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FROM THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

From Assistant Professor Bill Solomonson:

Looking back, I can recall that when my children were younger "no" was unfortunately, but perhaps naturally, more commonly heard than "yes."

"Dad, can I sled down the stairs?"
"No."

"Dad, can I go up on the roof?"
"No."

"Dad, can I use the chainsaw?"
"No!"

But, what's dangerous is if this slips into habit – a "habit of 'no.' "

"Dad, can you jump on the trampoline with me?"
"No – er, wait a minute, yes!"

It is not the "no's" that move things forward, it's the "yes's." Here are some examples of SEHS "yes's" and their outcomes in the past few years.

MTD PS

The Master of Training & Development (MTD) program in the Department of Organizational Leadership (DOL) established a new student organization in 2012/2013. This organization, the MTD Professional Society, has hosted 18 monthly events, including three special gala events at Meadowbrook Hall, all of which featured keynote speakers from the professional world, alumni featured speakers, and networking. Several students or former students have gained employment through these events. Ten students have had unique and meaningful leadership opportunities as Board members. What if this had been a "no"?

Training & Development Case Competition

A collaboration between the Association for Talent Development – Detroit Chapter (ATD, which is the largest professional training organization in the world) and OU/DOL helped launch the first Training & Development Case Competition in December of 2014. Three teams from two universities competed over many weeks in creating a professional learning solution based on a complex hypothetical case. Students worked hard, and learned. A panel of four judges representing both academe and practitioners reviewed the teams' work and awarded prizes in an exciting live event. What if this had been a "no"?

Clintondale/OU Flipped Classroom "Lean" Collaboration

In a real collaboration, SEHS, the Clintondale School District, and a private company, the Lean Learning Center, are working together to bring a flipped course on lean concepts to students at Clintondale High School. Each stakeholder has risks and potential gains, not the least of which are the potential student outcomes as well as the research opportunities. The two pilot courses launch in less than a month, and the developers and teachers are working hand-in-hand to make it a success. What if this had been a "no"?

The intent of these examples is not to simply share some recent SEHS successes. Nor is it to share some of the things that I've been involved with over the past few years that you might not be aware of. Rather, it is to ask you to reflect for a moment on the opportunities that may come your way in the future, or might simply be the spark of an idea in your own mind right now, and to consider the power of what "yes" can do. It will be a luxury to look back and be able to ask yourself, "what if this had been a 'no'?"



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Lisa Hawley and Todd Leibert Receive Outstanding Scholar Award

The Professional Counselor (TPC) recognizes two articles each year for the Outstanding Scholar Award: a conceptual/theoretical article and a qualitative or quantitative research article. *The Relationship Between Socioeconomic Status and Counseling Outcomes*, written by Lisa Hawley, Todd Leibert and Joel Lane has been selected as a winner of the 2014 *TPC* Outstanding Scholar Award.

This award is presented with a \$1,500 prize, a certificate for each of the coauthors and an announcement in the next issue of *The National Certified Counselor*.

Congratulations to Lisa Hawley and Todd Leibert!



Leigh Settlemoir Dzwik Becomes HERS Wellesley Alumna

Higher Education Resource Services (HERS), is dedicated to creating and sustaining a community of women leaders in higher education. The HERS Institute experience is one of the most compelling leadership development opportunities in higher education, with many of its graduates pursuing opportunities as deans, provosts, chancellors or presidents.

SEHS Assistant Dean Leigh Settlemoir Dzwik recently attended the Wellesley Institute program and graduated from the program on March 14th.

Congratulations to Leigh on a great accomplishment!

**IN THE NEWS**

Grand Opening of Universal Academy's New Facility

On Friday, March 20, Judeen Bartos and Bob Maxfield attended the grand opening of the Universal Academy's new facility in Southwest Detroit. Oakland is the authorizing university for Universal.

Pictured are Mr. Bilal Kabalan, Counsel General from Lebanon; Judeen Bartos; Mrs. Nawal Hamadeh, Superintendent; and Mrs. Uzma Anjum, Principal.



Parent Café at Lowry

On Monday, March 16, Lowry held its second Parent Café of the school year, with a focus on child development. Facilitated by Lowry preschool teachers Dawn Rewalt and Lisa Ross, parents had dinner and discussion about nurturing their children's development, while the children had dinner and activities in another room.

The Parent Café's are supported by a grant from the Great Start Collaborative of Oakland County and are based on the Strengthening Families Model which focuses on five Protective Factors, **pictured here** (<https://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/SEHS/Newsletters/5%20Protective%20Factors.pdf>).



Family Math and Science Night at Lowry

On Tuesday, March 17, approximately 80 children and their families attended the 3rd Annual Family Math and Science Night. The students in EC 324: Science and Math Curriculum and Assessment, with the guidance of instructor (and Lowry preschool teacher) Margaret Mudge developed hands-on math and science activities for children and their families to explore. It was a fun and educational evening.

Lowry extends a special thank-you to Dr. Jerrold Grossman and Dr. Suzanne Zeitman. Materials for the evening's activities, including a science book for each child who attended, were provided with funds from the Pamela Grossman Memorial Endowment.



Detroit Tigers Opening Day Events

Baseball season is just around the corner. The Dean's Office plans to celebrate Detroit Tigers Opening Day on Monday, April 6, 2015.

Please feel free to join in the celebration as your schedule permits, by wearing Tigers gear.



UPCOMING EVENTS

What About White People? Undoing Damage in the Shadow of Diversity - March 30, 2015

Emery Petchauer will be the Keynote Speaker at a Featured Talk, sponsored by the Equity & Multicultural Education Committee and the SEHS Dean's office, on March 30, from 4-6:30pm in the Oakland Center Gold Room B. The title of the talk is, *What About White People? Undoing Damage in the Shadow of Diversity*.

By drawing from key ideas in Critical Whiteness Studies, the recent #BlackLivesMatter movement, and other contemporary events, this talk provides answers to the question "What can White people do to be a part of the struggle for human dignity, equity, and freedom?" All people are welcomed to attend.

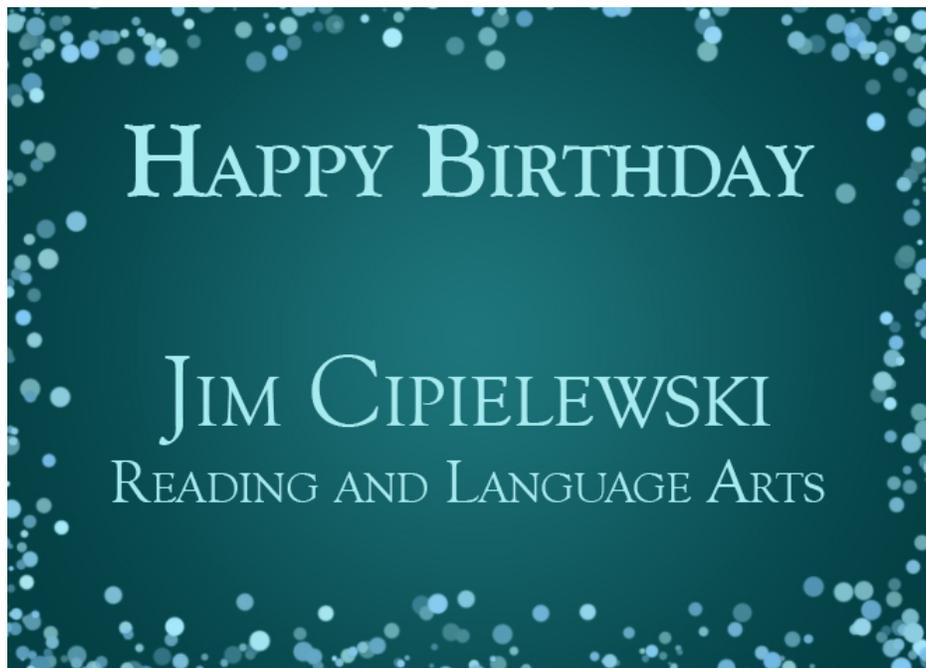
**Hearts and Hands 5k - May 17, 2015**

The Avondale/OU Partnership is hosting the first annual *Hearts and Hands 5K Fun Run/Walk*, on Sunday, May 17, 2015. Proceeds generated from this event will help to support the Avondale Education Foundation, the Galileo Institute for Teacher Leadership, and the Avondale/OU Partnership.

All ages are welcomed to participate.

In addition to and directly after the 5K, the partnership will also be hosting a 1 mile run/walk: *The Maxfield Mile*. A portion of the proceeds from this additional mile will be gifted to the Galileo Institute for Teacher Leadership in honor of Dr. Robert Maxfield.

For additional information and to register, view the **5K website** (<https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/AuburnHills/HeartsandHands5KFunRun>).

**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>).

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