessment*, will be included in the second volume in National Council of Teachers of Mathematics' new annual series, *APME 2015: Assessment to Enhance Teaching and Learning*. This book will be introduced in April 2015 during NCTM's Annual Meeting in Boston.

Congratulations to Ji-Eun!



RLA Doctoral Graduate Featured in Panel

On Tuesday, March 3, the Poetry and Literacy Center presented a series of panels. Terry M. Blackhawk was featured in the 1pm session. Terry is a Reading and Language Arts doctoral graduate who founded Inside Out, a program to bring writers and writing to the schools in Detroit. Inside Out has won many awards and Terry has been recognized for her program and for her own poetry.

Congratulations to Terry!

IN THE NEWS

Student Artwork in Pawley Hall Lobby

The Office of Public School Academies is pleased to display **student artwork** (<https://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/SEHS/Newsletters/PSA%20Art.pdf>) in the lobby of Pawley Hall. This month, grades 5-8 from the Detroit Edison Public School Academy (DEPSA) are being highlighted. DEPSA is a PK-12th grade Academy located in the Eastern Market area of Detroit.

The students utilized a variety of techniques to create the pieces with the use of several mediums, including charcoal, oils, and watercolors. Some students designed self-portraits, while some designed portraits of people who have inspired them. Others produced pictures of travel destinations they wish to visit someday.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Reading is Magical/Literacy Night - March 26, 2015

On Thursday, March 26 from 6:30-8:30pm, Auburn Elementary will be hosting Literacy Night. The theme this year is Magic! If you are interested in attending, simply print out the attached **ticket** (<https://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/SEHS/Newsletters/Literacy%20Night%20Ticket.pdf>) and bring it with you.

For additional information, view the **complete flier** (https://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/SEHS/Newsletters/Reading%20is%20Magical_Flyer.pdf).



CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Darlene Groomes - HDCS
Dave Tindall - Office of the Dean
Majela Morris - PSA
Robert Schwartz - RLA
Stephanie Drews-Laubach - OUCARES

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.

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