

**SEHS Bulletin - January 13, 2017**

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**ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**Office of Public School Academies Presents at Annual Conference**

The Office of Public School Academies was well represented by Shawna Boomgaard, Manager of Academic Accountability, and Adam LeRoy, Administrative Coordinator for Special Services, who were selected to present at the Annual Michigan Department of Education Fall 2016 School Improvement Conference in Lansing. The conference theme was *Teaching and Engaging with Poverty in Mind – A Closer Look at Tools for Engagement*.

Brain Whiston, Michigan Superintendent of Public Instruction, gave opening remarks, followed by keynote speaker Eric Jensen, ASCD Author. The goal of the two-day conference was to help participants understand the influence of socio-economic conditions on student learning.

Shawna and Adam's presentation was entitled, *No One Is an Island: Connecting Poverty, Neuroscience, and Achievement*, and included 86 attendees. Participants used various activities to explore the roles of executive-functioning issues, self-regulation and working memory skills and the influence on student achievement and behavior.



**IN THE NEWS**

**SEHS Advisers Volunteer Their Time**

The SEHS Advising office worked together to make fleece blankets during their January staff meeting. They collaborated with *Fleece and Thank You*, a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide comfort and hope to children who are battling illness by giving donors the unique opportunity to create a fleece blanket along with a video messages of support.





If you'd like to organize a similar service event for your office, contact *Fleece and Thank You* at [info@fleeceandthankyou.org](mailto:info@fleeceandthankyou.org). For additional information, visit [fleeceandthankyou.org](http://fleeceandthankyou.org).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### A Social and Political Dialogue - January 18, 2017

The 2016 election has revealed deep divisions in our country. As much as we have tried to bridge the divides with civil discourse and facts, the ability to talk to people with whom we disagree has become increasingly more difficult. It seems that, irrespective of public policy, we have devolved into entrenched ideologues who refuse to make the effort to understand those with whom we disagree. Although it is easy to retreat to our tribes, we would like to try to heal each other and the community.

The School of Education and Human Service's Equity and Multicultural Education Committee is sponsoring an event, *Bridging the Chasm: A Social and Political Dialogue that Matters*. Paul Weinberg, Jessica Korneder, Danielle Ligocki, and Jennifer Matthews and have worked to make certain that campus and community leaders on both sides of many issues have been invited. Because we believe in education, we hope this will be an educative experience for all. In addition, we hope that these types of dialogues can begin to bring our communities together. The event will be introduced by Jon Margerum-Leys, the Dean of the School of Education and Human services and will be followed by a panel discussion.

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#### OUCARES Evening Enrichment - January 19, 2017

OUCARES will host an evening enrichment, titled *Make Time For Yourself and Meditate*, on January 19 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Oakland Center, Lake Superior Room A.

The event will be presented by Dr. Jennifer Giordano, D.O., Psychiatrist, who will discuss the benefits of meditation and how you can utilize meditation to positively impact your health.

Participants will learn:

- a simple 12-18 minute meditation
- to use meditation for yourself or how to teach it to individuals with autism
- the benefits of meditation, such as improved focus, attention, and overall health

RSVP by emailing [oucares@oakland.edu](mailto:oucares@oakland.edu) or calling (248) 370-2424.



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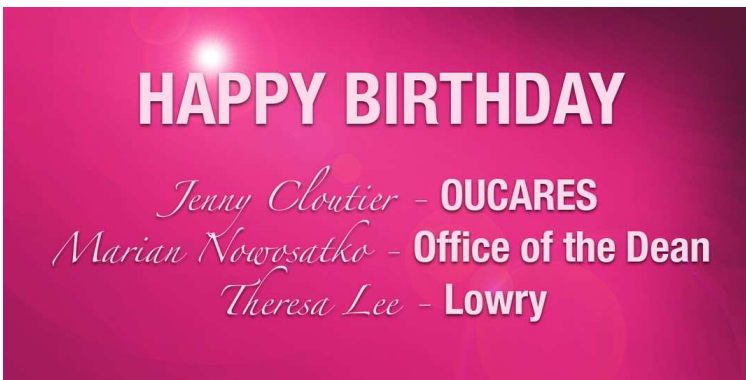
#### Super Bowl Potluck - February 3, 2017

What better way to warm up on a cold winter day, then to share warm food with friends? The ERL will host a sOUpper Bowl potluck on Friday, February 3, from noon-1 pm in the ERL. Get out your favorite soup/stew/chili and crockpot, and bring some to share. The ERL will provide water and coffee. By that time, we will know which teams are playing in the Super Bowl, and you can dress in your favorite teams colors.

If you are interested in participating, be sure to [sign up for a dish to pass!](#)



### CELEBRATIONS



*Theresa Lee* - Lowry

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

#### ABOUT THE SEHS BULLETIN

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

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