

# OAKLAND UNIVERSITY™

## School of Education and Human Services



### **AUFD UPDATE**

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#### **I Funded My Passion — Donna Simons**

My dad was an elementary school teacher for 30 years. One of my earliest memories was his requirement that I read part of a book every day. I developed a love for reading and writing, and years later, I realized that a quality education opened doors for people. My nieces and nephews are well-versed in my asking them about school, and then quizzing them on different subjects. They also assist me in giving historical presentations at libraries.



I started working at OU in 1994 in the Academic Skills Center, which was a great place to start my career. Not only did I have the opportunity to coordinate tutoring appointments for students, but I also observed the tutors (also students) helping them. It has been a privilege for me to work across campus and watch students develop their own love for learning and go on to graduate and have successful careers.

I am Donna and helping students move forward is my passion.

### **IN THE NEWS**

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#### **Weekly ERL Update: Digital Learning Resources**



When considering current events in the classroom, it is important to be able to access arguments and opinions on all sides of an issue. The series *Opposing Viewpoints in Context* has always been a great resource, and many of you may remember or have used the print version.

The digital version is owned and operated by Gale and is available to all Michigan residents through the [Michigan e-Library \(MeL\)](#). It is now known as [Gale in Context: Opposing Viewpoints](#). Students can search for topics of interest, and results will include information, articles, images, statistics, primary sources, opinion pieces and much more, presenting an all-around view of the topic from various points of view. You can filter by date published, full text available, content level, etc.

On the results page, there is a helpful “Topic Finder” tool which will help users find more articles and information related to their original search. For a good example of the array of results, try a search for DACA.

Speaking of DACA, [Teaching Tolerance](#) has published a practical guide/learning plan for teaching about DACA in the classroom: [DACA is in the Supreme Court: How about in your classroom?](#)

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## Caniff Liberty Academy Holds “Mission Possible” Event

Caniff Liberty Academy, one of Oakland University’s Public School Academies, held their annual staff celebration event, “Mission Possible,” at the Henry Ford Museum on November 4. It honored hard working teachers and staff for their commitment to helping students succeed. Some teachers received bonuses ranging from \$500 to \$5,000, and others were acknowledged for their willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty. The celebration was encouraging and let the staff know their dedication to education makes the Mission Possible.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Teacher Education Day — Wednesday, November 20

Have you ever considered being a teacher? Attend Teacher Education Day on Wednesday, November 20 in Banquet Room B of the Oakland Center to learn about the teaching profession and what it takes to get there. Talk to advisers, faculty members and current students, and hear from the 2019 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Cara Lougheed. Breakout sessions will be provided for those interested in teaching elementary or middle/high school. Light refreshments will be provided. [Please RSVP](#). For more information, please contact Andrea Lewis at (248) 370-3996 or [alewis@oakland.edu](mailto:alewis@oakland.edu).

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## **Data Hacks: Tools and Strategies for Classroom Management — Wednesday, November 20**

Don't forget to register for the upcoming Evening in the ERL, **Data Hacks: Tools and Strategies for Classroom Management**, on Wednesday, November 20 from 5:30–7:30 p.m. Presenters include OU faculty Nick Lauer, Jessica Korneder and Shawna Boomgaard, along with Dawn Schultz, special education teacher consultant for Rochester Schools. This event is free, but [registration](#) is required.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

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If you do not wish to have your birthday included, contact [Trevor Tyle](#).

## **ABOUT THE SEHS BULLETIN**

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The SEHS Bulletin is a place 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: [ttyle@oakland.edu](mailto:ttyle@oakland.edu).

**If you have questions about the bulletin, email Trevor Tyle at [ttyle@oakland.edu](mailto:ttyle@oakland.edu).**

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