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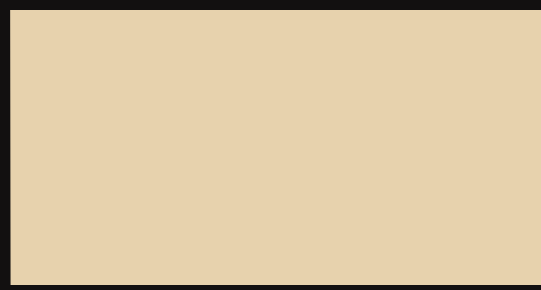
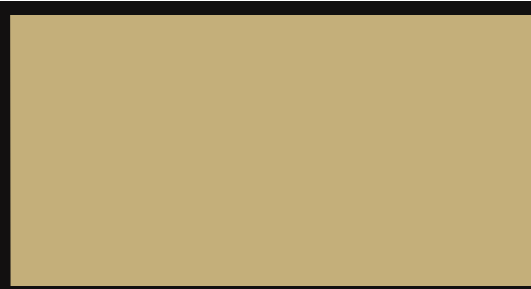
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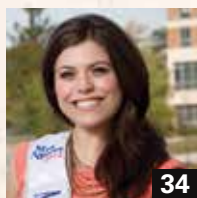


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Most would agree that one's university experience is influenced by much more than the physical structures that define a campus. Yet it's also true that each addition introduces further dimension to the learning environment.

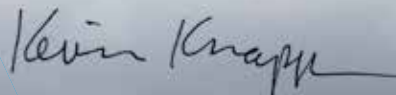
To even a casual passerby, the recently opened Human Health Building (HHB) cuts an impressive figure. Anchoring the northwest corner of campus in a location that guarantees high visibility to the public, the HHB offers a not-so-subtle reminder to all that Oakland University is on an upward trajectory.

At a time when health professionals are issuing alarms about an impending health care provider shortage in this country, OU is positioning itself to be one of the region's major players in meeting that pressing demand. As the new home for OU's schools of Nursing and Health Sciences, the HHB might well stand as a metaphor for the growth of the entire university.

Indeed, only a week and a half after the HHB was dedicated, ground was broken for a new engineering building in central campus. When it opens in 2014, the 127,000-square-foot facility will house the School of Engineering and Computer Science, which has seen a 20 percent jump in undergraduate enrollment and an 18 percent jump in graduate student enrollment this fall alone.

With overall student enrollment at a record level, OU is also increasing its academic depth to meet the demand. Several advanced degree programs — including a doctorate in psychology and a master's degree in safety management — have been added to the list of course offerings this year.

We're growing, too. To keep our readers informed about the latest developments, *OU Magazine* will now be published three times a year. We're looking forward to sharing with you the many ways that OU brings greater dimension and value to students, alumni and the community at large.



Kevin Knapp, Editor

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Breaking ground

OU celebrated the Oct. 3, 2012, groundbreaking of a \$74.6 million engineering center, scheduled to open in August 2014. The 127,000-square-foot facility will house the School of Engineering and Computer Science, which has seen a 20 percent jump in undergraduate enrollment and an 18 percent jump in graduate student enrollment this fall. The Engineering Center will include state-of-the-art instructional, research and development space designed to foster student learning and creativity that will ultimately boost U.S. global competitiveness in alternative energy, health care, biomedical, automotive, defense and other high-tech industries. The groundbreaking comes on the heels of the recent grand opening of Oakland's 172,000-square-foot Human Health Building.

Kramer named board chair

The Oakland University Board of Trustees appointed Michael R. Kramer board chair. He had been vice chair since 2010. Trustee Richard Flynn was appointed as the board's new vice chair. Kramer was first appointed to OU's board in August 2008 by then-governor Jennifer Granholm. He is an equity member of the Dickinson Wright PLLC law firm. He also serves as a director/vice chairman for Oakland Family Services. Kramer is a past director of Resolution Trust Corporation; State of Michigan Export Development Corporation; Jewish Home for the Aged; Crestmark Bancorp, Inc.; and the Attorney Discipline Board for the State of Michigan.



Michael R. Kramer



Scott G. Kunselman Dennis Pawley

New trustees appointed

Gov. Rick Snyder has appointed former board chair Dennis Pawley and newcomer Scott G. Kunselman to the Oakland University board. Pawley, an alumnus of the university, served for a total of 10 years on the Board of Trustees, including two years as chair and two years as vice chair. He was executive vice president of World Wide Manufacturing for the Chrysler Group of DaimlerChrysler and is the founder of the Pawley Institute of Lean Learning on Oakland's campus. Kunselman is senior vice president of purchasing and supplier quality for Chrysler Group LLC. Pawley and Kunselman will replace outgoing trustees Henry Baskin, who served for 16 years, and Jacqueline Long, who served for eight years.

Enrollment trend continues

In its 15th straight year of enrollment growth, OU is now home to 19,390 students. Growth has been fueled primarily by a 2.1 percent surge in undergraduate enrollment, which includes a 4 percent increase in the number of freshmen. The 1,983 transfer students joining OU this fall represent a 5.3 percent jump over last year's contingent and the largest class of transfer students in the university's

history. Enrollment gains have been concentrated in OU's School of Engineering and Computer Science, and School of Health Sciences, both of which have welcomed double-digit growth. The College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Business Administration also have welcomed appreciable growth.

Hello, Telly!

OU's new advertising campaign, "Reach Beyond the Ordinary," won a bronze award in the 33rd Annual Telly Awards program. Among 11,000 entries from all 50 states and five countries, the new commercial was honored in the local TV and cable category for schools, colleges and universities. The award-winning TV spot is one component of a campaign that includes digital advertising, radio, print, outdoor and website extensions. Campaign materials were developed by OU and Real Integrated, a communications and marketing firm headquartered in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. Since 1979, the Telly Awards have been honoring the finest in film and video production; web commercials; videos and films; and local, regional, and cable TV commercials and programs.

Dean Sudol retires

After more than 30 years of service, Ron Sudol, Ph.D. and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), retired in August. Dr. Sudol came to OU in 1977 as an assistant professor of rhetoric and was later named associate provost in the Office of Academic Affairs. In 2007, he was



Ron Sudol, Ph.D.



appointed dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, after serving on an interim basis. In his role as dean, Dr. Sudol appointed six distinguished professors and added nearly 100 new and replacement faculty members in seven years. Tamara Jhashi, Ph.D., has been selected as acting dean of CAS, while a national search for a permanent dean is under way.

Blended MBA program debuts

The School of Business Administration (SBA) now offers a program that combines the benefits of online and in-house instruction. The blended Masters of Business Administration (MBA) program addresses students' need for flexibility, as well as faculty members' desire to offer advanced electives in an interactive classroom setting. It offers numerous electives and a variety of concentrations, from international business to entrepreneurship. MBA courses are taught by expert faculty and business executives. More than half of the program will be available online by summer 2013.

Sharf Clubhouse opens

The crowning jewel to OU's two world-class golf courses, the new Steve Sharf Clubhouse opened in late June. The clubhouse was donated by and named for Stephan Sharf, who was profiled in the Spring/Summer 2012 issue of *OU Magazine*. The clubhouse's first floor features a golf pro shop, the Patti Finnegan Pub and a covered lower terrace for relaxing. The second floor houses the men's and women's locker rooms, the Dr. Gary D. Russi Boardroom, and an upper terrace with a grand view of the R & S Sharf Golf course and the adjoining Katke-Cousins Golf Course.

New graphic design major offered

Graphic design has emerged as a prominent field in an increasingly visual and mass media-based world. To accommodate this trend, OU has launched the Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design. Designed to impart the technical knowledge and critical thinking skills required in today's marketplace, the program will focus on the connection between graphic design, fine art, and art history. OU's program will encourage individual exploration of the medium and technology, while placing an emphasis on creativity, liberal arts studies, historical awareness and written and oral communication skills.

Download our app

Students now have access to the full functionality of their OU Web portal from their mobile devices. The new app allows students to log into their SAIL accounts to view grades, check email, and register for classes — all from their smart phones. "All the functionalities that are in the SAIL portal are now in the app," explains Bryan Cain, integrated marketing director. The updated version of the MySAIL application is currently available in the iOS app store. A version for Android is also in the works. At press time, the app had been downloaded more than 1,400 times since its launch.

Free at OU

Oakland University provides a great number of completely free services and programs for its students, faculty, staff members and the community at large. Thanks to a new website — oakland.edu/free — members of the OU family can learn about all of these cost-free advantages with a simple click. The site tracks anything free at OU, including academic services,

career services, facilities, financial services, health services, information and technology, recreation and entertainment, and transportation.

Professor wins Kresge Fellowship

Kathleen Pfeiffer, Ph.D., professor of English and department chair, was awarded a prestigious 2012 Kresge Fellowship in Literary Arts. The fellowships aim to support and advance the work of the literary and artistic community in the Metropolitan Detroit area. Dr. Pfeiffer received an unrestricted \$25,000 fellowship, which will allow her to take some valuable time off in the summer to work and write. She has authored two books, *Brother Mine: The Correspondence of Jean Toomer and Waldo Frank*, and *Race Passing and American Individualism*. She has also produced numerous critical essays, book introductions, and other academic work.



Kathleen Pfeiffer, Ph.D.

Pi Sigma Alpha honors

For the second year in a row, OU's political science honor society, Pi Sigma Alpha, has been recognized with the Best Chapter Award by the national office. The award recognizes local chapters who are active in their departments and universities and exhibit high levels of energy and creativity to further develop their honor society. Pi Sigma Alpha students are actively involved in the community, participating in events such as the Fight for Air Climb, Greening of Detroit, OUCARES family fun day, and others.

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Reunions set to make homecoming a memorable event

As at most universities, homecoming is a special time on campus for students and alumni alike. At OU, it's become a perfect time to reconnect with friends, former classmates, OU faculty and staff.

Now in its fifth year, Homecoming Celebration continues to expand in its scope and impact on the OU community. The event takes place Jan. 25-26, 2013.

"Even though it's relatively new, Homecoming is really starting to resonate with our students and alumni," says Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development. "All have embraced it as an opportunity to celebrate their Grizzlies pride with friends, families and former classmates."

This year, she says, three significant reunions are taking place on campus during Homecoming Celebration 2013: the student liaisons to the OU Board of Trustees; Human Relations Award winners; and all OU-affiliated fraternities and sororities.

The first reunion is of all former student liaisons to the Board of Trustees. These were students who were selected by OU President Gary Russi to represent the views and opinions of the student body for consideration by the board in all

matters. All 30 of the former liaisons are going to be invited for their first-ever reunion.

The second reunion includes all 24 recipients of the Human Relations Award. They were honored for displaying significant leadership abilities towards advancing harmony within the university community and promoting diversity between various cultures, race, gender and sexuality.

More significantly, in terms of sheer numbers, will be the reunion of all members of the fraternities and sororities on campus. Currently OU has 15 fraternities and sororities that are organized into and governed by four councils. The reunion signals a confirmation of Greek Life's significant presence on a campus that, before the 1980s, had none.

"Alumni who attended OU in the 1960s and '70s may be surprised at the number of Greek organizations now at OU," says Stephanie Lee, CAS '93, the administrative associate to the provost and lecturer in communications.

"In earlier years, especially during my college time, the main focus for students on campus was only to get an education and graduate," she recalls. Lee, then a

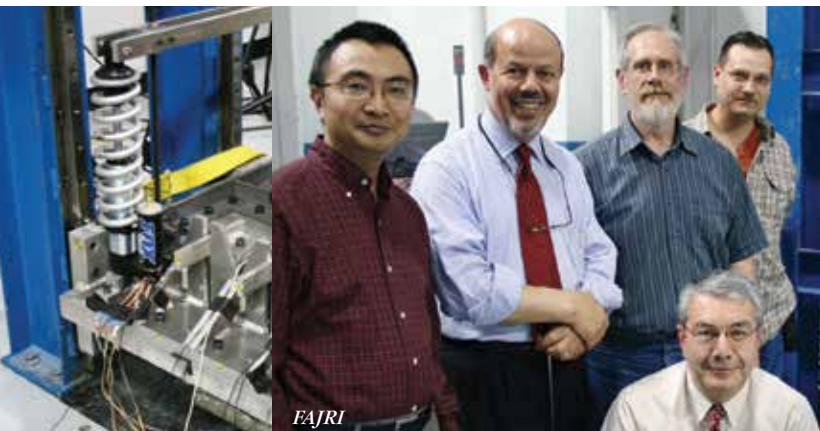
communications major, joined Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. to put some context into her student life.

"There was a big community service aspect to Greek Life. We did a lot of interacting with the elderly in nursing homes, for instance. I found it really important to achieve a work-life balance as a student, which helps you with your perspective on what is important in life."

Allison Blazius, president of the OU Greek Council, says fraternities and sororities continue to get stronger on campus after having virtually no presence until the 1980s.

"We're still in the process of becoming a significant presence as it is with other universities," she observes. "We're actively recruiting incoming freshmen. But many of our members are leaders in something. Some are involved in politics; some are involved in community efforts, like Habitat for Humanity. But being active in Greek Life gives you a chance to be a leader, which is a valuable skill."

She adds that the upcoming homecoming reunion will be both a celebration and confirmation of the Greeks' presence as a vital part of OU campus life. ●



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Penprase named to endowed professorship

Barbara Penprase, Ph.D., RN, of the School of Nursing (SON), has been named the inaugural Endowed Professor at Crittenton Hospital Medical Center (CHMC). The position will allow her to work in a collaborative role with Crittenton Hospital and focus on the evidence-based outcomes of relationship-based care. The \$2 million

endowed professorship, a gift from the CHMC Foundation to the SON, is designed to support the advancement of professional nursing practice and research.



Barbara Penprase, Ph.D.

FAJRI aims to save lives

OU's famed Fastening and Joining Research Institute (FAJRI) unveiled the successful results of a TARDEC research project that has the potential to save lives. FAJRI received a \$1 million grant in 2010 to develop a system that reduces the impact of an Improved Explosive Devices (IED) attack on a heavy military land vehicle. Current test results demonstrate the ingenuity of FAJRI's researchers, who managed to design a device that stops and contains all projectiles accelerated from the initiator device in just fractions of a second. The congressionally-approved FAJRI is the only known facility of its kind in the world.

Ideas hatch at I2B lab

OU and Cooley Law School students, faculty and staff are turning ideas into reality with the Ideas 2 Business Lab (I2B). Funded jointly by OU's School of Business Administration and the School of Engineering and Computer Science, I2B is a program that encourages fledgling entrepreneurs and provides the support and guidance to turn ideas into successful business plans. The initiative targets entrepreneurs during the critical start-up period by providing resources such as office equipment, meeting space, product testing support and access to a broad network of business professionals. For more information, go to oakland.edu/i2b.



Teams recognized for academics

The women's basketball team and women's golf team at OU each have been named a recipient of the NCAA Public Recognition Award. It is the first time that two OU teams have been recognized in the same year. The honor is reserved for collegiate athletics teams that have a multi-year NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate (APR) in the top 10 percent of college teams nationwide in their respective sports. The awards for 2012 were based on the 2010-11 multi-year APR and demonstrate the teams' commitment to excellence both in and out of the classroom.

Donning the white coat

The Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine recently welcomed its second class of students. Ranging in age from 21 to 43, the incoming 75 students that comprise the Class of 2016 were introduced to their first week of medical school by taking part in the traditional White Coat Ceremony at Meadow Brook Hall in August.

For more than 100 years, the white coat has symbolized the trust between patient and physician. The incoming students were welcomed by leaders of the medical community and ceremonially cloaked with their white coats. They received their coats from one of five Beaumont physician mentors who will support and guide them during their medical school years. Inside the pocket of every white coat was a personal message of inspiration and support from a Beaumont doctor.



Along with the physicians in attendance, the students recited the Declaration of Geneva, adopted by the General Assembly of the World Medical Association at Geneva in 1948. A revision of the Hippocratic Oath, it is a declaration of a physician's dedication to the humanitarian goals of medicine. ●

Compiled by Kevin Knapp

Chrysler grant establishes OU center of stamping expertise

When factory and academy join forces, the collaboration can produce impressive results.

Consider a recent example. Auto manufacturer Chrysler Group LLC approached OU's School of Engineering and Computer Science (SECS) about developing a program to prepare students for the evolving field of sheet metal forming. Chrysler's aim was to create a center of expertise in a manufacturing process that is critical to the development of its new products.

To that end, the automaker provided a \$110,000 grant to the SECS to establish the Chrysler Learning and Innovation Center for Sheet Metal Forming — known informally as “CLIC-form” — which provides OU freshmen and sophomores with opportunities for summer internships.

Sheet metal forming, or stamping, involves the stretching and bending of sheet metal into consumer products such



Lorenzo Smith

as refrigerator doors, automobile hoods and aircraft components. CLIC-form provides the industry with an academic center where training, applied research and intellectual property management in sheet metal forming can be explored.

The program puts students in direct contact with industry experts and key decision makers. It also provides OU faculty with the chance to develop close relationships with industry engineers who share common research and development interests.

SECS Associate Dean Lorenzo Smith says that Chrysler is very interested in developing a pipeline of highly qualified, well-trained college graduates who are able to hit the ground running in the field of sheet metal stamping.

“OU was the perfect choice for this pipeline due to its history of excellent research in the field of sheet metal stamping,” Dr. Smith says. “Part of our role is to serve Chrysler with the most imaginative, yet practical solutions as they relate to sheet metal stamping research. I press our students to be creative, confident, and fearless as they grapple with the challenges that Chrysler has put before them.”

He explains that CLIC-form students participate in two years of paid internships and two years of workshop training, an experience that provides them with an advantage over other engineering students, along with in-depth, technical training from industry professionals. ●

Lectures highlight compassionate medical care

A lecture series with the capacity to change the trajectory of patient care has been launched at OU. The interdisciplinary effort between the School of Education and Human Services (SEHS) and the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine (OUWBSM) emphasizes the importance of compassionate medical care.

The lecture series is the idea of Barbara Faircloth and her son, Patrick Faircloth, Ph.D. '11, MA '05, CAS '01, who, over the course of 12 years, had a lot of interaction with physicians during the illness of husband and father, William Faircloth.

In that time, Patrick Faircloth, a licensed professional counselor in Michigan and a nationally certified counselor, says he and his mother encountered “some of the best doctors in the world” in Michigan.

“The good ones seemed to have an empathic understanding of what we were going through,” he explains.

Shortly after William's death in 2008, Barbara and Patrick discussed how a gift to Oakland University could honor his memory. Knowing the launch of the new medical school was imminent and having first-hand knowledge of the Counseling program in the School of Education and Human Services, they worked with the University to design a lecture series that would help equip future physicians to sensitively and effectively interact with patients and their families.

“We wanted families in the future to have good experiences with their doctors like we did because we know that is not always the case,” says Patrick.



Ultimately, Barbara contributed \$109,000 to establish the Patrick K. and Barbara J. Faircloth Endowed Lecture Series.

“This gift is a perfect fit with our mission to prepare skillful, ethical, and compassionate physicians,” says Robert Folberg, M.D., founding dean of the School of Medicine. “The fact that the Faircloths can make something positive come out of a difficult time in their life is truly remarkable and so appreciated.”

Lectures will be presented with medical students in mind, but they also will serve as a resource for nursing, pre-med and other health-field students, along with physicians from nearby hospitals. ●

Chrysler donation puts students in workplace lab scenario

A shortage of engineers trained in a specific discipline has prompted Chrysler Group LLC to donate manufacturing equipment valued at \$550,000 to conduct research for the automotive and manufacturing industries.

"Chrysler is interested in hiring fresh graduates with interest and experience in Hardware-in-the-Loop (HIL) simulation," says Osamah A. Rawashdeh, Ph.D., assistant professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering Department (SECS).

He explains that the HIL simulators are rack-mounted machines that allow the testing of a hardware component, such as an automotive engine or a transmission controller without the need of an actual vehicle.

"The HIL machines can simulate a number of Chrysler vehicles. A controller can be connected to the HIL machine so it 'thinks' it is an actual vehicle," Dr. Rawashdeh says. "This allows for

accelerated and more flexible testing and development of controller algorithms."

The in-kind gift of five simulators also came with \$260,000 to fund research projects that will be directly applicable to vehicles.

"We are basically researching and developing new and improved engine control approaches to increase parameters such as fuel economy, comfort and torque. Fuel economy is especially important because of strict new federal regulations," says Dr. Rawashdeh, who is leading one of four projects already in progress.

"As new challenges face our industry, physics- and model-based approaches are required for robust controls," Hussein Dourra, Chrysler technical fellow, Advanced Powertrain Controls, says. "The HIL simulation helps student researchers test and evaluate proposals in an actual powertrain controller and execute controls in real time."

Ultimately, the plan is to create a course focused on the new capability and provide undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to train for jobs in HIL-related areas and be candidates for employment in the field.

"Results from research projects performed on these machines can be used in Chrysler vehicles, such as in the development of improved engine and transmission management schemes for improved fuel efficiency," Dr. Rawashdeh observes. "In addition, OU faculty will have access to cutting-edge simulators to perform research relevant to the local automotive industry." ●



Osamah A. Rawashdeh, Ph.D.



OU alumnus and former instructor establishes endowed scholarship

One good turn deserves another, the saying goes. That might well be the motto for Bruce Stuckman, Ph.D., who has never forgotten how a college scholarship made a difference in his life. He recently donated \$50,000 to the School of Engineering and Computer Science (SECS) to establish the Bruce Stuckman Electrical and Computer Engineering Scholarship Endowment.

"Oakland University was generous enough to award me a scholarship that paid for most of my undergraduate studies," Dr. Stuckman says. "Then opportunities like fellowships covered me up through my doctorate. I've always wanted to give something back."

Dr. Stuckman earned his bachelor's degree in engineering in 1981, a master's degree in electrical and computer engineering in 1983 and a doctorate in systems engineering in 1987, all from Oakland University.

After leaving Michigan for a position as an assistant professor of electrical engineering in Louisville, Ky., Dr. Stuckman went on to earn a law degree.

He later returned to OU for an adjunct faculty position, teaching 300- and 400-level engineering classes. Now a patent attorney in Austin, Texas, Dr. Stuckman has fond memories of his time at OU.

"I look back with a certain degree of pride and wanted to do something to help out the school that gave me so much," he says. "I decided that endowing a scholarship would be a nice way of doing that."

The Bruce Stuckman Electrical and Computer Engineering Scholarship is available to incoming freshmen from Michigan high schools. Candidates must have strong academic credentials that would prepare them for engineering careers.

Dr. Stuckman hopes the scholarship will attract more students to the field of electrical and computer engineering — and that they'll ultimately stay in Michigan.

"Being from Michigan myself, I want to help out the state by encouraging students to pursue careers in the engineering field," Dr. Stuckman says. "I'd like people to know more about Oakland University and attract good students to the engineering program."

"I had a great experience there and want to give other students the same opportunity," he adds. ●



Bruce Stuckman, Ph.D.

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Eddie Cheng, Ph.D., distinguished professor and department chair of mathematics and statistics, is currently researching the structural properties of interconnection networks, an area that lies in the boundary of discrete mathematics and theoretical computer science. This study is the next step of his ongoing research initiatives. Cheng also serves as an editorial member of several journals, including *Networks*, and *Journal of Interconnection Networks* and currently supervises and trains high school to doctorate-level students on how to conduct research projects. This work includes some students from the Research Experience for Undergraduates program at OU. This summer, Cheng marked his 10th anniversary as the director of the successful Oakland University Summer Mathematics Institute.

Karen Dunn, Ph.D., and **Cheryl Riley-Doucet**, Ph.D., associate professors of nursing, recently received recognition for their research in the field of gerontological nursing by being inducted as fellows into the prestigious Gerontological Society of America (GSA). The organization is known for advancing the study of aging, promoting healthy aging and publishing highly respected, peer-reviewed articles. Dunn and Riley-Doucet's contributions to the field of gerontology have advanced research, teaching and service for more than a decade. Individually, Dunn developed and implemented an Adult Gerontological Nurse program at Oakland. Riley-Doucet's area of research involves a non-pharmacological intervention called multisensory environment (MSE) as a method for reducing anxiety and agitation in older adults with dementia.

Gene Fliedner, D.B.A., MBA, associate professor of operations management in the Department of Decision and Information Sciences, wrote *Leading and Managing the Lean Management Process* with the support of a fellowship from the Oakland University Pawley Lean Institute. In the book, Fliedner identifies four integral parts of Lean that can make the management process successful as it is applied in various organizations and industries. As its author, Fliedner received the Shingo Research and Professional Publication Award for Operational Excellence, which is named after Japanese industrial engineer Shigeo Shingo, a world thought leader in concepts, management systems and improvement techniques.

Mariela Gunn, M.S.I.S., assistant professor of Kresge Library, co-authored and published the article "Business Information Literacy Teaching at Different Academic Levels: An Exploration of Skills and Implications for Instructional Design" in the *Journal of Information Literacy*. Gunn, in collaboration with Cynthia Miree, associate professor of management, Management and Marketing, recruited SBA business freshmen and SBA seniors in the Capstone program and gave them the same e-learning materials. The study indicated that

despite being further along in their studies, it did not mean that final-year students had more experience with information literacy skills; freshmen and seniors both benefited and improved in the same way.

Kristin Landis-Piwowar, Ph.D., assistant professor of biomedical diagnostic and therapeutic sciences, received funding to begin experiments in her cancer biology research lab located in the recently opened Human Health Building. Landis-Piwowar will assess how a novel class of anti-cancer drug (peptidomimetics) enters cancer cells to identify the mechanisms by which those cells are eventually destroyed. She hopes her research will reveal how to specifically attack cancer cells while sparing the healthy cells in a patient's body. Ultimately, her goal is to utilize molecularly targeted anti-cancer agents to minimize the adverse toxic effects that patients experience from traditional chemotherapy.

Karen Sheridan, M.F.A., professor of theatre, recently directed the play *Police Deaf Near Far* (PDNF), and hired two professional deaf actors for the first time for a production in the OU theatre program. Sheridan's experience as a mime and as a performer with the Chicago Theatre of the Deaf prepared her for the challenge of directing a play about a miscommunication between a hearing police officer and a young deaf man. This production allowed deaf and hearing patrons to consider together how more awareness from either community might have changed the tragic event at the heart of the play.

Julia Smith, Ph.D., associate professor of educational leadership, is currently researching gender differences related to college attendance. National data shows a shift over the last 12 years that indicates more girls are going to college than boys. Smith's research uses data that followed students starting college in 2004. She says for boys, there is a stronger pull to remain attached to the family because they want to earn money first. Girls decide to go to college because their friends are going, and they also determine that earning a college education will help them be more self-sufficient upon graduation. Smith has chaired 40 dissertations throughout her career.

Qian (Beth) Zou, Ph.D., associate professor of mechanical engineering, spends most of her research in the area of automotive tribology. One of her current research projects is to perform a comprehensive numerical and experimental investigation of wear and scuffing processes. The results of her research will reveal ways that the automotive industry can apply to improve durability and fuel efficiency of vehicles. Another research topic of Zou's includes investigating how nanofluids impact the tribological performance between two surfaces. In this study, she works on identifying nanoparticles and optimizing working conditions for best friction and wear reduction. ●

By Michele Jasukaitis



Tim Ryan



Erika Polidori



Nick Cunningham



Liz Ecker

Baseball

The Oakland University baseball team set a school record with a 15-6 record in Summit League play for a .714 league winning percentage and a second place finish on the season, reaching The Summit League Championship tournament for the second time in the last three years. Senior centerfielder **Tim Ryan** scored a school single-season record 56 runs and led the team with 76 hits, 26 stolen bases and a .337 batting average in earning first team All-Summit League honors. Senior lefthander **Jeff Gorecki**, who was 3-1 with a 1.21 ERA in league contests, and sophomore catcher **Jake Morton** were named second team All-Summit League. Ryan, junior designated hitter **Nolan Jacoby** and sophomore pitcher **Jason Hager** were named to The Summit League All-Tournament team. Junior relief pitcher **Russell Luxton** set a school record in 2012 with 10 saves. Head coach **John Musachio** earned his 100th career win at OU during the season and was named Summit League Coach of the Year. ●

Softball

Sophomore catcher **Erika Polidori** had one of the finest offensive seasons in school history, batting .379 with a .647 slugging percentage and a .451 on-base percentage — all ranking among the top five OU single season performances. She was named to the All-Summit League first team, while junior second baseman **Erin Galloway**, who led the Golden Grizzlies with 23 runs batted in, earned second team all-league honors. Senior pitcher **Brittany Doyle** led the staff with six wins and finished her career with 279 strikeouts, the fifth most in school history. Senior **Kelsey Krych** finished with a career record 79 stolen bases and ranks fourth in career runs scored with 79, while senior **Leah DiCristofaro**, who

hit six home runs in 2012, wrapped up her career tied for third with 14 homers and with the school's fourth highest career slugging percentage of .451. The Golden Grizzlies finished 10-38 overall and 5-19 in Summit League play. ●

Men's golf

Junior **Nick Cunningham** peaked at the right time, shooting a 68-72-71=211 to finish in a tie for fourth place individually and earning all-tournament honors at The Summit League Championship. Cunningham's score was the lowest ever by a Golden Grizzly in Summit League Championship history. Sophomore **Trevor Rosekrans** and freshman **Cameron Nelson** both shot 221 and tied for 29th as Oakland finished ninth at the league tourney. Senior **Michael Coriasso**, a two-time All-Summit League performer during his OU career, led the Golden Grizzlies during the 2011-2012 season with an average score of 74.8. ●

Women's golf

Senior **Liz Ecker** capped her outstanding OU career by finishing seventh at The Summit League Championship, including an opening round 70 that tied for the low round of the championship and featured her first career hole-in-one. Her three-round total of 227 was the fourth-lowest conference championship score in school history. Ecker shot a team season best low round of 68 (-5) at the Detroit Titans Fall Classic last October. Junior **Mara Kovac** shot a 239 at the league championship, including a 73 in the final round for the low round of the day at the championship. The Golden Grizzlies, who won the Cleveland State Invitational last fall and the Detroit Titans Invitational in April, tied for seventh place at the 2012 Summit League Championship. Ecker, Kovac and junior **Alanna Gerber** all were named to the National Golf Coaches

Association All-American Scholar team for Division I. ●

Track and Field

Senior **Micah Jones** became the first individual champion in OU track and field history by winning the long jump at the 2012 Summit League Outdoor Championships with a school-record leap of 19' 5 1/4". She also finished fourth in the triple jump at the league outdoor championships, while **Serena San Cartier** took fifth place in the 100-meter hurdles. **Andrew Stebbins** placed fourth in the shot put, and **Kyle Wilson** was fourth in the 400-meter dash at the men's Summit League outdoor meet. **Niklas Rippon** finished fifth in the 110-meter hurdles. At The Summit League Indoor Track and Field Championships in February, Jones finished runner-up in the long jump and sixth in the high jump, and **Breanna Peabody** placed sixth in the 60-meter hurdles. OU's men's 4x400-meter relay team of **Derrek Williams**, **Wilson**, **Alex Katona** and **Spencer Britt** finished third at the league indoor meet, while Rippon took fifth place in the men's 60-meter hurdles. In all, the Golden Grizzlies set 20 school records during the 2012 indoor and outdoor seasons. ●

Women's tennis

The OU women's tennis team was 2-17 overall in 2012, 1-7 in Summit League matches, its lone league win a 7-0 shutout of Western Illinois in the season finale. Senior **Caitlin Young** was the Golden Grizzlies' No. 1 singles player all season, posting a pair of wins at the top spot. Sophomore **Grace Keating** won four matches while splitting time at No. 2 and 3 singles, while freshman **Brittany Baxter** had four wins at No. 4 singles. Keating and senior **Demi Georgakopoulos** teamed for three doubles wins, including two at No. 1 doubles. ●



Micab Jones



Andrew Stebbins



Caitlin Young

Men's basketball on TV

The Golden Grizzlies will get plenty of television exposure in the 2012-13 season. The nationally-televised game on ESPN2 is set for Dec. 19 when Oakland visits West Virginia University for a 9 p.m. tipoff. The Nov. 23 game between the Golden Grizzlies and Michigan State University will be shown live from East Lansing at 8:15 p.m. on the Big Ten Network. Three days later, on Nov. 26, Oakland's game at the University of Tennessee will be telecast on FS Detroit Plus at 7 p.m. Two home Summit League games will be televised on Fox Sports Detroit this season: Saturday, Jan. 26 vs. Western Illinois (Homecoming) at 5 p.m., and Feb. 9 against South Dakota State, also at 5 p.m. OU's game at Missouri-Kansas City on Feb. 16 will be televised by Fox College Sports at 7:15 p.m. EST. In addition, 19 OU regular season games will be broadcast on WDFN-AM 1130. ●

All-Access, part II

For the second straight year, Fox Sports Detroit will air episodes of Oakland Basketball All-Access. The show will be an inside look at the Oakland basketball programs, with additional features on Golden Grizzlies Athletics as a whole. "This debuted last year and was quite a success among our friends, alumni, donors, staff and student-athletes," said Director of Athletics **Tracy Huth**. "The athletic department is very proud of all the accomplishments of its teams, including basketball, and we feel this show emulates what we experience on an everyday basis." The four-episode series will begin in December. ●

OU Olympians

In addition to **Line Jensen** (see story on p. 38), former OU swimmer **Scott Dickens** competed in last summer's London

Olympics for Canada. Dickens, who swam for Canada at the 2004 Athens Olympics, reached the semifinals of both the 100- and 200-meter breaststroke events, finishing 16th in both competitions. Dickens became the first Canadian swimmer to ever break the one-minute barrier in the 100-meter breaststroke with a time of 59.85 seconds in his preliminary heat. Dickens also swam the breaststroke leg on Canada's 4x100-meter medley relay team, which finished in eighth place. Two current Golden Grizzlies — seniors **Alyssa Busch** and **Alex Aceino** — competed in the U.S. Olympic Team Trials in Omaha, Neb., last summer. A three-time Summit League individual champion, Busch swam the 100-meter backstroke at the Olympic Trials, while Aceino, a four-time Summit League champion, competed in the 100-meter butterfly. Both were Mid-Major All-America Honorable Mention selections in 2012. ●

Grizzly tracks

For the fourth consecutive semester, Oakland University led all conference member schools with 156 student-athletes named to The Summit League Winter/Spring Academic All-League Team. Of the 156 Golden Grizzlies who earned a 3.0 or better GPA during the semester, 59 earned Distinguished Scholar honors with a 3.6 or higher GPA. OU has led The Summit League in total academic all-league selections for each of the last six years ... Oakland recently restructured its Athletics staff, promoting five individuals to assistant athletic director positions. They are: **Adrian Kowal**, compliance; **Gordie Lindsay**, development; **Scott MacDonald, MPA '02**, communications; **Tim Dameron**, marketing and sponsorships; and **Elisabeth Putnam**, facilities and operations. Putnam is also serving as

OU's senior woman administrator ... Oakland will be the host school for 2013 NCAA Men's Basketball 2nd and 3rd Round games set for March 21 and 23 at The Palace of Auburn Hills. The six-game ticket packages can be purchased online at ticketmaster.com ... **Connie Miner** is Oakland's new head softball coach. She previously was head softball coach at Eastern Michigan, San Jose State and, most recently, UC-Riverside. She replaces LaDonia Hughes, who coached the Golden Grizzlies the past two seasons ... The Michigan Athletic Trainers' Society (MATS) honored OU Associate Athletic Trainer **Tom Ford**, in his 26th year at Oakland, with its Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award at last summer's MATS annual awards banquet ... After completing his junior year, OU's **Hayden Fox** was selected by the Miami Marlins in the 21st round of the 2012 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft. The left-handed pitcher signed a professional contract and spent the summer pitching for the GCL Marlins in the Rookie Gulf Coast League ... **Lester Harbin, Jr.** has joined the Golden Grizzlies women's basketball coaching staff as an assistant coach ... **Andrew Wagstaff** is the new assistant coach for OU men's soccer, while **Stephen Gorton** was promoted to first assistant ... **Ty Rogers** and **Ryan Hilton** were named assistant coaches for the Oakland baseball team ... **Reggie Hamilton, CAS '11**, last year's NCAA I men's basketball individual scoring champion, is playing professionally with the Victoria Libertas Pesaro club in the Italian Serie A, the highest level of basketball in Italy. Hamilton set new Summit League and Oakland University single-season scoring records last year with 942 points. ●

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With Honors

Thirty-five years on, The Honors College heads for the Top Ten *By Daniel Bodene*



Honors College Director Graeme Harper (right) speaks with visiting U.S. Poet Laureate Philip Levine at a recent event.



“The Honors College continues to be a motivating force for me to pursue my dreams.”

— Subha Hanif,
Honors College student

As if university studies aren't motivating enough, there's a way for students to make them even more compelling — by choice, and by design. And they love it.

Oakland University's Honors College offers opportunities for students to be active in developing their own scholarship, unique collaborations, creativity and research.

As Graeme Harper, Ph.D., director of The Honors College, explains, it's where students can learn how to change the world, how to be most successful in their future careers, and how to be leaders in any field.

“The Honors College is based on the pursuit of excellence, creativity, and innovation — but the students can also create their own sense of the future,” says Dr. Harper. “It's where you can approach ideas from different perspectives, and create ambitious networks beyond your own.”

Subha Hanif, an Honors College student and one of the winners of OU's 2012 Keeper of the Dream Award, says, “The Honors College continues to be a motivating force for me to pursue my dreams.”

Academic all-stars

Students in The Honors College are simultaneously aligned with other OU schools and colleges. Dr. Harper points out that, statistically, these students are in the upper percentile of academic achievement — nationally in the top



"This past summer, I was supported in working at a university in the U.K. to conduct graduate-level research for a professor."

— Ben Eveslage
Honors College student



Dr. Harper says his students learn how they can become successful leaders.

5 percent. To graduate from The Honors College, students must maintain a strong grade point average and work with their professors to complete a project that highlights their ambitions for the future.

Along with the courses required for their departmental major, students take Honors College courses that replace other general education courses.

It begins with the First Year Colloquium, which explores the exciting nature of human discovery, in the arts or sciences, by individuals or by groups. Entitled "Making Discoveries," it is also a course in which a student can explore his or her own potential discoveries.

From there, The Honors College's core curriculum includes Honors College-specific courses created and taught by faculty from across Oakland University. To graduate from the college, students must complete the coursework they have chosen, undertake a foreign language requirement, and complete the unique Honors College thesis.

"Our students learn how to develop individual brilliance and individual skills," Dr. Harper says. "But the contemporary world is connected — so we explore how to create a winning team; how to network excellence and how to pursue your ambitions in a competitive world."

He adds that project work and research are two of OU's strengths that are emphasized in The Honors College.

"It's a thread that runs throughout the whole program," Dr. Harper says. "Students use the university as a fabulous resource. Importantly, you can get involved in significant research here at OU as an undergraduate — much earlier than at other schools."

Ben Eveslage, a senior majoring in international relations who also served as last year's student body president, explains, "This past summer, I was supported in working at a university in the U.K. to conduct graduate-level research for a professor. With the research focus of The Honors College, I have gained valuable work and mentorship experience that has built a foundation to continue my education as a graduate student."

Ambitious goals

OU's Honors College is one of the more established honors colleges in the nation, having begun 35 years ago. The college's anniversary this year is being marked in several ways, including a recent visit by Philip Levine, the 2011-12 Poet Laureate of the United States; a major induction ceremony for incoming Honors College students; and the creation of "inspiration awards."

And while The Honors College has grown over the years, Dr. Harper says there's still more development to come.

"This year is the largest Honors College intake in Oakland's history! We are aiming to be one of the Top Ten Honors Colleges in the United States, and together with our students we'll make that happen."

Dr. Harper plans for student "ambassadors" from The Honors College to show on both the national and international stages what OU is all about.

After all, "The Honors College encapsulates the 'Harvard of the Midwest' goal that Oakland University was founded on," Dr. Harper says.

As Alex Green, CAS '12 and recipient of The Honors College's 2012 Student Service Award, puts it, "The Honors College is a loving family, a daring teacher, a close friend, a challenging colleague and an absolutely unforgettable experience. If you don't know what I mean, join up."

To learn more about The Honors College, visit oakland.edu/hc. ■

Top doc

CAS alum now heads nation's premier specialty hospital *By Rene Wisely*

Some of the most important learning that Joanne Smith, M.D., ever did at Oakland University was about herself.

The West Bloomfield, Mich., native was the seventh of nine children, and one of four who would go on to graduate from OU. Following in the footsteps of one of her sisters, Dr. Smith, CAS '84, chose OU because she wanted to become a nurse.

But in her first year at OU, she discovered her high-school love for science wasn't enough to keep her going in the program.

"I just didn't thrive in pre-nursing," she recalls. "I don't think my soul was there."

As a sophomore, she dropped the nursing path and jumped into a liberal arts curriculum, thinking a career in business might be her calling. When that didn't feel right, she knew she needed to go back to the medical area and explore it further.



“During my second year, I knew I had to get into a hospital because I had to experience what happened in the clinical setting and see if there was something there for me,” she explains.

For a real-world experience, she signed up to work as an orderly in the emergency room at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital in Pontiac, Mich. There, she had a raw and frontline view of all of the occupations and inner workings of a hospital and of the fast pace of the health care industry. That experience helped her discover her life’s true passion: being a physician.

“While a physician and nurse work as a team, I was more interested in the ‘why’ and the ‘what’ was happening internally in the body and the effect of decisions made, than I was on the ‘how’ to carry out a decision, an order, like a nurse is trained to do,” she says.

Finding her way

The epiphany set Dr. Smith’s passion on fire and she revived her focus at OU. She followed a pre-med path, majoring in biology.

“It was a pivotal decision for me,” she says. “I’m so glad I went to OU, because it prepared me fantastically for medical school.”

After graduating cum laude, she went to medical school at Michigan State University, where she earned an Alpha Omega Alpha designation, putting her in the top 2 percent in the nation of all medical school graduates.

Today, Dr. Smith has more than achieved her dream. She is the first female president and chief executive officer of the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (RIC), where she combines her physician’s expertise with the strategic sense needed to run an organization of 2,000 employees and 60 sites of care, providing medical care to more than 70,000 patients annually.

The RIC is a premier organization, currently ranked as the No. 1 rehabilitation facility on *U.S. News and World Report’s* Best Hospitals list — a position it has held since 1991, and it is the only hospital in the nation to hold this top ranking for 22 consecutive years.

After completing her medical residency at Northwestern University (NU), Dr. Smith joined RIC in 1992 as a practicing physician. She continued to see patients while accepting various administrative posts there, even going back to school for her MBA in 2000 from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business. She landed the top RIC position in 2006.

In addition to being a wife and mother of two, Dr. Smith also is an assistant professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at NU’s Feinberg School of Medicine. She serves on the boards of the Illinois Hospital Association and the Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council, two corporate boards, a health care advisory board for a private equity firm, and two non-profit boards.

Critical thinker

What sets her apart from her peers in the field, she believes, are her critical thinking abilities, which Dr. Smith credits directly to her formative years at Oakland.

“I think that was the sweet spot for me at OU,” she says. “Without my knowledge or awareness at the time, OU instilled in me the capability to absorb information, understand a situation, look for data, think through the input and ultimately come to a conclusion — make a decision.”

She says her favorite class — and the one that helped shape her critical thinking skills — was a linguistics class taught by Peter Binkert, Ph.D., professor of linguistics and classics.

“I am delighted that a student from the class of 1984 credits me with shaping how she absorbs and conveys information,” says Dr. Binkert. “Those abilities are exactly the things I stress in my classes.”

Dr. Smith recalls Dr. Binkert fondly as a professor who was very passionate about linguistics and how the brain works during communication, very approachable, modest and helpful.

“When I was a young kid trying to figure out what to do in life, Oakland’s professors made a huge difference in my ability to explore options,” she says. “Sometimes I’d succeed, and sometimes I’d fail, but I’d also learn from living with failure. That exploration was the magic for me.” ■

Rene Wisely is a freelance writer from West Bloomfield, Mich.

Robots to the rescue

OU team in multinational effort to help eradicate forgotten land mines *By Katherine Land*



More than a decade has passed since hostilities have ceased, but the effects of war still linger in Kosovo. Portions of this Balkan nation's countryside remain dangerously littered with hidden land mines. These pose a potential threat to the lives of its citizens, especially the farmers and shepherds who make their living working in pastures and fields.

Locating and removing these lethal devices is an arduous and expensive undertaking. De-mining teams using simple handheld detectors have been at work in the hills and valleys of the region for years, placing their own lives in constant peril.

But a better solution may soon be at hand. Thousands of miles away, a new approach has been taking shape at Oakland University, where researchers, alumni, and students from the Department of Electrical and Computer Science have joined forces with Kosovo native Arbnor Pajaziti, Ph.D., a Fulbright scholar, professor and engineer.

Aided by OU's KaC Cheok, Ph.D., professor of engineering, this multinational team has been designing a mobile autonomous robot to locate land mines. When completed, the robot has the immense potential to save lives and also reduce the time and cost required to uncover and remove the mines.

Current mine-detecting machines are too expensive to be used effectively, at a cost of about \$300,000 each. The prototype now in development at OU utilizes robotics, automotive and computer components, and has the potential to sell for less than \$10,000.

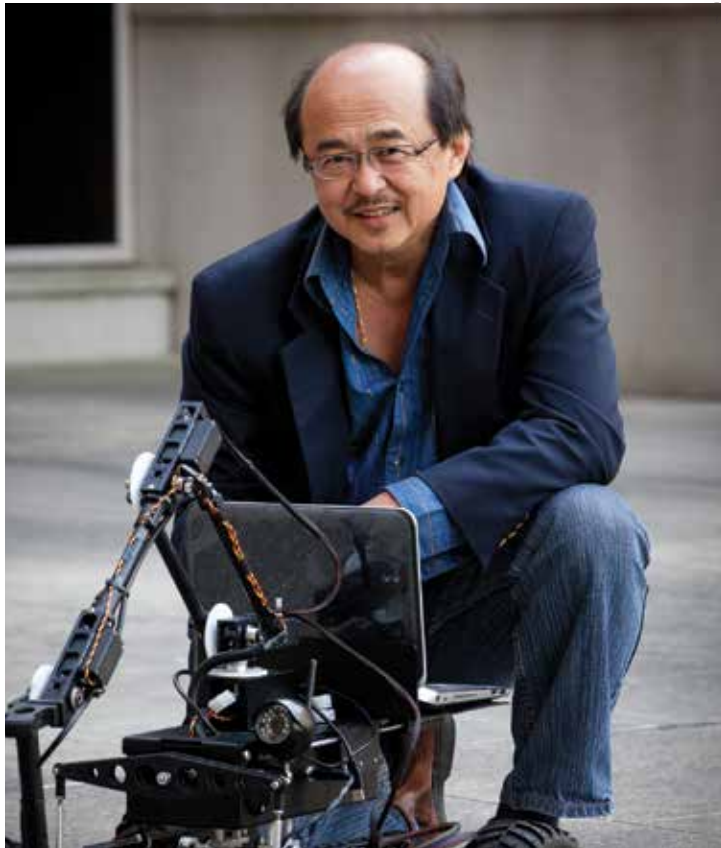
A formal study detailing these results was recently unveiled at the Ground Vehicle Systems Engineering and Technology Symposium, where the team earned the Best Paper award.

Global scope

Dr. Pajaziti's interest may lie in protecting his fellow Kosovans, but the scope of his project is global. According to the United Nations, there are currently 40-120 million large and small land mines scattered throughout the world in more than 90 countries. Antipersonnel land mines kill and seriously maim more than 26,000 civilians, including children, each year.

Locating the study at OU has provided the abundant resources and fresh opportunity needed to turn some of his ideas into reality, says Dr. Pajaziti.

"This has been a great experience for me," he says. "Oakland University has allowed me the opportunity and the resources to work on ideas under excellent scientific



Dr. Arbnor Pajaziti (far left) of the University of Pristina, Kosovo, joined forces with OU engineering professor Dr. KaC Cheok and his team to develop a specialized robot that can locate hidden land mines and save limbs and lives.

conditions. I've had great pleasure working here and being able to explore both theory and practical experiments."

Dr. Pajaziti's trip to Oakland was made possible by the Fulbright Scholar program and took place over several months this past summer. In that time, the team built and tested a prototype of the mine-detecting robot, and determined it to be a viable design.

The prototype addresses navigation techniques for a sonar-equipped autonomous mobile robot, in which the local map is built in real-time for local path planning.

The design features a mobile platform and manipulator arm, which is able to sweep an area swiftly to uncover abandoned land mines. The control system of the robot is designed to negotiate harsh environments in the minefield with high precision.

Common ground

Dr. Pajaziti, a professor at the School of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Pristina in Kosovo, has made his research into de-mining techniques a lifelong study. He is the author of two scientific books and has given several lectures on de-mining techniques, including one at Harvard University in 2009.

He conducts research in many areas of the robotics field, including the application of several control schemes,

neural network controllers, fuzzy logic controllers, genetic algorithms to industrial robots, mobile robots, legged robots, multiple robotics systems and humanitarian clearance of antipersonnel mines.

It was somewhat serendipitous how he came to be allied with OU, however. A former student of Dr. Pajaziti's came to pursue studies at OU and was impressed by the quality of research opportunities and robotics work at OU. Eventually, the student introduced Dr. Pajaziti to Dr. Cheok, and the two robotics engineers quickly found common ground.

Since their initial collaboration, the two engineers have already been reunited in Kosovo, and are continuing to collaborate on their design. Now the team looks to the future, hoping to bring their design into the global marketplace.

For his part, Dr. Cheok says that Dr. Pajaziti has gained an important center of expertise at OU for expanding his robotic studies.

"I think he is impressed by the problem-solving ability of OU engineers," says Dr. Cheok. "After all, there are great resources and expertise available both in the university and in the surrounding area. We are from Detroit — and we can get it done." ■

Healthy development

New Human Health Building underscores OU's strength in health care professions *By Susan Thwing*





You just can't miss the latest sign of progress on the Oakland University campus.

A very visible and substantial indication of OU's commitment to the health care sciences now stands at the northwest corner of campus. The September opening of the Human Health Building (HHB) marks a giant step by the university in helping to tackle the looming shortage in the nation's supply of trained health care providers.

The \$62 million HHB — a state-of-the-art, environmentally friendly academic facility — raises the university's profile as a source for health-related learning and also helps fortify southeastern Michigan's reputation as a center of expertise in the health care field.

"Coupled with our fall 2011 opening of the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, this milestone underscores OU's increasing role in health care education and training in Michigan and in Oakland County's



Medical Main Street initiative," explains OU President Gary D. Russi.

He observes that the health care industry remains Michigan's largest single employer, with more than 450,000 direct health care jobs, exceeding those of the state's agricultural, educational and automotive manufacturing sectors.

To that end, the addition of the HHB marks a significant contribution — a point that was duly noted during grand opening ceremonies held at

the HHB on Sept. 21, 2012.

"The activities that take place in this building will prepare people with skills for jobs that are in demand," said Michigan Lt. Gov. Brian Calley. "They will be able to make a living and a life with the skills learned at Oakland University."

Echoing that sentiment was State Sen. Jim Marleau who, speaking at the event, said he also anticipates a positive impact for both OU and the state.



From left, Kenneth Hightower, dean of the School of Health Sciences, Gary Russi, OU president, and Kerri Schuiling, dean of the School of Nursing, attend the HHB opening ceremony.

“This building is creating jobs — the young men and women who attend these schools will be ready to go to the right jobs when they graduate,” State Sen. Marleau said. “We’re very honored to have all of this here as an important part of employment growth in Michigan.”



Real-world training

The 172,000-square-foot building features a large auditorium, nine classrooms, a clinic, substantially improved and enlarged teaching lab space, and faculty and administrative offices for two of the fastest-growing academic units on campus.

The benefits of the facility are great for students and the community alike, explains Kerri Schuiling, Ph.D., dean of the School of Nursing (SON).

“From the simulation laboratories, to interactive media center, to distance-learning classrooms, this facility will provide real-world training and education for tomorrow’s leading health-care providers. It’s something really special for our students, our university and our whole community,” says Dr. Schuiling.

The five-story building’s new tenants, SON and the School of Health Sciences (SHS), will find the collaborative setting beneficial as it provides a comprehensive learning environment that gives students an edge by better preparing them to enter the workforce. It is the first time both schools have been housed under one roof.

While each school will maintain its autonomy, their shared home offers an unprecedented opportunity for interaction among students, faculty and community partners.

“The number of people in the state, region and local community that will be impacted is immeasurable,” says Kenneth Hightower, Ph.D., dean of SHS. “Our graduating



students will become professional health care specialists... from caregivers to medical record keeping to prevention specialists in hundreds of occupations. They are the people who will be either taking care of us or keeping us from injury and disease or the ones continuing to educate future students at higher learning centers.”

Earth-friendly approach

Both deans say they are excited about the teaching labs designed to give health care providers-in-training experience in real-world scenarios. For example, nursing students will learn how to re-start a heart in cardiac arrest and work in pediatrics with simulated patient models.

School of Health Sciences students have labs dedicated to fire safety, robotics, machine safety and industrial hygiene. They act as a training ground for students in occupational safety as well as injury prevention. These labs prepare students to react, adapt and problem solve before they ever leave the classroom.

In addition, the building has a substantial upside for the environment.

“Along with the stunning architecture of the building, it was designed as an earth-friendly facility ... from the recycled materials used in construction to the solar panel usage — providing optimal energy efficiency in cooling, humidity control and heating,” Dr. Schuiling says. “Even the landscaping has been constructed to maintain the integrity of the wetlands and benches for basking in the beauty of the green space.”

The HHB also acts to further enhance OU’s reputation, Dr. Hightower says.

“The new building is both validation of OU’s premier status in the state as well as the growth of excellence and student numbers in the School of Health Sciences and the School of Nursing,” he says. “I am excited by a future realized by our students who press to be distinguished students passionate about serving the community’s needs and health.” ■

Notable features of the HHB

- The HHB is the fourth completed academic building the university has added in the last 13 years.
- It was designed by the noted architecture firm, the SmithGroup.
- It is the first higher education building in the state of Michigan to be certified as a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum level, the highest ranking as rated by the U.S. Green Building Council.
- A total of 256 geothermal wells beneath the parking lot help keep the building energy efficient.
- A variable refrigerant heat pump system — the largest in the United States for any higher education campus — provides comfort and energy efficiency.
- Storm water collected from the building’s roof is harvested via cisterns that are buried below grade. They are capable of collecting as much as 10,000 gallons of storm water for use in lawn irrigation.
- Wetlands located on the HHB site not only were preserved, but upgraded by eliminating invasive plant species and restoring them with native vegetation. This improves the habitat for animals living in the wetlands, provides for storm water flow, and offers an attractive natural environment for the campus community.
- Terra-cotta tile that forms the “skin” of the building was pre-cut prior to fastening in order to form a tight, energy-efficient envelope.
- Roof-mounted solar panels provide desiccant cooling, humidity control and heated water supplies for domestic water and building heating.
- Of all construction materials used for the project, 95 percent of the waste was recycled, thereby diverting it from landfills.
- Two dual-electric charging stations for electric and hybrid vehicles are available for student and faculty use.
- The HHB is the only academic building in the nation containing an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)-rated fire safety laboratory. ●



Friends by degrees

A connection forged in school is thriving decades later — along with the women's careers *By Amy Lynn Smith*



Kathy



Phyllis



When, as Oakland University freshmen, Kathleen (Simonyi) McMahon, Ph.D., and Phyllis (Wolfe) White, Ph.D., were assigned to be roommates at Fitzgerald House, the pairing must have seemed like a complete mismatch.

After all, one was studying engineering and the other was studying music. It would seem that the two women wouldn't have much in common.

As it turned out, however, it was the beginning of a beautiful friendship, spanning more than 30 years and six OU diplomas.

"Kathy has told this story many times over the years," says White, Ph.D. '12, MM '03, CAS '82, a special lecturer of music in OU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance (MTD). "In reflecting on meeting me for the first time she said, 'You were so yellow. All this blonde hair ...' and I'm sure I was dressed accordingly."

"Yes, wearing bright colors, I'm sure," responds McMahon, Ph.D. '89, MS '83, SECS '82, in the comfortable rhythm of a longtime friendship.

Considering the overlapping thoughts and frequent laughter of their conversation, it's hard to imagine these two women ever wondering what they could possibly have to talk about.

It didn't take long, though, to find mutual interests. Perhaps even more important, the friends helped expand each other's worlds.

"I'm much less of a performer than Phyllis is, so it was very interesting for me to live closely with someone whose talents and motivations were all driven by the arts," says McMahon. "I wouldn't say I'm anyone's idea of a stereotypical engineer, but I'm not artistic, either."

White disagrees. "She says she's not artistic, but Kathy's application of her scientific research is indeed very creative," she explains. "And it's her people skills that I think really set her apart in her field."

Two paths, one friendship

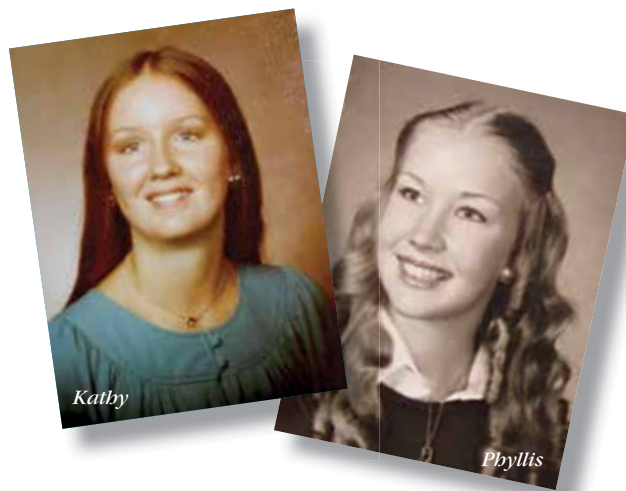
The women lived together in the same dorm room in Fitzgerald House for four years. They were both very driven academically, another bond that drew them closer during their undergraduate years.

They initially graduated together, McMahon with a bachelor's degree in systems engineering and White with a bachelor's degree in music theory and composition.

That's where their paths diverged — but not their friendship. McMahon continued her education, earning a master's degree and then a doctorate in systems engineering. She also taught engineering as a graduate assistant.

During her doctoral studies, McMahon worked part-time at General Motors. Today she is the company's program manager of connected infotainment.

McMahon's work focuses on the parts of the vehicle customers use for both information and entertainment,



such as radios and dashboards. A connected infotainment system is one that, for example, lets drivers use their Bluetooth device to stream music. It's a relatively new area for the automotive industry, and McMahon is the first person ever named to the position she now holds.

White took a different life path. She continued writing, playing and teaching music, her passion since high school. As a composer, she began building a body of literature in educational choral music — a catalog that now includes more than 100 published titles and more than a million copies sold in 27 countries.

White returned to OU to continue her studies, earning a master's degree in music education. She joined the music faculty at OU in 1987 and for 25 years has developed many popular and innovative music courses. Her recent work in the intersection of musical understanding and e-learning propelled her doctoral research.

Counting on each other

Over the decades — even while McMahon was on a two-year assignment in Australia with GM — the two women have remained close. Since the days when they commiserated over college boyfriends, White and McMahon have shared many life milestones. They've vacationed together, spent holidays together, and still sit together at the Golden Grizzlies Homecoming games.

"It hasn't been a friendship of convenience," says White. "It's been a friendship of serious loyalty — and I give Kathy a lot of credit for that."

There's no doubt, in listening to these two women converse, that their friendship is a two-way street. And one that's led them to discover common ground and mutual enrichment.

"Music and certain types of engineering share a logic, in that they're both very structured," says McMahon. "They're structured very differently, but the discipline we each have to apply is something that comes naturally to both of us and feeds our friendship." ■

Amy Lynn Smith is a Birmingham, Mich.-based freelance writer.



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I am OU

The message "I AM OU" is not merely an acronym, but a call to action and a point of pride among all alumni. Together, alumni make a difference by joining fellow alumni at events that support scholarships and programs, volunteering their time, making a gift, advocating for OU, mentoring OU students, and sharing their OU pride. Read on to see how your fellow alumni have been participating in the life of the university and to learn more about the many ways you can get involved.

IMPACT A STUDENT'S EXPERIENCE

OUAA scholarship program opens January 1

The Oakland University Alumni Association awards nearly \$90,000 per year to deserving students through the OUAA Scholarship Program. Because of your donations and support, we are able to help these students achieve their dream of pursuing an OU degree.

The 2013-14 OUAA Scholarship Program application period is from Jan. 1, 2013, to March 1, 2013. Scholarships are available to students in various stages of their academic career, from incoming freshmen to returning alumni. For more information, visit oualumni.com/ouaascholarships.

Interested in contributing to the OUAA Scholarship Program? Visit oualumni.com and click on the "Make My Gift Today" link. ●

Golfers show support "fore" OUAA scholarships

On July 16, more than 100 alumni and friends golfed in support of the OUAA Scholarship Program. The annual OUAA Golf Challenge event raised nearly \$20,000 this year and involved more than two dozen individual and corporate sponsors. The OUAA Scholarship Program awards \$90,000 annually to deserving OU students.



Golfers at the 2012 Golf Challenge enjoyed 18 holes on the R&S Sharf Golf Course, as well as the opportunity to tour the new Steve Sharf Clubhouse that opened at the end of June.

"What a winning combination! The gorgeous golf course, the sparkling new Sharf Clubhouse, and the gracious hospitality of the Alumni Association staff make this outing my favorite of the year," said OUAA Board member Garry Gilbert, CAS '02 and '95. "As director of the journalism program here at OU, the fact that we're helping fund scholarships for deserving students as well is like icing on the cake."

For more information about the OUAA Scholarship Program, visit oualumni.com/ouaascholarships. ●

OU to launch fall telefund

Each fall, Oakland students reach out to alumni and others through the annual Oakland University Telefund. When alumni answer the phone and make a pledge, they are making a difference in the lives of Oakland University students. All gifts, no matter the size, and each conversation, no matter the topic, will enhance a student's education at OU. Gifts have supported academic program enhancements such as student scholarships, academic and student programs, and student research. Watch and listen for your incoming call this fall. ●

Alumni Awards Banquet 2012



Gregory
Garrett



Richard
French



Anthony
Thornton



Lynne
Lombard



Gary
Peters



Joel Frederiksen



Tamra Dukatz



Robert
Thornton



David
McGhee



Joy James
Williams

ADVOCATE

The 2012 Alumni Awards Banquet was held on Friday, Oct. 26, 2012, in the Oakland Center banquet rooms. The following outstanding alumni and friends were honored:

Distinguished Alumni Service Award

Greggory R. Garrett, SECS '97
CEO and President, CGS Advisors LLC

The Distinguished Alumni Service Award is Oakland's highest alumni honor. It recognizes peerless volunteer leadership in service to OU or its alumni association.

Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award

Joel Frederiksen, CAS '90
Bass singer and lutenist

Richard D. French, CAS '84
Chairman and chief executive officer,
French/West/Vaughan

The Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award recognizes outstanding professional achievement or contribution to the community.

Odyssey Award

Tamra Dukatz, SON '93
Certified registered nurse anesthetist,
Beaumont Health System

The Odyssey Award honors alumni whose lives exemplify Oakland University's motto to "seek virtue and knowledge."

Spirit Award

Anthony Thornton, CAS '76
Manager, Center for Work and Families
at Lighthouse of Oakland County

Robert Thornton, CAS '77
Program officer,
The Skillman Foundation

The Spirit Award recognizes exemplary volunteer service to the university.

Alumni Community Service Award

Lynne Lombard, SHS '84
Physical therapy director,
Great Lakes Orthopaedic Center

The Alumni Community Service Award recognizes distinctive service of a humanitarian nature or citizenship through community, public, or OU service activities.

Outstanding Young Alumni Award

David McGhee, CAS '05
Program director, Big Brothers Big
Sisters of Greater Flint

The Outstanding Young Alumni Award recognizes alumni who have demonstrated the worth of their education through their post-college achievements and, generally, have graduated within the last 10 years.

Honorary Alumni Award

The Honorable Representative
Gary C. Peters
U.S. congressman

Joy James Williams
Executive events consultant to the
president (retired), Oakland University

The Honorary Alumni Awards are given to individuals who have not graduated from OU, but who have given outstanding service to the university. ●



Black Alumni Chapter

The Oakland University Black Alumni Chapter celebrated its 10th annual picnic in August at the Auburn Hills Civic Center Park. Amid music, fun and revelry, approximately 60 alumni gathered to re-connect with old acquaintances. "It was a great opportunity to re-connect with old friends. It was like Facebook, but only in person," said Joy Hunt, CAS '98.

The picnic was originally initiated by brothers Anthony Thornton, CAS '76, and Robert Thornton, CAS '77, as a means to bring Black Alumni Chapter members together. The Thorntons are the recipients of the 2012 Alumni Spirit Award, which recognizes exemplary service to the University. Join the Black Alumni Chapter on December 19 for its annual holiday gathering at Detroit's Northwest Activity Center.

Visit oualumni.com/BACChapter for more information.

2012 Committee members:

Sharman Davenport, CAS '80
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Joy Hunt, CAS '98
Robert Thornton, CAS '77
Brenda Vantull, SBA '85 ●



MENTOR

Career development webinars for alums

Whether you are searching for your first job, preparing for a career change or looking to expand your professional skills, join us for the OUAA career development webinar series. Learn from career experts and fellow alumni about reaching your career goals. Participate in free online career development webinars and revisit recordings of those you missed.

A computer with an Internet connection and speakers are required to connect to the webinar. Participants will interact with the presenter through a chat feature by posting questions or comments.

Registration is free! Visit oualumni.com/careerdevelopment to register for an upcoming webinar.

The first webinar on LinkedIn Strategies for Job Seekers and Networking is Tuesday, Nov. 13, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. EST and features presenter Matthew Karrantja, CAS '97. Karrantja is the business development manager for Trialon Corporation and is the 2011 recipient of the OUAA Spirit Award for exemplary volunteer service to the university. ●

I am OU

We need you!

Interested in getting more involved at OU? There are a number of volunteer opportunities across campus in which alumni can participate, including:

Fall Commencement hosts — This is a great way to welcome the newest alumni class to the OUAA family. Alumni commencement hosts are needed on Saturday, Dec. 15, during one of three ceremonies in the OU Athletics O'rena.

Speed Networking — Modeled after the speed dating concept, Speed Networking matches alumni and professionals with current students for multiple five-minute sessions where the student can practice their interviewing and networking skills and receive immediate feedback from their alumni mentors. The third annual Speed Networking program is coming up on Friday, Feb. 8, 2013.

"It is heartening to see students striving to learn more about what is out there in the workforce," says Joe Bastian, CAS '97 and '90, of his experience volunteering with the Speed Networking event. "It's even more rewarding to know that my industry knowledge and experience can help them find their way."

For more information on these and other volunteer opportunities, visit oualumni.com/ouaavolunteer or contact Christina Simon, outreach coordinator, at (248) 364-6134 or casimon@oakland.edu. ●

OPEN THE DOOR FOR OTHERS

Ambassador program seeks alumni help

The Alumni Admissions Ambassador Program's (AAP) goal is to engage well-trained, knowledgeable and enthusiastic alumni as active participants in the university's recruitment efforts. By participating in events like college fairs and on-campus visit programs, you can share your OU experience with prospective students and their families. Your enthusiasm for Oakland, and your personal success story, can make a difference for students exploring their college options. Contact Denae May, AAP coordinator, at aaap@oakland.edu to become an ambassador. ●

We want to hear from you, alumni!

Have you moved recently? Did you just get promoted? Let us know what you have been up to! By updating your record, you can stay informed with campus news and events. Visit oualumni.com to stay connected and share your good news. ●



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 2013



UPDATE

Save the date

**Alumni pregame gathering
 Men's basketball at WMU**
 Dec. 1, 2012

**Alumni pregame gathering
 Women's basketball vs. MSU**
 Dec. 5, 2012

**Alumni pregame gathering
 Men's basketball vs. Valparaiso**
 Dec. 17, 2012

Homecoming Weekend
 Jan. 25-26, 2013

Charter class 50th reunion
 Sept. 13-14, 2013

*Watch for upcoming
 alumni gatherings:*

Chicago, IL – Nov. 13, 2012

Pittsburgh, PA – Nov. 17, 2012

Knoxville, TN – Nov. 26, 2012

New York City – Dec. 8, 2012

For more information on upcoming events, visit our events section at oalumni.com or contact Christina Simon, outreach coordinator, at (248) 364-6134. ●



Winter College in Florida

Relive your college days in Bonita Springs, Fla.! Join Oakland University Feb. 14-17, 2013, for a weekend of engaging classes taught by OU faculty and offered against the backdrop of the beautiful Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa. Learn the secrets to aging gracefully, how to enhance your relationship, the current political climate in Congress, the United States economy, and what's involved in a physician's diagnostic decision. The weekend begins with a welcome reception Thursday evening followed by dinner with President Gary Russi on Friday evening. Classes run Friday and Saturday with plenty of time to relax and enjoy! Don't miss this opportunity to learn, reconnect and have fun. Register at oakland.edu/wintercollege. ●

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Tahitian Jewels — Oceania Cruises (11 nights)

Cruise the balmy South Seas and discover some of Polynesia's finest jewels as you explore the stunning islands of the South Pacific.

Cruise to Papeete, Moorea, Huahine, Raiatea, Bora Bora, Nuku Hiva, Hiva Oa, Rangiroa.

Date: Jan. 27 – Feb. 8, 2013

Price: from \$3,117 per person

2013-14 travel itineraries coming soon. Visit oalumni.com/travel for more information. ●



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- Connect with Oakland alumni, faculty, staff, and students

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Career/Accomplishments

1960s

Lewis K. Elbinger, CAS '69, retired from the U.S. Foreign Service in November 2011. During his 27-year career, he had 16 overseas assignments and served in nine countries: Oman, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Germany, Kenya, Turkmenistan, Pakistan, India and Turkey. His domestic assignments included the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, the Office of the Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan and service as acting political adviser at U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Florida. Elbinger is the co-founder of the East West Ashram in Himachal Pradesh, India.

Robert Linsenman, CAS '65, will have his first novel published this winter. *Snowblood's Journal* covers the Vietnam War from 1966 through early 1968 from the perspective of two scout dog handlers. Linsenman previously has published six successful nonfiction books.

Martin I. Reisig, CAS '69, received the Wade H. McCree, Jr. Award for the Advancement of Social Justice. The award, named for a former U.S. solicitor general, is presented annually for advancing social justice in areas involving poverty, promoting economic or educational opportunity, or fighting discrimination involving race, gender, ethnicity, national origin, religion or economic status. Reisig, a Birmingham, Mich.-based attorney, was honored with this award by the Federal Bar Association at a Detroit luncheon on March 5, 2012.

James Verschuere, Jr., CAS '69, announced his candidacy for the New Hampshire House of Representatives, District 13, representing Dover's Ward I. Verschuere has lived in Dover for close to three decades and was director of the Adult Learning Center from 2000 to 2009. He received his master's degree at the Fletcher School of International Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. If he is elected to the House, Verschuere says he will focus on "respectful collaboration" to achieve results. He also highlighted his interest in education, "individual rights tempered by community responsibility" and diversity.

1970s

Maryann B. (Chorzempa) Foxlee, CAS '71, worked for the Utica and Port Huron, Mich., area school districts from 1971 to

2001, teaching English, drama, speech, Shakespeare, mythology, art and TV production at Channel 6 in Port Huron. Foxlee has volunteered to organize drama workshops for both Utica and Port Huron. She has spent the last eight years working with the Meadow Brook Theatre Guild. She was vice president for two terms and president for two terms.

Daniel L. Gordon, CAS '75, wrote NFL betting columns in the 1980s for a number of newspapers, including the *San Francisco Examiner*, the *NY Daily News*, the *Los Angeles Herald Examiner* and the *Boston Herald*. Gordon has written several books on sports betting and blackjack. Some of the books he authored or co-authored were *Inside Football 1983*, *Inside Football 1984*, *Beat the Sports Books*, and *Las Vegas Blackjack Diary*. Most recently Gordon wrote an e-book entitled *Memoirs of a Sports Betting and Blackjack Earner*.

Alfred J. Hildreth, SECS '78, was honored by the Automotive Industry Action Group (AIAG) with an award for outstanding achievement in recognition of his contributions and overall dedication to corporate responsibility in the global automotive industry. AIAG, a not-for-profit member-supported organization that works with a wide range of manufacturing companies and service providers to help them operate at peak performance, presented the award to Hildreth during a ceremony at its 2012 Corporate Responsibility Summit. He was selected for his advocacy and implementation of corporate responsibility at General Motors.

Colleen Jennings-Roggensack, CAS '75, received the Arizona Governor's Arts Award in the individual category and shared the honor with Robert Breunig, director of the Museum of Northern Arizona. The award recognizes the benefits the arts offer to Arizona residents and honors those helping to advance the arts in that state. Jennings-Roggensack, who celebrated 20 years as executive director of Arizona State University Gammage in July, carries the artistic, fiscal and administrative responsibility for Gammage and ASU's Kerr Cultural Center.

Carolyn S. (Walsh) McCloud, SEHS '75, has authored or co-authored five children's books, including the award-winning best seller *Have You Filled a Bucket Today? A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids*. Together, her books have won 25 book awards and sold

more than one million copies. McCloud has been a preschool teacher, crisis counselor, youth mentor, early education director, newspaper research and marketing director, and customer service and emotional intelligence trainer.

Richard F. McMahon, MAT '77, retired from Center Line (Mich.) Public Schools after 39 years. He taught a variety of subjects at the secondary level before becoming the media specialist at Center Line High School for the past 25 years.

Charles M. Morris, CAS '72, is an adjunct professor at Madonna University. He also writes for the Eco-Catholic blog on the *National Catholic Reporter* website. Morris was awarded a Michigan Green Leader Award in 2011 and a Green Burial Council Award in 2012.

Barbara S. Romzek, CAS '70, was appointed dean of the School of Public Affairs at American University. She most recently served as interim senior vice provost for academic affairs at the University of Kansas. Additionally, she has chaired the Department of Public Administration and served as associate dean and interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts. Romzek is the co-author of three books and over 40 journal articles, book chapters, and other publications.

Michelle L. Simmons, CAS '78, was promoted in May 2012 to assistant vice president for enrollment management at Bowling Green State University. Simmons worked at Oakland as a student employee in the Financial Aid Office from 1975 to 1978.

1980s

Kenneth R. Atkinson, SEHS '82, announced the publication of his book, *Queen Salome: Jerusalem's Warrior Monarch of the First Century B.C.E.* This is the first biography of Queen Salome Alexandra, the sole legitimate female monarch of ancient Palestine. It recounts the events of her tumultuous life as well as the mysterious women in the Dead Sea Scrolls and related texts.

Janice R. (Henke) Bobin, SON '81, was hired by Landis Homes as director of InHome Services. In her new role, Bobin will focus on continuing to expand Landis at Home, the home services program that began in 2007. Bobin most recently served as Hospice Long-term Care Manager at Hospice of Lancaster County, where she worked from 2007 to the present.

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ALUMNI ADMISSIONS AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

As an alumnus of Oakland University, you remember what it was like to cheer for the Black and Gold at sporting events, to participate in student organizations and programs, and to show your school spirit in everything you did. Remain connected to your alma mater and share your experiences with future generations of Golden Grizzlies by joining our growing team of Alumni Admissions Ambassadors.

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- Welcome receptions for admitted students
- Go for the Gold campus visit day
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- Academic visit days
- Conference speaker
- Grizzly story time visits
- Represent OU at an out-of-state college fair

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Margaret E. (Dare) Bryce, CAS '88, graduated in June 2012, earning a doctorate of ministry from Ashland Theological Seminary in Ashland, Ohio. She currently serves as pastor of Attica United Methodist Church in Attica, Mich. Bryce also served the Detroit Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church as chair of the Board of Discipleship and teaches church revitalization.

Lawrence R. Bush, SEHS '84, was the archivist/historian for a political art exhibit at the Tampa Museum of Art from Aug. 9 through Sept. 14, 2012, and ran concurrently with the Republican National Convention. Bush recently earned a master's degree in American Studies from the University of South Florida.

Timothy J. Carless, SBA '87, has joined PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) as a partner in the risk assurance practice. He will be based in Detroit and serve internal audit clients in the financial services industry. Prior to joining PwC, Carless was vice president of corporate audit and business process management of TD Auto Finance, where he established the internal audit department and business practices office upon its separation from DaimlerChrysler. He also worked to develop many of its corporate governance processes.

Christopher A. Fenton, SECS '86, was named director of quality for Kohler Co.'s Kitchen and Bath division in the Americas region. Fenton will direct and oversee the quality function, leading the strategic and operational planning for quality improvement. He also manages companywide programs to reduce warranty and customer claim rates, and improve customer-experience quality levels. He holds an MBA from the University of Texas at El Paso.

James M. Hardin, CAS '80, was city director for Newt 2012. He is the general campaign consultant for the GOP 14 Congressional District Campaign Action Team.

Lynn M. (Conroy) Harrison, SEHS '89 and '85, is a teacher and soon-to-be administrator for Farmington Public Schools in Farmington, Mich. Harrison is currently seeking her Education Specialist in Leadership degree from Oakland.

Robin L. Murray, CAS '83, and Joseph K. Heumann co-authored their latest book, *Gunfight at the Eco-Corral*, a provocative examination of Western films that argues for a more expansive view that moves beyond traditional conflicts to encompass environmental themes and struggles. Murray is currently a professor of English and coordinator of the Film Studies minor at Eastern Illinois University.

Marlyce A. Roberson-McCants, SEHS '80, serves as connectional worship leader for the Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Gregory R. Smith, SEHS '81, superintendent of the Clear Creek (Texas) Independent School District, has been named the superintendent of the year for the region. Smith was nominated by the CCISD board of trustees for his student-centered leadership. The region he heads represents 53 school districts, seven counties, and more than 1 million students. Smith has been the district's superintendent since 2008.

1990s

Matthew J. Ball, CAS '94, has been distinguishing himself as both a performer and teacher for nearly 20 years. An OU music grad-turned-attorney and then back again, he has become a leading practitioner of the piano art form known as "boogie-woogie." In 2007, Ball wrote his first teaching compendium, "The Art of Boogie," followed by "Blues Preludes." Ball has taught clinics to most of Michigan's leading piano teacher and pedagogy organizations.

Bennet J. Bracey, MAT '91, is a teacher at Hart Middle School in Rochester, Mich., and is married to Karen Bracey, director of human resources at Leader Dogs for the Blind. They have two children attending Stony Creek High School in Rochester.

Ren J. Carlton, SBA '97, was featured in *DBusiness* magazine as part of its "30 in Their Thirties" series and is the author of a best-selling book, *Profitpreneurship*.

Kathryn A. (Lauer) Hoover, CAS '97, was appointed by Governor Rick Snyder to the Michigan Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention and Treatment Board in the fall of 2011. Hoover has also accepted a position with the Ann Arbor (Mich.) Public Schools, where she will be the counselor for Forsythe Middle School.

Barry N. Johnson, CAS '96 and '70, earned a Ph.D. from Wayne State University in environmental history in 2011.

Matthew P. Karrandja, CAS '97, recently celebrated his 10th year as the executive director of Career Ministries of Michigan. The organization provides free resources to those in career transition or that are unemployed. Karrandja has also been recently appointed to the Michigan Career Educator and Employer Alliance as the vice president of employers and looks forward to helping Oakland University students and alumni with gainful employment opportunities.

David A. Kugler, CAS '95, is president and founder of Critter Catchers, Inc. of Ortonville, Mich., which provides humane animal removal services. Kugler recently renewed the company's commitment to the \$1,000 Critter Catchers, Inc. Bat Conservation Scholarship, which is administered by the Indiana State University Foundation and is available to full-time students at ISU or any Michigan university. The scholarship is offered to help further the knowledge base regarding Michigan's bats.

Brenda L. (Mundt) Malkowski, SON '92, was awarded the 2012-14 Advanced Nursing Education Expansion grant to pursue a master's degree and become an adult care nurse practitioner at Daemen College in Amherst, N.Y.

Mursalata Muhammad, CAS '94 and '92, served as the coordinator for the Annual Kent County Dyer-Ives Poetry Competition.

David E. Nykanen, CAS '92, co-founded Nykanen Dorfman PLLC, an Oakland County, Mich., boutique business law firm, on July 4, 2012.

Amber E. (Foulkrod) Page, CAS '97, accepted a new position as content specialist for Indiana University Communications after 13 years working as a copywriter.

Charles A. Peck, MS '90, has relocated to Bloomfield Hills, Mich., and is working for Bose Corporation as a corporate lean Six Sigma master black belt.

Bernhard (Bernie) F. Sinz, SBA '94, has been working for Hirotec America, a worldwide automotive supplier, for the past 13 years. Sinz was promoted to vice president of operations in January 2012. He is responsible for direction and

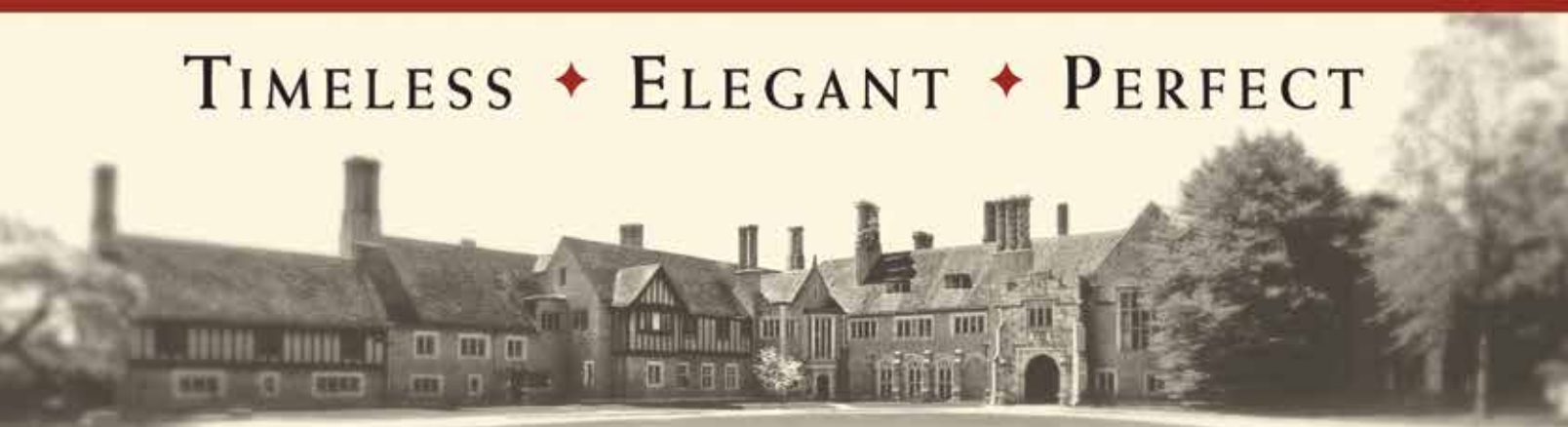
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Alum uses her Miss Michigan title to deliver a meaningful message

Looking for Miss Michigan 2012? Chances are you'll find her traveling throughout the state, educating kids about the dangers of substance abuse, emceeing a fundraiser for a sick child, or making numerous public appearances.

"Every day is something different," says **Angela Venditti, CAS '11**.

After winning the coveted title in June, the Shelby Township, Mich., native left her job as an administrative assistant and began her duties on behalf of the state, attending events of all varieties and meeting people of all ages.

"It's definitely a big responsibility — there are no sick days," she says. "And it's important to leave a positive mark."

Along with her glittering crown and Miss Michigan sash, Venditti carries a valuable message to support her platform issue, "Above the Influence: Keeping Kids Drug Free."

"When I was deciding what my platform should be, I wanted to make sure it would help others," she says. "I'd been volunteering with anti-drug programs since I was 14, and I wanted to continue to reach kids at an early age."

Sadly, it was coping with the death of her 20-year-old cousin from a drug overdose that gave her plans a painful perspective.

"It happened when I started competing in pageants," she says. "It was hard for me to even talk about at first, but, since then, people have shared very emotional stories with me. When you take something tragic that's happened to you and turn it around to help other people, I think that's probably the best thing you can do."

As Venditti works to share her message and fulfill her packed schedule of events, she's also getting ready to compete in the Miss America pageant, which will be held in Las Vegas in January. She also makes time nearly every day to update her Miss Michigan Facebook and Twitter accounts. Venditti says there's never a shortage of news to post.

"It's been great meeting so many interesting people and doing so many interesting things." ■

By Jennifer Heil Bonacorsi, CAS '94, a freelance writer from Lake Orion, Mich.

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guidance of all operational activities within Hirotec America. Sinz is married to **Tracy (Sanger) Sinz, CAS '98**, and they have two children, Cameron and Caitlin.

Matthew J. Tapson, SBA '99, joined the wealth management practice of Merrill Lynch in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., where he helps clients create and implement comprehensive financial plans addressing risk, taxes, and the client's goals.

Ruth H. Tyszka, CAS '93, received local and national attention for her latest series of mosaic artwork, "Celebrate!" Multiple pieces from this ongoing series of cakes made from glass, ceramic, beads, crystal, found objects, mortar and polystyrene were competitively selected for exhibition and publication. Two pieces of her work were included in the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center 2012 Michigan Fine Arts Competition. In 2011, Tyszka was appointed an administrative law judge for the Social Security Administration. She also teaches mosaic art at the Creative Arts Studio in Royal Oak, Mich.

Rebecka A. Vigus, MAT '90, is an author. She began a book tour last July in Frankenmuth, Mich., to promote the latest book in her Macy McVannel series, *Cold Case: Sleeping Dogs Lie*.

2000s

Kelly J. Berge, SBA '02, was appointed assistant dean, Online, by Berkeley College. She will work closely with department chairs and the Office of Faculty Affairs to assist in the coordination, planning, delivery and assessment of online academic degree programs. Since 2011, Berge has served as an adjunct instructor at Berkeley College, teaching online health courses. In addition, she worked as a full-time instructor in the School of Health Care at Dover Business College teaching online and on-site courses.

Heather D. Brigolin, CAS '01, worked in public relations after graduation and went on to earn a law degree from Michigan State University College of Law. She then worked as associate corporate counsel for Quicken Loans and its affiliates. Brigolin and her husband,

Justin, moved to Irvine, Calif., two years ago, where she is serving as director and senior counsel for a multi-billion dollar financial services organization. She manages legal matters for the organization's wholly owned mortgage lending and real estate subsidiaries.

Nicole M. DiDonato, CAS '04, was hired by FOX 17 in Grand Rapids, Mich., as a multimedia journalist. Prior to her work at FOX 17, DiDonato was a reporter and anchor for WFIE in Evansville, Ind., where she worked for three years. She was also a reporter and anchor for a year at WBKB in Alpena, Mich. DiDonato got her start in journalism as an associate producer for WXYZ in Detroit.

Curtis A. Glatter, CAS '00, is an artist, composer, improviser, poet and percussionist. He has lived in Detroit, Rochester, Boston, San Diego and Vienna. Glatter has given seminars and performed for more than 240,000 people in 24 years. He has studied the local and national styles of composition in each city he has lived in. In addition to multiple festival performances, Glatter

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is also a host to a monthly drum circle at the Body, Mind, Spirit Wellness Center in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Kristin L. Kitson, CAS '07, founded Brand Simple, an online brand management agency in northern Michigan. Brand Simple assists local and regional clients with social media, email marketing, content strategy, website analytics and optimization. She previously worked with brand agency Tandem Design in Traverse City, Mich., and Campbell-Ewald in Detroit. Kitson is currently working toward a master's degree in administration through Central Michigan University.

Caroline L. (Yee) Maddens, SEHS '08, recently started classes at Oakland University again in order to earn a master's degree in early childhood education. Before that, she worked for three years as a preschool teacher and later as program director in a child care center. Maddens and her husband, Nicholas, celebrated their second anniversary in July.

Lyndell L. (Culver) McLean, SECS '00 and '82, relocated to Pennsylvania after 26 years of teaching and administrative experience in public schools in Michigan. There, she worked as associate director of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, based in Philadelphia. She supported accreditation and strategic planning initiatives at high schools in Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Washington, D.C. Following retirement last year, McLean has embarked on a new career with Apple Retail in Naples, Fla.

Kathryn M. Mullin, CAS '04, was hired as the marketing director of Hennessey Capital, a Michigan-based finance company providing working capital to entrepreneurial companies. Mullin is responsible for the development and execution of all marketing and communication campaigns, including print and digital advertising, social media, and public relations. Prior to that, Mullin worked in marketing at Flagstar Bank and served as the manager of marketing and communications at Automation Alley.

Joseph R. Owens, CAS '04, has joined the law firm of Warner Norcross & Judd LLP. Owens concentrates his practice on trusts and estates law, with an emphasis on providing counsel to individuals,

physicians, small business owners and other professionals. Owens received his doctor of jurisprudence from Wayne State University Law School. A native of Dayton, Ohio, Owens currently resides in Macomb, Mich., with his wife, Jody, and their son, Benjamin.

Justin M. Ross, CAS '09, is an account executive for GroupGolfer LLC. Ross was mentioned in a March 19, 2012, *Crain's Detroit Business* article about managing fast-growing companies. He helped form the business, which offers golf discounts, in May 2010.

Nancy M. Vitale, CAS '01, is a co-founder of the New York-based theatre company Noor Theatre, which is dedicated to supporting, developing and presenting the work of theatre artists of Middle Eastern descent. As a vital presence in the theatrical landscape, they aim to create exceptional work that transcends the cultural boundaries and speaks to all people. Their inaugural production, *Food and Fadwa*, had a successful run at the New York Theatre Workshop.

Robert J. Wooley, CAS '01, left the National Hockey League after nearly five years of service to take a position as director of Community Affairs and Lions Charities for the Detroit Lions franchise of the National Football League.

2010s

Irum W. Ansari, SEHS '11, studied as a part-time student while being a homemaker and mom. Her experience at Oakland was extremely positive. After graduating, Ansari was hired by a private school where she works as a librarian and elementary computer teacher.

Alethia S. Barnes, SEHS '11, was selected as associate dean at Oakland Schools for the Northwest and Southwest Technical Campuses after completing the Oakland University Galileo Education Leadership Program.

Alesha N. Brown, CAS '11, released her first album, *Alesha Nicole, Smiling Through Tears* earlier this year. Brown is a full-time dueling piano player and travels the country performing at weddings, corporate events, colleges, and piano bars. She writes, arranges, performs, and produces her own original music and hopes to touch the hearts of listeners with her voice and her messages.

Michael Gerasimovich, BIS '10, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Gerasimovich completed a variety of training assignments, including classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

Sarah E. Kulman, CAS '11, began her first job in her field with Doner Advertising as an assistant media planner one month after graduation. She recently moved into her first house in Madison Heights, Mich.

Engagements & Weddings

Kevin Cataldo, SHS '11, and **Jessica (Pike) Cataldo, SHS '09**, are happy to announce that they were married on August 4, 2012, in Traverse City, Mich.

Marlene E. Edge, CAS '09, was married on October 20, 2012, in her hometown of Warren, Mich. Edge graduated with a master's degree in library and information science from Kent State University in Ohio in May 2012. She is currently employed as a Learning Resource Center manager/librarian at Strayer University in Fairview, Ohio.

Matthew T. Monette, CAS '11, and **Amanda M. (Hukkala) Monette, SECS '12**, were college sweethearts and were married on May 5, 2012.

Tara B. Taylor, CAS '11 and '09, and Peter Kalinowski are engaged to be married at Meadow Brook Hall on the Oakland University campus on September 21, 2013.

Christopher Thomas, SECS '08, and **Avni (Dalal) Thomas, MPA '07**, were married on June 2, 2012, in Rochester, Mich. They live in Troy, Mich., with their dog, Max.

Steven D. Townsend, CAS '05, and **LaToya D. (Hearn) Townsend, CAS '06**, will celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary on November 10, 2012. They met at Oakland University in 2003 and have been together since 2004. He is a postdoctoral fellow at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, and she is a graduate student in Columbia University's School of Social Work.

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Accounting grad enjoys bringing clarity to his clients

If you think there's always an easy right-or-wrong answer with accounting, you haven't met **Korri Bates, MAcc '10, SBA '09**.

Bates, an associate in Risk Assurance with public services firm PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) in Detroit, says he was attracted to the field because it requires an abundance of critical thinking.

"There's quite a bit of subjectivity in our work," he says of his work at PwC. "In fact, we provide the greatest value in those gray areas."

Bates' job involves making certain that data-processing and related technology used by his clients in the automotive and manufacturing industries does what it's supposed to.

"When you rely heavily on information technology (IT), it creates both opportunity and risk," he says. "I audit system applications to make sure those risks are being properly controlled."

The job involves understanding both IT and accounting so that he can bridge the gap between those fields. He notes that the OU master's program coursework helped him build that bridge.

Today, Bates remains a familiar face on the campus as a recruiter for PwC and a still-active participant in the school's chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA), which he co-founded.

"I have a vested interest in NABA," he acknowledges, adding, "I've been a part of it since the start, so its ongoing success is important to me."

He credits NABA for many of his key professional connections. He taps into that network when volunteering for Detroit Public Schools as a speaker at high school career days.

"Every high school student I talk to has a dream to become more than they are, but they don't always know how to achieve those dreams or have a role model to help them see what they can accomplish," he says. "I tell them that if I could do it, they can do it, and I try to connect them to people in my networks who can help." ■

By Sandra Beckwith, a Fairport, N.Y.-based freelance writer.



Star swimmer, scientist competes in 2012 Olympic triathlon



For **Line Jensen, CAS '06**, participating in the London 2012 Olympics as a triathlete representing her native Denmark was an amazing experience.

"I really enjoyed having my family in London to cheer me on. I have raced a lot over the past few years, but have not had much chance to share it with the people who matter the most to me," says Jensen, 31, who started her Olympic quest in 2009, just a year prior to the qualification period.

During this time, she also worked 25 to 30 hours a week on her Ph.D. project in muscle biology at Odense University in Denmark, where she also received her master's degree in molecular biology in 2008. For two years, she also commuted several hours each day to Copenhagen, where she was a scientific assistant at the Institute of Sports Medicine.

A competitive swimmer even before she was a teenager, Jensen was a key member of the OU swimming and diving team. She was the Summit League Swimmer of the Year in 2005 and a five-time individual Summit League champion. She credits former OU swim team member **Bonnie Karas, CAS '87**, with introducing her to the triathlon.

"Before leaving OU, I bought one of her old road bikes. I won my first Danish National Championship medal on that bike. I still ride it in the winter and think of her," says Jensen. She notes that former OU coaches and teammates alike offered their encouragement via social media during her Olympic quest.

In London, Danish athletes medaled in five sports including rowing and cycling. Jensen knew that she likely wouldn't medal, so her strategy was to "show off the Danish flag."

Visible and aggressive during swimming and biking, Jensen finished 23rd — two minutes and 59 seconds behind the gold medalist — and ahead of fellow Danish triathlete Helle Frederiksen.

"I was happy to get a chance to experience something that only a few try in their lifetime," says Jensen. ■

By Alice Rhein, a freelance writer from Huntington Woods, Mich.

Stefen J. Welch, CAS '05, and **Kaniqua S. Daniel, CAS '04**, were married on June 9, 2012, with a ceremony at Meadow Brook Hall and reception at the Oakland Center. Daniel is currently attending Wayne State University for a master's degree in public relations and serves as program supervisor of media and new media with Detroit Public Schools. Welch earned his master's degree in community development from the University of Detroit Mercy and works as the director of community development for Vanguard Community Development Corporation, revitalizing communities and neighborhoods in Detroit.



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Births/Adoptions

Charles E. Archer, CAS '01, and **Juliana C. (Pete) Archer, SEHS '06**, are proud to announce the birth of their second child, Sofia Elizabeth, on July 14, 2012. She joins her excited big sister, Adelina.

Randall A. Straughen, CAS '89, and his wife, Rebekah, welcomed their second child, Lily Patricia, in November 2011. She joins big brother Ender Allen (age 3) in the Straughen home.

Deaths

Norma L. Adams, MAT '70, died February 5, 2012

Doris V. Ball, CAS '80, died November 9, 2011

Alvis L. Bell, CAS '02, died March 4, 2011

David D. Beresh, SBA '85, died April 7, 2012

David J. Bigwood, BGS '88, died April 27, 2012

Michael R. Bird, CAS '75, died June 18, 2011

Nancy L. Bonnell (Crawley), CAS '88, died September 23, 2011

Paulette Borin, SEHS '77, died May 31, 2012

Kelly J. Brown, CAS '05, died September 28, 2011

Ramute Brown, MAT '74, died September 20, 2011

Garry A. Childs, SBA '86, died September 25, 2011

Pauline E. Cooper, SEHS '73, died July 8, 2011

Kathleen M. Damman, SON '87, died November 5, 2011

Edwin M. Darmanin, CAS '84, died July 11, 2011

Joy A. Delauter, SEHS '74, died July 9, 2011

Dru D. Diedrich, CAS '84, died June 10, 2011

Raymond Dymond, CAS '72, died October 6, 2011

Deborah D. Dziewit, CAS '94, died April 24, 2012

Diane P. Ealba, SEHS '89 and '85, died December 2, 2011

Mark A. Easterle, CAS '91, died July 3, 2011

Tara L. Eastman (Schwieger), SEHS '00, died June 17, 2011

Patricia A. Eriksson, CAS '73, died August 13, 2012

Ralph D. Finneren, CAS '00 and '93, died July 27, 2011

James M. Garavaglia, SEHS '73, died November 23, 2011

Julie A. Gilbert (Ciolek), SEHS '89, died August 30, 2011

Hugh Gill, CAS '69, died July 1, 2011

Janice M. Gillett, CAS '78 and '73, died July 2, 2011

Jeannine J. Goebel, SEHS '72, died September 12, 2011

Daniel P. Goltz, SEHS '75, died June 26, 2011

David J. Gonda, SECS '77, died May 18, 2012

James E. Haggerty, SBA '79, died May 28, 2011

Elmer E. Hartman, BGS '93, died June 6, 2012

Christine M. Hebel (Drumm), SON '03, died May 19, 2011

Waymon Hodges, CAS '74, died May 28, 2012

Linda J. House (Meirow), SON '80, died January 13, 2012

Margaret Humphrey (Kropschot), MAT '69, died January 28, 2012

Rosalie Hunter, SEHS '01 and '92, died May 12, 2011

Marlene J. Hyek, SEHS '93, died April 4, 2012

Helen T. Jesky (Korzan), CAS '77, died December 29, 2011

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Dennis C. Mrock, SBA '89, died May 31, 2012

Dennis F. Murphy, CAS '76, died June 8, 2012

Mary M. Potvin, CAS '78, died April 8, 2012

Lillian A. Ramer (Wissenberg), SEHS '78 and '74, died February 9, 2012

Margaret Siegan, MAT '81, died May 6, 2012

Nancy J. Sisung, MAT '70, died June 18, 2012

Eliza B. Smith, MAT '81, died March 24, 2012

Charles L. Toot, SBA '78, died January 25, 2012

Thomas N. Towns, MA '81, died January 8, 2012

Melvin E. Vollmer, BGS '84, died December 31, 2011

Mark J. Wall, MA '72, died October 2, 2011

Dolores C. Wilson, MAT '81, died December 8, 2011

Gregory T. Zalecki, MS '72, died July 25, 2012

Carmen Zarate, SEHS '80 and '73, died August 30, 2011

OU Moment



Photo by Sarah Niblack

Andrea Eis, associate professor of art and art history, celebrated a solo photography exhibition at the Grace Teshima Gallery in Paris in August. The exhibit, entitled “Silent Conversations,” featured Professor Eis’ photographs of images that combine a reinterpretation of classical Greek sculptures and elements of literature. Since beginning to display her photographs in 1978, Professor Eis has participated in well over a hundred exhibitions, including several solo shows, and international exhibitions in Greece and Hungary. ●



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