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### FROM THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

From Dean Jon Margerum-Leys:

Winter classes are over, grades are in, commencement has commenced, there's a little more parking available, the dean is writing an end-of-academic-year message for the newsletter. A casual observer might think that we're all putting up our feet and breathing a sigh of contentment. Some of us are and that's great. We've worked hard and deserve a breather. I hope that between now and September, we all get some time to relax and unwind a bit.

Here in Pawley Hall, though, there are a lot of things going on. I'll inevitably miss some, but here are a few:



- The Graduate Research Symposium will take place May 14. Eileen Johnson, Leslee Rogers, and others have been working hard to make sure that the presenting students are well supported and that the event goes smoothly.
- A cross-campus group led in part by Suzanne Klein and Cindy Carver has been working hard on a proposal to bring Saudi Arabian teachers and other school professionals to the United States for immersion in K-12 schools.
- OUCARES is ramping up to their summer programming.
- Outreach and Program Services is making changes to the work done in Macomb County.
- Mary Lose and Reading Recovery brought in over a dozen teacher leaders from across the state for professional development.
- The new signage project is progressing and we're making progress in other aspects of the building as well.
- Linda Pavonetti and Jim Ciplewski are getting ready for the Authors and Illustrators series.
- And the list goes on; it might seem quiet, but there's still plenty happening and much to be excited about.

Since this is an end-of-academic-year message, here's a thought: we've made good progress this year on our strategic goals. We have fostered student success, are recognized for our scholarly and creative endeavors, and engaged in the community. We've done this together. The best of our work happens when we roll up our sleeves, link arms, and walk forward together. I've seen a lot of those moments this year, times when what we accomplish together is far greater than what we could have accomplished on our own. I'm heartened by what I've seen so far and am optimistic about the year to come.

### IN THE NEWS

#### Thomas Blume's Writing Featured in Artist's Work

Francesca Catastini, an artist from Lucca, Italy has recently utilized text from a chapter written by Thomas Blume (department of Counseling) in a piece of her art. The piece, a fake magazine titled, *Happy Together*, has been presented in London and Pistola.

The chapter in the 2002 book, *Sexuality Counseling*, published by Nova Science Publishers takes an unconventional approach to sexual problems in couple relationships. Blume says that sex is a powerful way of communicating about identities. In our sexual actions and reactions, we expose ourselves and we become vulnerable. A couple who accept each other's vulnerable selves become comfortable.

For a glimpse of how Blume's work was utilized in Catastini's piece of art, view a portion of **Happy Together**.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**SEHS Graduate Research Symposium - May 14, 2016**

The thirteenth annual SEHS Graduate Research Symposium, *Meeting the Challenges of Contemporary Education*, will be held on May 14 from 8:30am-1:30pm in Pawley Hall. The keynote address, titled *It Worked for Me!*, will be given by Dr. Kevin Corcoran, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

For additional information, contact **Eileen Johnson**.

Graduate  
Student  
RESEARCH  
SYMPOSIUM

**Hearts and Hands 5K - May 15, 2016**

The Avondale/Oakland University Partnership is hosting the second annual "Hearts and Hands" 5K Fun Run/Walk, on Sunday, May 15, 2016. Proceeds generated from this event will help to support the Avondale Education Foundation, the Avondale Wellness Committee, Avondale Elementary Physical Education Departments, and the Avondale/Oakland University Partnership.

For additional information or to register, visit the **5K website**.

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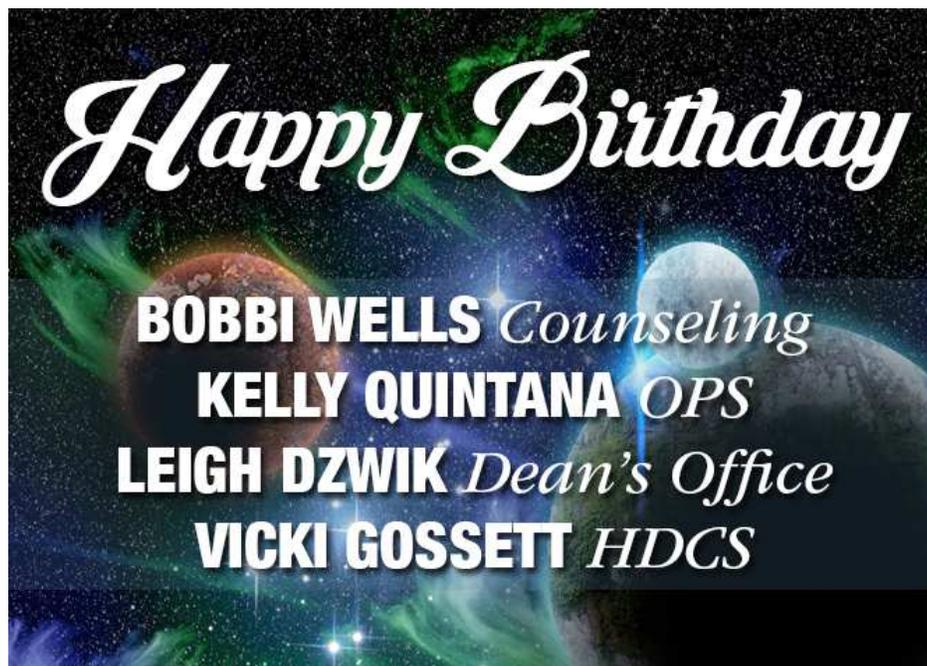
**Empty Bowls Dinner - May 19, 2016**

This year's Empty Bowls Dinner will be held during the Auburn Elementary Art Show on Thursday, May 19 from 5-7 pm to raise awareness and funds for Avondale's *Kids Against Hunger* campaign. A simple dinner of soup will be served and you will be able to choose a beautifully hand-crafted 'Empty Bowl' to take home as a reminder of all the empty bowls in our community and world.

Suggested Donations

- \$5 per person
- \$15 per family
- One bowl for every \$5 donated

Empty  
BOWLS

**CELEBRATIONS**

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).

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