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### FROM THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

*From Executive Director of the Office of Public School Academies Judeen Bartos:*

I recently had the wonderful opportunity to join my University colleagues at the employee recognition event for those of us reaching our 10 and 20 years of service at OU. We all marveled at how much has changed both at the University and within our own worlds. When I began working at OU in 2005, my son was 20 months old and preschool was our biggest concern. Now at twelve, he is looking high school in the eye in another year and dropping thoughts about where he would like to go to college into casual conversations. (Go Grizzlies!)

The changes within the Office of Public School Academies have been equally transformative. 2005 marked our ten year anniversary as an authorizer. In the ten years since then, our office operations have grown and matured. Compliance monitoring remains a central tenet, now achieved with a web-based management system that has greatly improved the ease of collecting and tracking documentation. The institution of bi-annual computer adaptive testing provides the Academies with real-time data to influence instruction and enables us to assess student growth along with achievement levels.

During the decade since 2005, the office has increased its focus on outreach to Academy students and professional development opportunities for Academy staff and administrators. Students visit campus early and often with a goal of establishing a comfort level with the college experience that strives to turn the dream of a college degree into a tangible reality. When students graduate from our charter schools, they have the opportunity to apply for a competitive scholarship to assist in reaching this goal. Currently, five graduates are aided by this funding and attending OU.

It has indeed been a productive and enjoyable ten year journey here at OU! I look forward to an equally rewarding second decade not only for myself, but for the schools we charter as well.



### ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### Phil O'Dwyer and Chris Summerell Honored at Chi Sigma Iota Conference

The Department of Counseling and the Chi Sigma Iota Honor Society honored part-time instructors Phil O'Dwyer and Chris Summerell at the Annual Chi Sigma Iota Conference. Their contributions to quality teaching for many years has contributed greatly to the department's commitment to excellence in counselor education. In addition, the Chi Sigma Iota student planning committee modeled the best of student leadership and represented the department well to both Oakland University and the local community.

The conference presentations included a wide variety of topics including: Working with Refugee Populations; Suicide Prevention; Helping Children Cope with Mass Shootings and Terrorism; Care for Cancer Patients and Families; Art, Science, or Spirituality? What Evidence and Experience Unmask; Mindfulness-It's Not What You Think (Or Don't Think); Opiate Treatment Perspectives; Advocacy: A Social Justice Paradigm and Professional Imperative; Clinical Perspectives on Parent Alienation; and Human Trafficking.



**Congratulations to Phil and Chris!**

### IN THE NEWS

### Dean's Choice Grant - Video Contest

The Oakland University Credit Union is sponsoring the Dean's Choice Grant, a contest for all SEHS students to create a video answering the question "How does the School of Education and Human Services at Oakland University impact the community?"

There are three prizes for this contest:

- First place - \$1,250
- Second place - \$750
- Third place - \$500

All videos must be submitted by April 15, 2016. Please pass this information on to anyone who may be interested. Contact **James Silvestri** for additional information or view the **complete flier**.



### Chaturi Edrisinha and Darlene Grooms Present at Autism Conference

Drs. Chaturi Edrisinha and Darlene Grooms from Human Development and Child Studies jointly presented at the Autism Alliance of Michigan's *Navigating Autism Today!* Conference on March 4, 2016. The presentation shared findings from a recent survey conducted by the Center for Autism among Oakland University students with autism spectrum disorders (ASD), as well as current federal policy aimed at employment.

Specifically, Dr. Grooms discussed how "The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act" serves to enhance collaboration among core federal partners (i.e., Departments of Labor, Education, and Commerce) to increase the effectiveness of employment outcomes for all citizens.

The presentation highlighted one core partner, the Vocational Rehabilitation Program, which seeks to improve the transition from postsecondary education and integrated, competitive employment among individuals with disabilities. Post presentation, Drs. Edrisinha and Grooms spoke with many parents who were interested in programs offered at Oakland University for persons with ASD.



### STEM Training for PSA Teachers

The PSA Office collaborated with the OU School of Engineering and Computer Science (SECS) Outreach Program to offer a *STEM Training for Teachers* workshop on February 12th. The workshop, facilitated by Dr. Chris Kobus, Marianne Donoghue and several graduate students from the SECS provided staff exciting new ways to integrate next generation science and mathematics standards into their class curriculum.

Teachers and school leaders from Caniff Liberty Academy, Four Corners Montessori Academy, Weston Preparatory Academy, Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences and Star International Academy used hands-on modules to learn constructs of electricity, kinetic energy and binary code.



### Excellence in Mentoring Faculty Award - Call for Nominations

The Excellence in Mentoring Faculty Award will be awarded to two full-time faculty members annually who have demonstrated excellence in mentoring in one of these three areas: teaching, scholarship or service. The two full-time faculty mentors selected to receive this award will each receive an additional \$500 to support their professional development activities in the 2016-17 academic school year.

Submit parts one and two of the nomination application to **Dr. Chaunda L. Scott**, Chairperson of the SEHS Excellence in Mentoring Faculty Award Committee, by March 18, 2016 at 5 pm.

The award will be announced on Friday April 1, 2016 in the SEHS newsletter. For additional information on how to nominate a mentor, view the **complete form**.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### SEHS Healthy Living Network Lunch Meeting - March 17, 2016

SEHS is pleased sponsor the fifth faculty and staff Healthy Living Network Lunch Meeting. The purpose of these meetings is to promote healthy living, eating and exercise tips within the SEHS community. The next meeting will take place on Thursday March 17, from 11:30am - 12:30pm in room 436 Pawley Hall. The facilitator for this meeting will be Andrea T. Kozak, Ph.D.



Dr. Kozak is an associate professor in the Department of Psychology. She is a licensed psychologist and co-chair for the Obesity and Eating Disorders Special Interest Group of the Society of Behavioral Medicine. In addition to teaching undergraduate and graduate students, she directs the Behavioral Medicine and Anxiety Laboratory. Her work is focused on a number of topics related to obesity such as risk factors, associated diseases (e.g., CVD and diabetes), interventions (behavior change, technology), and related consequences (i.e., poor health-related quality of life).

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#### **OUCARES Family Fun Day - March 19, 2016**

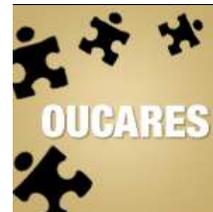
This year's OUCARES Family Fun Day will be held on March 19 from noon-4pm in the OU Rec Center. No cost or registration is needed to attend this event.

Come and enjoy a day of fun for all families impacted by Autism Spectrum Disorders. All ages are welcome!

Activities include:

- an information fair with over 20 organizations
- art projects
- face painting
- bouncy inflatables
- swimming from noon-2pm (bring your own towel)
- a sensory room hosted by Kaufman Children's Center

For additional information, visit us at [oakland.edu/oucares](http://oakland.edu/oucares)




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#### **Diverse Voices Conference - March 26, 2016**

On Saturday, March 26, the Fourteenth Annual Diverse Voices Conference will be hosted at Oakland University in Varner Recital Hall from at 10am -1pm.

The aim of the Diverse Voices Conference is to provide a supportive forum for OU students, faculty, staff and community members to learn about and speak out in support of valuing all aspect of human diversity. This year's conference theme is *Learning about Human Diversity Outside of your Comfort Zone.*

Keynote Speaker

- Omar Brown-EL – Director, Center for Multicultural Initiatives

Additional guest speakers:

- Dr. Anthony Tuf Francis – Assistant Professor, TDES
- Several HRD undergraduate students

Entertainment and refreshments will be provided. Admission is free and open to the public. For additional information, contact **Dr. Chaunda L. Scott**, Founder of President of the Diverse Voices Conference.




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#### **OUCARES Evening Enrichment - April 7, 2016**

OUCARES will be hosting an evening enrichment, *How to Deal with Challenging Behaviors in Individuals with ASD*, on April 7 in the ERL. The event will be hosted by Luke Y. Tsai, M.D., Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry and Pediatrics, Research Scientist Emeritus, University of Michigan Medical School and Rackham Graduate School.

The discussion will include:

- identifying challenging behaviors
- causes of challenging behaviors
- assessment and diagnosis
- evidence-based treatments
- question and answer opportunities

This event is designed for individuals with autism, parents and caregivers of individuals with autism, educators, therapists, social workers, and those interested in learning about this topic.

Please RSVP to **OUCARES**.



#### **CELEBRATIONS**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DARLENE GROOMES - HDCS

JULIE CHAPIE - ERL

MAJELA MORRIS - PSA



*If you do not wish to have your birthday announced, please contact James Silvestri at [jmsilves@oakland.edu](mailto:jmsilves@oakland.edu).*

## **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).

*If you have questions about the bulletin, feel free to email James Silvestri at [jmsilves@oakland.edu](mailto:jmsilves@oakland.edu).*



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