

A portrait of Dr. Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, a woman with dark curly hair, smiling. She is wearing a black blazer with gold lapels and cuffs over a gold top. She is also wearing a gold necklace and a watch. The background is a blurred indoor setting with warm lighting.

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**Name:** Jozefina Ujka

**Year:** Junior

**Major:** Electrical Engineering  
and Mathematics

*“After being here for two years, I recommended the engineering program to my brother and am excited that he joined me this fall.”*

**Career plans?**

After I graduate, I plan to stay in the metro Detroit area and find an engineering-related position. At the same time, I plan to continue with my graduate studies.

**What is the best thing about OU?**

Most of the classes are relatively small and professors are able to know you personally and help you with any ideas or problems that you may have. I also love the location of OU. A lot of engineering companies are in this area and it is easier for me to find a school and work balance.

**What do you love most about your major?**

Engineering is a discipline in which knowledge that is learned in class is put into practice. Being able to come up with innovative ideas and implementing them in different projects is always fun and fulfilling to me.

**How have donors had an impact on your education?**

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## ON THE COVER

*Incoming President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.*  
by Jason Willis



**Each year, a new class of Oakland University graduates set out to make a mark on the world. But as OU alumni, their relationship with the University rarely ends after graduation. Nor should it. A collective sense of pride for the University's people and places unite fellow Golden Grizzlies for life — even if it's only in memory.**

Depending on how far back your OU roots run, returning to campus for events like homecoming and class reunions can feel like unpacking a yearbook long tucked away. Yet some OU memories never get old because of their sentimental impact.

Professor Emeritus William Schwab (page 23) can recount the moment Chancellor Woody Varner asked him to join OU's faculty in 1959. And nearly 60 years later, his pleasant memories spent at the University are still pristine, so much so that he has generously endowed a student scholarship in appreciation.

The promise of opportunity at the new Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine led Dr. Nickolas Linkous to apply, he remembers (page 32). Similarly, students and alumni come to Career Services for the promise of success (page 39).

For coach Greg Kampe, success also applies to his more than three-decade long tenure at the helm of the men's basketball program.

This year, the Golden Grizzlies have had one of their most successful seasons yet. The team won their first ever Horizon League regular season championship and competed for the first time in the National Invitation Tournament.

But if there is one career-defining accolade Kampe will remember most, it's his team's culture (page 26).

Although there are few people on campus who can count their time in decades like Kampe, that doesn't make their time at the University any less impactful. The scholarship in memory of OU student Hailey Brouillet (page 24) is a testament to that.

All the more reason to take that extra moment to join a student or alumni group, go to a game, connect with a class friend or donate a gift — if only to further enrich your OU memories. ➤

**Emell Derra Adolphus**

*Marketing Writer | Editor of OU Magazine*



*Board of Trustees unanimously appoints Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D. OU's seventh president*



*Dr. Ora Hirsch Pescovitz is formally introduced after being appointed OU's seventh president*



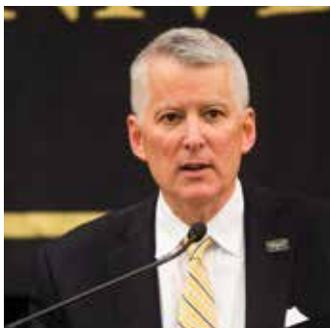
*Dr. Ora Hirsch Pescovitz and daughter Naomi Pescovitz stand after Dr. Pescovitz's appointment as OU's seventh president*

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# TAKING THE LEAD

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**During the presidential search process, the resounding response from our University's faculty, staff, students and alumni was to find a top candidate that will be a visionary leader. From a diverse group of 61 applicants, the Board of Trustees unanimously agreed that Dr. Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D., is that leader, officially electing her the seventh president of Oakland University on Thursday, May 4.**



With her expansive experience in higher education and fundraising, the Board of Trustees is confident that Dr. Pescovitz is the right president for OU, at the right time, to guide our University to a brighter future.

Dr. Pescovitz served as the University of Michigan's first female executive vice president for medical affairs and the Health System CEO from 2009-2014. There she managed a system of three hospitals, more than 120 health centers and clinics, the University of Michigan Medical School, and oversaw \$3.3 billion in revenue and \$490 million in research funding.

A renowned pediatric endocrinologist and researcher, Dr. Pescovitz has also spent an extensive 21-year career at Indiana University in a variety of roles, including Endowed Professor, Executive Associate Dean for Research Affairs at the Indiana University School of Medicine, President and CEO of Riley Hospital for Children, and interim Vice President for Indiana University's Research Administration.

In addition to career credentials that illustrate Dr. Pescovitz has the capacity to lead, her performance throughout the entire interview process has shown that she is eager to learn; learn what makes our community of Golden Grizzlies so unique and learn how best to harness our potential.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am pleased to welcome Dr. Pescovitz to OU as our seventh president with great anticipation that her broad vision will broaden all of our horizons. 🌄

**Richard L. DeVore**  
*Chair, Board of Trustees*

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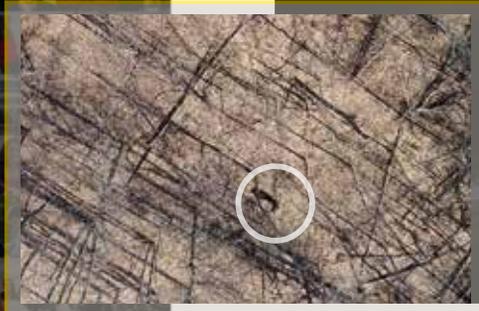


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## GRIZZ REPORT

By John Richardville

Follow and fan out over Oakland University's outstanding student-athletes with the Grizz Report — a weekly Snapchat roundup of news, player profiles and upcoming athletic events around campus.

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# HEALTHology

By Emell Derra Adolphus

The new Healthology Symposium, founded on the principles of celebrating the School of Health Science's successes, made its inaugural debut in April at the Human Health Building with structural tours and a toast to wellness.

"Every year we want to feature the work we are doing in the community in various ways," says Dr. Kevin Ball, Ph.D., dean of the School of Health Sciences, who co-founded the symposium with Dr. Scott Crabill, Ph.D., interim associate dean for the school and associate professor of Communication. "Each year, the symposium celebrates one of the definitive themes from the School of Health Sciences."

Those themes have included biomedical professions, human performance, public and environmental wellness, and this year's theme, interdisciplinary health.

In celebration of this year's theme, Dr. Jennifer Lucarelli, Ph.D., presented on the Healthy Pontiac, We Can! coalition — a collaborative network of more than 40 nonprofit organizations and agencies that use an interdisciplinary approach to community health in Pontiac, Michigan.

In addition, Dr. Moon J. Pak, founder of OU's School of Health Sciences, was awarded the new Health Achievement Leaders Legacy Award during the symposium.

"In the future, this is going to be an end of the year celebration for senior projects and undergraduate students doing their capstones," says Dr. Ball. And everyone is invited. ➤

For more information about the Healthology Symposium, visit [oakland.edu/shs](http://oakland.edu/shs).

## CAMPUS *check up*

By Emell Derra Adolphus

Oakland University students and faculty can now receive a quick check up from the neck up at the new MindKare Kiosk located inside the Kresge Library.



Using an interactive series of questions, the kiosk can give users a quick, anonymous mental health assessment and treatment recommendation for six mental health issues: generalized anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, bipolar disorder, eating disorders and substance use disorders.

The kiosk is the first of its kind in the state and was installed by Easterseals Michigan in January using a \$27,000 grant from the Ethel and James Flinn Foundation.

The MindKare Kiosk program, designed by Screening for Mental Health, Inc., aims to promote mental health well-being and fight stigma by using its kiosks to start a conversation on wellness in the public forum. And thanks to the kiosk's prime spot on campus — getting a mental health check up is easy as checking out a book. ➤

The MindKare Kiosk is available 24 hours a day.



## *a warm* WELCOME

*By Emell Derra Adolphus*

Four years ago, Charin Davenport’s future in higher education seemed bleak. She worked at a Michigan university as a part-time administrative professional and an adjunct professor of English for six years. But after coming out as a transgender woman, her roles were reduced, and she resigned.

“I had to leave,” says Davenport, leaving behind friends and family when she relocated to metro Detroit. “At that moment, I was pretty scared. I didn’t know what was going to happen to me.”

Davenport was more than qualified as an educator. But many employers did not understand why she, on principle, left her previous position, she says. Her job search continued for nearly two years before a friend referred her to Oakland University. After the first interview, Davenport remembers, she knew she had found a safe space where she could be accepted.

“I don’t remember how exactly the conversation went, but I felt (they) should know my situation. And (they) said, ‘Yea, we know all about that ‘Char’ and we’re really glad that you’re here,’” she says. “It validated me in so many ways. It affirmed me. I owe OU a lot for hiring people like that. So I knew I was in a safe place.”

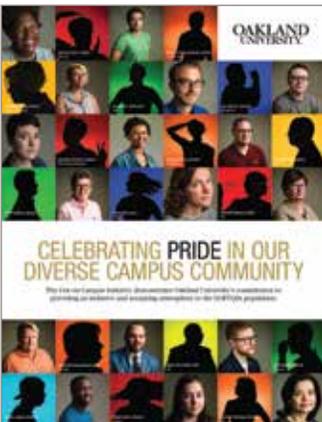
After her first semester as a special lecturer in OU’s Writing and Rhetoric Department, Davenport says she is just happy to be back doing what she loves.

She adds, “In fact, I’m smiling right now just talking about it.” ☺

📷 Alex Godin

## SAFE *space*

*By Emell Derra Adolphus*



Oakland University recently received a four-star rating (out of five) by the Campus Pride Index as one of the nation’s top LGBTQ-friendly campuses. The index uses a rating system created by leaders in the field of LGBTQ campus resources to grade colleges and universities in eight key areas: policy inclusion, support and institutional commitment, academic life, student life, housing and residence life, campus safety, counseling and health, recruitment and retention efforts.

“While the policy implementation is critical, there needs to be a culture on campus that supports those efforts to ensure the success of policies and the students, staff and faculty they impact,” says Grace Wojcik, coordinator for OU’s Gender & Sexuality Center. “The Campus Pride Index is a bench-marking tool that allows

universities to assess their programs, policies and practices.”

Since 2011, Wojcik has been working with OU faculty and staff to identify areas of improvement. The results of this collaboration can be seen in the recent Out on Campus Initiative, a partnership between the Gender & Sexuality Center, Admissions, and University Communications and Marketing.

“Our goal is to increase visibility on campus for current students, staff and faculty, but also to let prospective students know that OU is an inclusive campus with a vibrant and active LGBTQ community,” says Wojcik. ☺

*For more information on Oakland University’s Out on Campus Initiative, visit [Oakland.edu/gsc](http://Oakland.edu/gsc).*

# DREAMS *from the* DREAMERS

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Each year, Oakland University celebrates the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by honoring students who exemplify Dr. King’s legacy of goodwill at the Keeper of the Dream Awards Celebration. At this year’s 25th annual celebration — held on January 16, and hosted by actress Holly Robinson Peete — eight students were recognized as role models who promote diversity, cultural understanding and community activism. — *Emell Derra Adolphus*

## ASHLEY CHILLIS

Junior

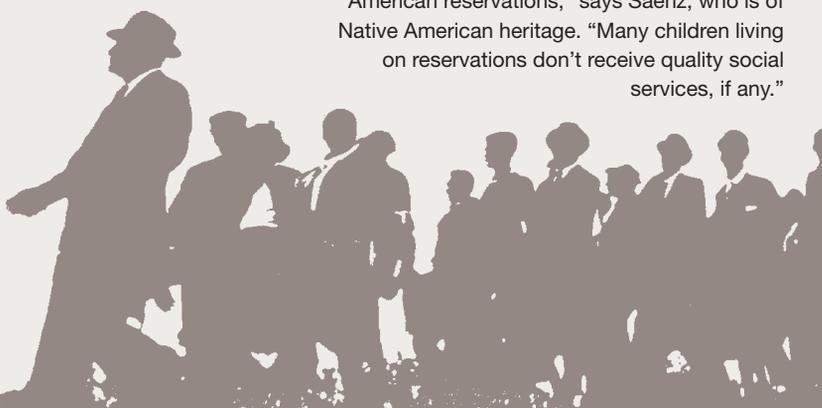
“My dream is to work as a nurse at Beaumont Hospital alongside my father, a respiratory therapist of more than 20 years,” says Chillis, a Center for Multicultural Initiatives peer mentor, Circle of Sisterhood member and president of the Nu Phi Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority at OU.

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## GABRIELA SAENZ

Junior

Gabriela Saenz regularly volunteers for CAREHouse of Oakland County and dreams of becoming a clinical social worker. “My first priority is to work with children on Native American reservations,” says Saenz, who is of Native American heritage. “Many children living on reservations don’t receive quality social services, if any.”



**ANDERS ENGNELL**

**Senior**

“My dream is to rebuild inner cities across the United States by combining fantastic urban policy with legit business startups,” says Engnell, creative writing and mathematics major.

**JACOB SEMMA**

**Senior**

“My dream is to fight for the rights of marginalized groups,” says Semma, women and gender studies major and president of OU’s Gay Straight Alliance.

**DARYL BLACKBURN**

**Senior**

“I dream of making a safe and inclusive environment where every race, ethnicity, age and gender feels welcome,” says Blackburn, human resource development major.

**SHAYLA MCCULLOUGH**

**Senior**

“My dream is to become a wellness coordinator and wellness coach,” says McCullough, an integrative studies major and peer mentor in the Center for Multicultural Initiatives and Pre-College Programs. “I plan to focus on assisting people in underrepresented areas.”



**ALEX CURRINGTON**

**Junior**

“My dream is to counsel and advise underrepresented young adults,” says Currington, psychology major. Without OU’s Center for Multicultural Initiatives, he says, “I would not be the leader I am today.”

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**ADITYA TIWARI**

**Junior**

“My dream is conservation, environmental protection and mitigating the effects of climate change through nonprofit advocacy and research,” says Tiwari, environmental science major.

**For more information on how to apply for next year’s Keeper of the Dream Awards, visit [oakland.edu/cmi](http://oakland.edu/cmi).**



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## OUTLOOK: *Welcomed Improvements*

By Scott Kunselman, Chief Operating Officer



Scott Kunselman, Chief Operating Officer



Rendering of the Oakland Center

The turn of the season ushers in some welcomed improvements to Oakland University’s campus. In addition to the South Housing project and the Oakland Center expansion, I am pleased to announce the recent approval of parking and traffic flow enhancements on campus.

Earlier this year, OU’s Board of Trustees approved a proposal to install a new roundabout and add 660 parking spaces to existing lots on campus.

The gravel covered lots P39 and the west end of P37 will be surfaced and lined with parking spaces. And the intersection of Pioneer and Meadow Brook roads will be converted into a roundabout to improve traffic flow during times of high demand.

To accomplish this, the center of the Pioneer/Meadow Brook intersection will be moved east. This will improve the flow of traffic to Squirrel Road, add space to the P39 lot and expand P37 south to Lonedale Road.

We always consider how new developments will affect local ecology, aesthetics and the function of our campus. With this in mind, we closely collaborated with our landscape planners and engineers to create a seamless process.

Over the summer, OU’s “quiet” season, the projects will be completed by one contractor to maintain efficiency. Included in each project are plans for water and snow management, lighting and emergency phones and landscaping. Altogether, the projects will be completed by the fall semester.

Most importantly, we were able to fund each development through existing resources and not apply any additional cost pressure to our students, faculty, employees or alumni.

On the subject of campus transportation, I am happy to say that the use of the Bear Bus has steadily increased. In preparation for higher volume parking, we recently introduced

a trial service route from the P37 lot up to the Engineering building to expedite the commute.

As our campus’ landscape continues to evolve, we hope to explore new ways to use our facilities to accommodate the University’s need, such as paid parking for close spaces and incentivizing carpooling.

As OU’s chief operating officer, I encourage you to regard parking demand and traffic density as indicators of our University’s growth. And now with a great improvement plan in place, we will keep growing. 🐻

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# MOST VERSATILE PLAYER

**A well-rounded b-ball, senior Sherron Dorsey-Walker's versatility played a key role in Golden Grizzlies' success**

*By Fritz Reznor*

Basketball coaches dream of having an adaptable player who can deliver. The kind of player who can do whatever the team needs at any given second, whether it's handling the ball and running the offense, driving to the basket or knocking down a three-pointer, grabbing a crucial rebound, or containing the opponent's best scorer.

For the past two seasons on Oakland University men's basketball team, senior Sherron Dorsey-Walker was exactly that — and more.

A lanky, 6'4" natural guard but with an 80-inch wingspan, the two-year co-captain played every position but center during his OU career. And he did whatever was necessary to help the 2016-17 Golden Grizzlies to a 25-9 record, a share of the Horizon League regular season championship, and the program's first-ever National Invitation Tournament (NIT) berth: 27 points in a win over Oral Roberts University; 17 points and 14 rebounds to help beat Bowling Green State University; nine assists in a victory over Youngstown State University; 21 points, nine rebounds and four steals to help defeat Northern Kentucky University; and eight three-pointers in a career-high 28-point effort in the regular season finale win over University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.



Dorsey-Walker also was usually assigned to guard the opposition's top scorer. During a pair of critical road wins in January, he held Youngstown State's Cameron Morse to 11 points — 12 below his season average — and limited Cleveland State University's Rob Edwards, who had torched the Golden Grizzlies for 32 points earlier in the year, to just eight points.

"I take pride in my defense, using my length to keep my man from scoring or holding him to a certain number of points," Dorsey-Walker says. "Just going out there and competing, following the game plan, I knew it would give us a better chance of winning."

It is that whatever-is-best-for-the-team attitude that makes Dorsey-Walker standout as a team player.

"(Sherron's) always pushing and pulling for everybody," says former assistant coach Cornell Mann. "Not everyone would be as receptive to the things we've asked of him, but he looks at it as, 'This is what the team needs out of me, this is what the coaches want,' and he'll go out and do it to the best of his ability.

*"And hopefully that is something he brought to the team that is contagious and continues on after he's gone from the program."*

An Integrative Studies major at OU with a 3.36 GPA and a three-time Horizon League Academic Honor Roll selection, Dorsey-Walker was named to the 2016-17 College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District Men's Basketball Team. He is only the second men's basketball player to earn the honor in the school's Division I era.

"(Sherron) is an ambassador for our program, an ambassador for our University," says assistant coach Drew Valentine. "As good a player as he is, he's probably an even better teammate."

In 2017, Dorsey-Walker was a 2017 Allstate National Association of Basketball Coaches Good Works nominee. The Allstate Good Works Teams recognize players who have made outstanding contributions in the areas of volunteerism and civic involvement at all levels of college basketball.

A Detroit native who starred at powerhouse Pershing High School, Dorsey-Walker transferred to Oakland in January 2105 after spending two and a half years at Iowa State University, where he saw limited playing time for what, at the time, were nationally-ranked teams.

But it was his deep-seated care for family that brought him back to Detroit, not basketball.

"I had a great experience at Iowa State," he says, "but we had some family problems back home, and, being the older brother, I had to come back and help. Oakland was the perfect situation for me to continue my education and my basketball career."

Dorsey-Walker, who was valedictorian of his 2012 high school class with a 3.98 grade point average, says education has always come first in his family.

"When I was in middle school, if I didn't get my homework done, my mom wouldn't let me go to basketball practice," he says. "She just wanted me to take it seriously and to be a success in life."

And it shows through his passion to give back. Dorsey-Walker regularly volunteers with ARISE Detroit Neighborhood Clean Up, the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, the Boys and Girls Club, and several other organizations that focus on teaching kids how to read.

"I feel it's my duty to give back, to make our communities better, to have kids look up to us," he says.

Dorsey-Walker wants to eventually earn a master's degree and pursue a career in human resources. Although playing basketball professionally after graduation would be a dream come true, he says, a career that enables him to help people in his community realize their own dreams would be even better. ➤

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Summer Elite Session I from 1 p.m. 4 p.m.

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Pitching, Catching Clinic from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

July 11-12

Youth Session II from 9 a.m. to noon

Summer Elite Session II from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

### SWIMMING

June 18-22 | Summer I

June 25-29 | Summer II

### VOLLEYBALL

July 7-9 | All Skills Camp I (Grades 4-8)

July 10-12 | High School Prep Camp (Grades 9 & up)

July 13-14 | Setter & Attacker Camp (Grades 7 & up)

July 14-16 | Team Camp Overnight (Grades 9 & up)

July 15-16 | Team Camp Commuter (Grades 9 & up)

July 17-19 | All Skills Camp II (Grades 4-8)

July 20-21 | Libero/Ball Control Camp (Grades 7 & up)

For Oakland University's complete list of summer camps, visit [goldengrizzlies.com](http://goldengrizzlies.com).

## SCORE ONE *for the grizz*

By Eric Reikowski

When the Oakland University men's and women's basketball teams squared off against the University of Detroit Mercy February 6-10, alumni and fans of the two schools were engaged in the second annual Giving Challenge.

While OU earned a split against its Metro Series rivals on the court, the Golden Grizzly faithful prevailed in the Giving Challenge.

All told, the challenge raised \$84,572 for OU students, programs and campus needs, surpassing last year's total by more than \$30,000. Compared to 470 donors for Detroit Mercy, OU had 626 donors make gifts.

"We're extremely grateful to the alumni, fans and friends who showed their OU pride," says Kelly Brault, director of Annual Giving at OU.

Oakland's Giving Challenge win meant that Detroit Mercy mascot Tommy Titan had to wear an Oakland jersey during the men's basketball game. The victory spelled redemption for the Grizz, who was forced to wear a Detroit Mercy jersey after the Titans won the first Giving Challenge in 2016.

Brault adds, "It felt great to make Detroit Mercy's mascot strut around in our jersey on their home court and to see the OU community's tremendous generosity in support of student scholarships and enhancements to campus life." 🐻



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## GRIZZLY *gold*

By Emell Derra Adolphus

Leave your mark in Golden Grizzlies history by procuring a 12-inch by 12-inch gold colored tile in the recently renovated O'rena from the Athletics Center Gold Tile Program.

"The renovation of the O'rena hallway honors the great history of athletics at this University," says Fleetwood Fleming, assistant athletic director for Development at Oakland University. "There are still Gold Tile opportunities for our supporters to leave their footprint and impact the lives of current and future Oakland University student-athletes."

Launched last year, each golden tile can be personalized with up to four lines and 60 characters, with the option to include one of three available logos: the Bear Head; Pioneer Pete; or the OU Sail logo.

Tiles are \$2,500 each, an additional \$250 to include one of the available logos, and may be purchased using a one-time payment in full, or spread over a three-year period. Oakland faculty and staff also have the option of purchasing a tile through the University's payroll deduction plan. 🐻

For more information on the Athletics Center Gold Tile Program, contact Fleetwood Fleming at (248) 370-3167 or [ffleming@oakland.edu](mailto:ffleming@oakland.edu).



## TEE time By Emell Derra Adolphus

The annual Oakland University Alumni Association (OUAA) Golf Outing on Monday, June 12 is “fairly unique,” says host Tom Mittlebrun, SBA ’88, for its ability to attract a variety of OU staff, faculty and friends for a good cause.

“We get a good group of sponsors and it gives them the opportunity to engage with the University,” explains Mittlebrun, who formerly served on the OUAA board and scholarship committee. “We have quite a few alumni who participate but we also get a lot of people from the outside that get exposed to the University.”

Along with learning about various golf course packages offered at the R&S Sharf and Katke-Cousins golf courses, attendees get acquainted with OU’s offerings as a local higher education institution.

For the outing, both OU’s golf courses are used. “We are able to do two different formats,” says Mittlebrun. One course will be used for a scramble game and another to play your own ball.

The OUAA Golf Outing begins at 10:30 a.m. Proceeds support the OUAA Scholarship Program for current OU students. Registration deadline is June 6. Visit [OUAlumni.com/events](http://OUAlumni.com/events) to register. ➤

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July 13 – August 5

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**Summer Farm to Table Dinner**  
July 23

**Princess & Pirate Ball**  
July 30

**Downtown Rochester Homecoming**  
August 12

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August 13

**Art & Apples Festival®**  
September 8-10

**Fall Farm to Table Dinner**  
September 24

**Rochester Mills Oktoberfest**  
September 28-30

**Rochester Posed**  
October 5

**Trick or Treat Downtown**  
October 21

**Holiday Expo**  
November 13

**Festival of Trees**  
November 17-19

**Lagniappe**  
November 20

**The Big, Bright Light Show**  
November 20 – January 7, 2018

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November 25

**Kris Kringle Market**  
December 1 & 2

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December 1, 8, 15 & 22

**Christmas Parade**  
December 3

**Neighborhood Light Fight**  
December 15 & 16

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December 17

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# BLOOMING BUSINESS

## From a passion for art and biology, Phillip Morici built a brand

By Emell Derra Adolphus

By the time Phillip Morici received his degree in business administration, he already laid the groundwork for his landscaping, floral and design brand fleurdetroit.

While attending Oakland University, Morici managed properties for well-heeled families in Oakland County, “maintaining the grounds, staffing, making sure contractors were (present),” he explains. Upon graduating in 2002, Morici had a full operation.

“I told my parents, ‘Why would I start an entry-level job at a marketing firm making X, Y, or Z?’ When I already have a successful and profitable business underway,” he says. Founded in 2011, fleurdetroit is an offshoot of the parent company Urbanscapesdetroit, which Morici co-owns with his partner, Joe Nieradka.

“We joined forces, we retooled the business plan, assembled a talented team, and we focused on the families here,” he says, of fleurdetroit’s approach to business and beautification. “I wanted to be inclusive for everybody. I think good design should be approachable and attainable for all.”

Located on Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, fleurdetroit consists of a lush design campus featuring a floral studio and a garden shoppe festooned with antiques and seasonal flora. “I like that community building aspect of the garden shoppe and design campus,” says Morici. “Our campus has become the place where people come to visit and chat, a calm harbor in today’s hectic world. Plus, people enjoy watching the creative process in the floral studio.” But there is more to fleurdetroit than flowers, he says.

In addition to “plantscaping” services, fleurdetroit regularly plans and produces posh events for prominent local businesses, families, and supports area nonprofits such as CARE House of Oakland County and the Belle Isle Conservancy. Morici also serves on the Cranbrook Academy of Art Board of Governors and recently joined the Beaumont Art Advisory Committee, which finds, commissions and places art throughout the Beaumont Health System.

“Art and the biological sciences are my passion,” says Morici. He originally had plans to study marine biology. But a change of direction “by fate,” he says, gave him a nose for business and an eye for details.

“I loved the whole Dodge-Wilson legacy at Oakland. I think that’s what really connected me to that campus,” he says, likening OU’s historic roots to a beech tree. “It’s one of my favorite trees. They are really long lived with deep roots, and they keep growing for future generations to marvel upon.”



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# COCKTAIL CONVERSATIONS

How Hillary Sawchuk's 'A Drink With ...' interview series made her Hollywood's favorite drinking buddy

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By Sarah Rose Sharp

Hillary Sawchuk had been living in Chicago for two years, after graduating from Oakland University in 2009, when she seized upon her calling.

"I went to school for journalism and I thought I wanted to be a sports reporter," says Sawchuk, who majored in journalism. "So I moved to Chicago, living there and sending out my demo tape. I never got that job. I kept saying over and over, 'Oh, I'm going to have a drink with this person, a drink with, a drink with...' And it took one of my high school friends to say, 'That's what you should call it.'"

Thus was born, "A Drink With" — an interview series that has brought Sawchuk into conversation with some of the nation's best and brightest, over the great social unifier of a shared beverage. She's shared cappuccinos with "Weird Al" Yankovic, cups of tea with Adrian Grenier (as part of a recurring series sponsored by Acura at the Sundance Film Festival), and even engaged in conversation with founder of Quicken Loans and Rock Ventures LLC, Dan Gilbert.

"I always drink whatever our interview guest drinks because it's a way to connect with the person," says Sawchuk, during our interview, which took place, appropriately, over a drink at Sugar House, one of Detroit's trendy destinations for fancy cocktails. "People get excited about their drink." Sawchuk chose a sloe

gin fizz, and took dainty sips of the frothy beverage, as she ruminated on her career as an interviewer and the skills she learned at Oakland University.

"I transferred from Michigan State University to Oakland University — I was working with the Detroit Pistons and at WDIV — and I loved my classes at OU. I thought it was just so cool that the professors were reporters on TV and in the industry, at all Detroit's big publications."

Now that Sawchuk's series has become a recognizable brand in Chicago, netting interviews with many A-list celebrities and entrepreneurs, she's eager to expand the brand in another location.

"I'm looking at Detroit and I'm looking at Los Angeles," she says. "I will always want to be doing interviews, but it doesn't just have to be me." Sawchuk clearly believes in the power of a shared beverage to form a significant connection.

"Relationships are formed over a drink, you celebrate over a drink — big moments happen over a drink," she says. "I want to capture the stories that are told in those intimate moments."

Some intimate moments need no words at all, just the raise of a glass. Cheers! 🍷

## *prominent* ALUMNI

*By Emell Derra Adolphus*

Each year, the Oakland University Alumni Association compiles a list of prominent alumni from OU's more than 100,000 alumni. What makes these alumni so "prominent"? Prominent OU graduates have major influence in their careers and hold positions of high visibility in their industries. From actors and authors to scientists and CEOs, these individuals epitomize the OU ethos to "Aspire to Rise" in six categories: business and nonprofit, government and law, research and academics, health care, media, and arts and entertainment.

Know someone who should be on the list? To be considered for the 2017 prominent alumni list, please email the alumni association at [OUAA@oakland.edu](mailto:OUAA@oakland.edu) with "prominent alumni" in the subject line. Submissions will be accepted through July. 🐾

*To view Oakland University's complete prominent alumni list, visit [OUAlumni.com/ProminentAlumni](http://OUAlumni.com/ProminentAlumni).*



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# DRAMA KING

**As the creative director of the Ringwald Theatre, actor and director Joe Bailey explores the depths of ‘campiness’**

*By Adam DePollo*

In her essay “Notes on ‘Camp,’” the late writer, filmmaker and activist Susan Sontag defines “camp” as, among other things, “art that proposes itself seriously, but cannot be taken altogether seriously because it is ‘too much.’ ”

That description perfectly characterizes the stage productions put on by Ringwald Theatre in downtown Ferndale, Michigan and its equally campy co-founder and creative director Joe Bailey.

Bailey graduated from Oakland University’s then nascent Department of Music Theatre in 1993. He spent several years looking for the right fit in a stage performance program beforehand. And his time at OU was essential to his development as an artist, he explains, because of the faculty’s influence on his creativity.

“I gravitated to professor Karen Sheridan immediately,” says Bailey. “I really learned a lot of my directing style from her. And she’s really one of these ‘Dead Poet’s Society’- type teachers, who just makes such an indelible mark on your very soul.”

If his directing style is any indication of what he’s learned from Sheridan, it’s to take chances.

After spending some years working as an actor in Los Angeles, and then as a performer with various traveling theater productions, Bailey returned to metro Detroit and reintroduced himself as an actor.

“I moved back here and ran into an old friend of mine, and we decided to start a theater company,” remembers Bailey. “We did a production of ‘Vampire Lesbians of Sodom’ at Zato’s (now Zeke’s Rock ‘n’ Roll BBQ). We did that for four weeks in the summer of 2006.”

As the title suggests, “Vampire Lesbians” sprints over the line of “too much” and never looks back. “And then shortly after we closed, we got a MySpace message from a man who was interested in starting a theater somewhere in Ferndale,” says Bailey. By November of 2006, they had found a space to make their vision of the Ringwald a reality.

More than 10 years later, the small company has garnered a large following as a fixture in metro Detroit’s experimental

theater scene. Bailey and his colleagues put together an average of 10 stage productions per year—some of them “serious” plays, like “August: Osage County,” but most of them of the “Vampire Lesbians” variety.

This summer, Bailey will be preparing for next theatre season in his well-acquainted role of director, pushing the boundaries of “too much” that have made him and the Ringwald Theatre a star. ➤

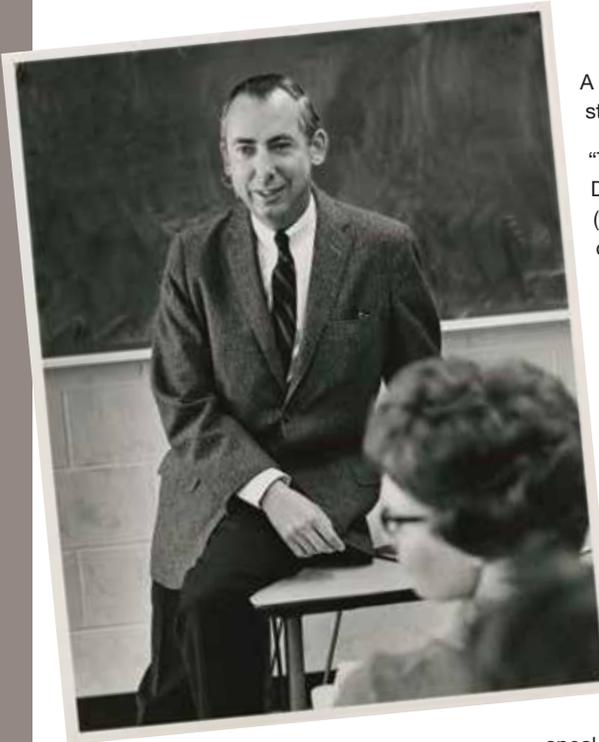


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# LASTING IMPRESSIONS

**The Professor William Schwab Scholarship for the Humanities culminates a career filled with ‘pleasant’ memories**

*By Emell Derra Adolphus*



*Professor William Schwab circa 1966*  
Photo courtesy of University Archives

A library with no books was a fitting metaphor during Oakland University’s humble start as a new institution in 1959, says Professor Emeritus William Schwab, Ph.D.

“The library in North Foundation Hall didn’t contain a single book,” says Dr. Schwab, who was recruited from Michigan State University to join OU (then Michigan State University-Oakland) by Chancellor Woody Varner. “It contained one issue of LIFE magazine. So, it was like starting something from scratch and building, which in itself is a great pleasure.”

Over a three-decade long career as a professor of Linguistics and English, Dr. Schwab saw OU evolve from a University with no books into a vital institution before retiring in 2001. The new Professor William Schwab Scholarship for the Humanities, available to upperclassmen and graduate students majoring in humanities, is a culmination of this experience, which he says was filled with “pleasant” memories.

Dr. Schwab had been a steady annual donor to OU and decided to establish the endowment as a “way to express gratitude to the institution and its people.” He also has a planned gift in place that will roll a significant portion of his estate into the endowment upon his death, allowing him to continue impacting students’ studies beyond his tenure at the University.

Humanities serve an important role in connecting people to an institution’s legacy, he explains, “to be able to think, to make concerted judgments, to speak from a basis of knowledge and to battle ignorance.”

Dr. Schwab now lives in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and has not returned to OU’s campus since his retirement. But his gift will ensure OU continues to grow and build upon the foundation he helped establish. ➤

*“Professor Schwab’s generous gift allows the college to celebrate the humanities and recognize OU’s most talented students,” says Dr. Kevin J. Corcoran, Ph.D., dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. “From the arts to English and history, and languages and literatures, this scholarship will have a huge impact on students and their success in contributing to a vital society.”*





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# KINDRED SPIRITS

## The Hailey Brouillet Study Abroad Scholarship pays homage to a loving daughter and an adventurist spirit

By Emell Derra Adolphus

When Lori Brouillet's daughter, Hailey, returned from a trip abroad to Amsterdam in 2013, she came back with a new sense of adventure.

"She came back with a passion for travel, and she came back just so much more well-rounded," remembers Brouillet. "She was actually a quiet person in her own way. But she went ahead (to travel) and did it. She met some amazing friends over there and it was the experience of her life."

Hailey, then a junior at Oakland University, was majoring in Health Sciences with plans to focus on physical therapy. But later that year, Hailey was tragically killed in a car accident.

"We were just in so much shock. We didn't know what to do," says Brouillet. "I know that people wanted to donate and do something in her memory."

Brouillet's niece recommended they use the money donated to create a scholarship in OU's study abroad office, where Hailey

had worked during the summer. After finding out they could procure a permanent endowment in Hailey's memory if they raised \$25,000, Brouillet says it was an easy decision.

"My husband and I looked at each other and said that's a no brainer," she says. "We're going to do that somehow."

But they didn't have to do it alone. In about six months, says Brouillet, they raised the money to start the Hailey Brouillet Study Abroad Scholarship with help from their community in Troy, Michigan.

"There were just thousands of people who were affected (by Hailey's death). We've lived in Troy my daughter's whole life. It's a big city. But it's a tight community where everyone pulls together," says Brouillet about the number of people who wanted to donate to the memorial fund. "I think that in our darkest hours, we've had some pretty special people in our life that have come on board with us and got us through this. So it was a team effort for sure."

# Outstanding AWARDS

The scholarship is available to any student who demonstrates Hailey's love of travel and desire to give back to the community. So far, the annual scholarship has been awarded to four people. And Brouillet has made it a point to meet each person after an inspiring meeting with the first recipient, Natasha Holiday.

When Holiday returned from her trip to Nice, France, Brouillet says she saw a familiar face.

"(Natasha's) excitement and enthusiasm, it was just so familiar. It was the same excitement, enthusiasm and zest of life that Hailey came back with," says Brouillet. "And so we want to continue to meet (the recipients) because we're inspired by them, too. It just reminds us so much of Hailey's change. So it warmed our hearts."

The memorial scholarship helped Holiday academically by giving her "peace of mind," she says.

"By having the scholarship, I was able to work fewer hours at my job, which allowed me to focus on my schooling. I could pay for my trip and (had) spending money while abroad," says Holiday.

Brouillet's younger daughter, Morgan, plans to travel to Greece this summer and hopes to carry on the adventurist spirit that the scholarship celebrates.

"I think that we made good decisions," says Brouillet about establishing the scholarship in Hailey's memory. "(Hailey) had never talked about a scholarship, but she was so passionate about her experience. She worked in the study abroad office encouraging kids to (travel) when she came back. She would be happy about (the scholarship)."

Establishing a memorial scholarship in Hailey's memory has been a "healing process" for the family, says Brouillet, and a way to permanently support students who share their daughter's spirit. ➤

*Learn more about the Hailey Brouillet Study Abroad Scholarship at [ShareHerSpirit.com](http://ShareHerSpirit.com).*

## MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS at OU



Memorial scholarships give those who've lost loved ones the opportunity to share their spirit with like-minded students.

"I've been so personally inspired by families like the Brouilletts, who are facing the unimaginable," says Kelly

Brault, director of Annual Giving. "Yet they find an inner strength to turn tragedy into a legacy." ➤

*For more information on memorial scholarships, contact Kelly Brault at (248) 370-4921 or [brault@oakland.edu](mailto:brault@oakland.edu).*

For four years the Oakland University Credit Union (OUCU) has rewarded the creativity and innovation of Oakland Students through its Dean's Choice Awards. As part of its annual support for OU, OUCU gives each school or unit a \$2,500 grant to distribute to individuals or student groups. Each school or unit designs its project requirements, number of winners and prize amounts.

The projects, varying in subject matter, are rewarded for promoting ingenuity, community involvement and student success.

OU's director of corporate and foundation relations, Michelle Bosau, is excited to facilitate the awards every year. "We are grateful to OUCU for giving each dean the ability to encourage students to learn beyond the lecture halls. These awards are meaningful across campus because the deans really challenge the students and the response is incredible."

With its Dean's Choice Award, the office of the Dean of Students issued a challenge this year for student groups to collect water, non-perishable food and gift cards for Flint, Michigan, residents through the OU Share and Care Drive. Altogether, students amassed 12,565 items for the improvement of conditions in Flint through the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. Theta Chi, the Honors College Critical and Creative Society, and the Women's Basketball Club were declared the winners when the competition finished and were awarded a share of the \$2,500 grant.

*"OU Credit Union is pleased to support the academic excellence and civic engagement of OU students through the Dean's Choice Grants. We are impressed with the quality of work submitted by the winning students,"*

— **April Clobes**, president and CEO of OUCU

OUCU is a strong supporter of the University and its students. In addition to the Dean's Choice Awards, OUCU sponsors the OU Business Scholars Case Competition, the Career Services Etiquette Dinner, OU Athletics, Meadow Brook Hall and many other events and activities on campus. ➤

*"I want people to know that Oakland stands for big heart. And we are here to be a member of this community that is going to make everybody's life better."*

# HOLDING COURT

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At the helm of the Golden Grizzlies for 33 years, head coach Greg Kampe's winning track record on the court has made men's basketball a pillar of school pride at Oakland University. Forging the Golden Grizzlies into formidable Division I competitors, this year the team tied for first in the Horizon League regular season championship and entered the National Invitation Tournament for the first time ever. But for dedicated coaches like Kampe, who considers himself not only a coach but also a mentor to his Athletics constituency, his greatest feat is assembling a tight-knit team. And he's hell-bent on pushing the Golden Grizzlies to be the best students, players and people they can be. *By Emell Derra Adolphus*



There isn't much to say about Greg Kampe, head coach of the Golden Grizzlies, that the history of his hometown Defiance, Ohio, doesn't say already. Defiance, like Kampe, is known to be tough, resilient and, you guessed it, *defiant*. He was 7 when he moved from his birthplace in Saginaw, Michigan, to the small manufacturing town, located about 55 miles southwest of Toledo, Ohio.

The city was founded upon Fort Defiance, which was integral in winning an 18th century American war that secured territory to create the Midwest states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan. The fort was built on orders from General "Mad Anthony" Wayne, a war hero who, like Kampe, was known for his fiery temperament. Unlike General Wayne, Kampe has never been to war. But in 33 years as the head coach of the Golden Grizzlies, he knows how to fight.

On the court, Kampe is a basketball firebrand. He paces. He yells. He commands. Impressively, after three decades, he still plays every game like it's his first, or his last.

*"I have friends who will come to a game the first time, and they watch me on the sideline," says Kampe, in a matter of fact way. "Then they will say, 'Who was that last night?'"*

What people see is Kampe's passion for the game and his team. And like a concerned father, he's deeply invested in his kids. "I treat them all like the favorite son," he says, "every one of those kids."

This year, Kampe coached his 1,000th game and led the men's basketball team to clinch its first-ever Horizon League regular season championship. But for every public win on the court, Kampe is hell-bent on helping his student-athletes perform just as well off the court. "I am on a relentless path to accomplish that every day you're here," says Kampe, to all players he recruits. "And you are not going to like me at times because of that."

*Most people don't like him. They love him.*



On the day before Kampe's 1,000th game, he was busy planning a book drive to benefit the Detroit education nonprofit Beyond Basics. In the cluttered comfort of his office, among stacks of papers, Nike boxes and Grizz gear, Kampe has a casual demeanor that is a departure from the man most see on the sidelines.

"Personally," says Kampe, "as I've gotten older, I've really changed. Early in my coaching career, it was my way or the highway. It's really become that I view myself as a teacher and mentor to the athlete, instead of the boss of the athlete. Early in my career, I was the boss of the athlete. Now I'm not anymore."

In a 1989 interview with *Oakland University Magazine*, Kampe hinted that his time as head coach was coming to an end. "The program is exactly where I want it to be, except for 'sold out' signs at the gate. That's coming, but I probably won't see it in my time here. We'll save that for the next guy," he said in the interview.

As things turned out, Kampe was the "next guy."

"I was going to be here three or four years, win five national championships and move on. I wasn't planning on establishing myself," says Kampe, who had his eye on an assistant coach position at University of Notre Dame. And at 28 years old, Kampe was the youngest head coach in the country at a scholarship-giving school when he took the job at Oakland. "To get a job that young, everything was about me."

When he realized there was more to his role than coaching, he was compelled to continue what he started at Oakland.





"I learned when you're teaching kids to be a part of the team, you need to be the same way. That's when Oakland became my team," he says. "And so for life now, it's been about Oakland and about the team and those are the lessons we try to teach."

Now, Kampe uses every bit of his 33 years of influence to shape the University's basketball program how he sees fit.



*"I've taken some kids in the last five to eight years that are second-chance kids. And in some circles, I've been criticized for that. I would have never done that years ago," says Kampe. Stressing education, he tells his players two things will happen while they are at Oakland: "When you leave here, you are going to be the best player, person, student that you can be. And you are going to get your degree."*

Under the pressure to win big, Kampe's actions set the tone for his team and Athletics.

"Greg is the face of Athletics and has been for a very long time," says Pete Hovland, head coach of Oakland's men's and women's swimming and diving teams. "The coaching staff, we all look to Greg and follow his lead."

Hovland, who is the only other University coach to outrank Kampe in experience with 38 years on the job, chalks up their longevity to arriving during Oakland's "renaissance."

"I think that when we came in in 1979 and in the early '80s, Oakland was starting to really grow. So it was a place for some young coaches to kind of hop on board the train and ride along with the ride," says Hovland. "It's just kind of been a good marriage."

Speaking on Kampe's coaching style from the sidelines, Hovland says, "I really admire that in him because I think the fire burns even greater now than it first did 33 years ago. That's hard to do in this business."

With the fire, Kampe has shown he can be fun, too. In December, during Ugly Christmas Sweater Night at the O'rena, his sweater made national news when his team played Northeastern University. To paint a brief picture of the sweater: Kampe appeared to be impaled by a plush reindeer. Or was it a moose?

"Kampe's team may have lost the game, but he certainly won Ugly Christmas Sweater Night," reported SportingNews. The moment was a small glimpse into a Kampe who doesn't take himself too seriously, a man even his fiercest opponents have gotten to know off the court.

*"I've always had a great deal of respect for Greg Kampe and the Oakland basketball program. He made the move to Division I and has made a habit of always playing one of the nation's best schedules," says Tom Izzo, head coach for the Michigan State Spartans. "But what I*

*like best about Greg is that I consider him to be a friend in the business I can talk to in the offseason or even during the year, both when things are going well and in times of struggle."*

On June 4-5, Kampe will call on some of the same coaches he faced off against this season to raise more than \$100,000 for the American Cancer Society at the Coaches Beat Cancer golf outing at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. The basketball coaches who came out to support the event in 2015 include Izzo, University of Michigan's John Beilein, UCLA's Steve Alford, University of Tennessee's Rick Barnes, West Virginia University's Bob Huggins, University of Arizona's Sean Miller, Georgia Tech's Josh Pastner and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Roy Williams.

"(Kampe) uses words like 'beating cancer' and 'finishing the fight.' That passion is contagious and it causes people to take action," says Izzo. "He was able to rally many of the biggest names in coaching into taking part in the same event. That certainly impressed me, but I wasn't surprised. People are drawn to passionate people, and when it comes to the fight against cancer, Greg's passion is second to none."



For every public nonprofit event, Kampe says there are many character-building moments for his players that he prefers not to publicize, like the time he took his star players Martez Walker, Sherron Dorsey-Walker and Jalen Hayes to downtown Detroit to give hot meals to the homeless on Christmas Eve.

“We didn’t print that. No one knows about that,” he says. “We look for things like that to do with the players. We like to go to underprivileged school areas and read or just go on the basketball court and dunk for them and things like that. We try to do as much of that as we can.”

Kampe points to former Golden Grizzlies point guard Kay Felder Jr., who was first drafted by the Atlanta Hawks and then traded to the Cleveland Cavaliers, as an example of someone whose penchant for giving back started with the Golden Grizzlies.

“Kay is doing a ton of community service in Cleveland. And I believe that message that we burned into his heart while he was here has made that easier for him to do,” says Kampe. “I like to say that we are a player’s first program now, when in the old days we weren’t. I want people to know that Oakland stands for big heart. And we are here to be a member of this community that is going to make everybody’s life better.” He adds, “Those are the battles I want to win. Sure I want to win every game we play. But those are the battles that I want to win.”

In his college years at Bowling Green State University, Kampe played football and basketball. “I was a better football player than I was a basketball player,” he says. He spent six seasons as an assistant coach at the University of Toledo before coming to OU in 1984. He wanted to coach basketball because he knew he could form a closer bond with the players, rather than coaching more than 100 players on a football team. “So I wanted to coach basketball because there’s only 10 to 15 players, and I believed that I could have a personal one-on-one relationship with each player better than a football coach does.”

At Oakland, Kampe saw the opportunity to make a difference as a coach while being a father to his three boys.

“Being a coach here allowed me the autonomy to coach (my kids) in their little league baseball. Whereas, if I were coaching a Big Ten Conference team, my job wouldn’t allow that to happen,” says Kampe. “So those, my family, my kids were very important to me. And I was going to be a dad. And I tried to mix that together. And I think one of the reasons I stayed at Oakland was because I could do it here.”

Scoring two major wins, one against the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and another against the University of Wisconsin-



*Coach Kampe, circa February 1996, after winning a share of the regular season GLIAC title*

Milwaukee, the Golden Grizzlies turned around their season in the 11th hour.

“When we lost our five games, everyone counted us out,” says Scott MacDonald, associate athletic director for public relations. “Coach Kampe told the team, take care of your job, believe in the process, and we will be there at the end. For this team to win nine straight games to end the season, and capture its first-ever Horizon League regular season championship in just its fourth season in the conference, is quite the feat.”

MacDonald first met Kampe in 1999 when he was hired as a graduate assistant in the sports information office. He was working at Georgia Tech when former Oakland athletic director Tracy Huth asked him to come back to lead the Athletic Communications office in 2007. “His dedication to this program and the success he has achieved is unmatched, and he truly believes that earning a degree is just as important as winning a championship,” says MacDonald. “One of Coach Kampe’s favorite quotes is, ‘Consistency is the hallmark of greatness.’ He uses that as he builds his program. If you do the right things in the classroom, during the offseason and in the community, you will excel on the court.”

Kampe works year-round. This summer, in between hosting his own cancer awareness event and participating in other events across the country, Kampe will use his few weeks of downtime to decompress.

“I spend a lot of time with myself. I like to smoke a good cigar,” he says. But feeling like your job is never finished comes with the territory as head coach.

*“You can always get better and there is always more that you can do. But I believe it’s about a culture. And I really like the culture of our program,” he says. “I think in 33 years, we’ve changed, we’ve changed with the times. But the core of our culture is still about becoming the best student, the best player and the best person you can become. And we strive every day for that.”*

Before passing the ball to a new head coach, Kampe says there are still a couple things left for him to accomplish.

“First, is to get a number next to our name, to be nationally ranked one through 25. I don’t care if it’s 25. I want a number next to our name. And the second thing is to get to the second week of the NCAA tournament,” he says. “I think if those two things can get done, then I will gladly hand it over to the next guy.”

Then again, it was nearly 30 years ago when Kampe last mentioned handing it over to the “next guy.” ➤



## COACHES *for a Cause*

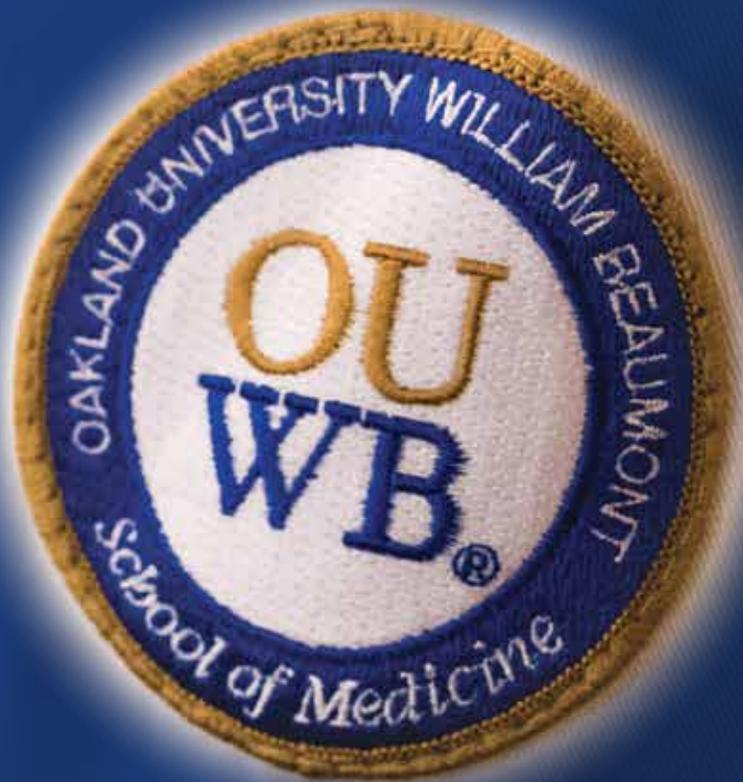
Beating cancer is a cause close to coach Greg Kampe’s heart. “That’s something that I think should be one of the top things this world is trying to accomplish, find a cure for cancer,” says Kampe, who will host his Coaches Beat Cancer fundraising event for the American Cancer Society (ACS) this summer. “There are a lot of great charities out there, but that one has particularly affected my life so much.

On June 4-5, college basketball coaches from across the country will gather at the Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, to raise more than \$100,000 as fans auction online for an opportunity to get acquainted with them.

Last year, the event grossed more than \$150,000 for ACS and received national coverage thanks to the notoriety of the coaches involved.

“We have a couple of golf outings throughout the U.S. where coaches gather to do a fundraising event for the American Cancer Society,” says Christine Kenny, senior manager, distinguished events at ACS. But Kampe’s event is unique because he’s spearheading the process, she explains. “He’s coming to us and saying, ‘I want to do this and I’m bringing these relationships, and I am going to organize this event and I’m going to give you the proceeds.’” ➤

# FIRST CLASS



Ten years after the decision to start a medical school, the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine — a partnership between Oakland University and Beaumont Health — is distinct among Michigan's medical schools. Here, students learn to practice medicine with compassion. *By Emell Derra Adolphus*





## Dr. Nickolas Linkous 'One of 50'

Before Dr. Nickolas Linkous made his decision to attend medical school at Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine (OUWB), he weighed his options and asked himself: Is it better to be one of 300 medical students or one of 50 in OUWB's charter class?

"At OUWB I saw the opportunity to have a lot of close relationships with the students, faculty and physicians," he says. That was the case and more. Dr. Linkous is now in his second year as an orthopedic surgeon resident at Beaumont. "I had a lot of unique experiences I would not have gotten, if I were one of 300 people."

Graduating 90 students this year, OUWB's incoming class size has grown steadily each year since its charter class of 50 students first enrolled in 2011. Uniquely placed as Michigan's first privately funded medical school, OUWB teaches students to practice medicine with an emphasis on care and compassion.

"From the first year of medical school, we were doing real interactions in patient care and seeing real patients," says Dr. Linkous, who received his B.S. from the University of Michigan. "Learning early on how to show compassion, whether you're talking to patients or their families, I think that's both unique to OUWB and something that I really appreciated about my education." And when it comes to patient care, OUWB medical students are taught early on that compassion is part of the cure.



## Defining OUWB

In January 2007, OU and Beaumont jointly submitted a letter of intent to the Liaison Committee on Medical Education to begin the process of accrediting OUWB. Initially, the medical school was thought to be a remedy for a then ailing Michigan economy.



“At a time when unemployment was peaking because of stress in the automobile industry, some individuals began to consider our new School of Medicine as an opportunity to diversify the economy of Southeast Michigan,” remembers Dr. Robert Folberg, founding dean of OUWB.

Dr. Folberg was appointed as dean to the School of Medicine in September 2008 — the day the affiliation agreement between OU and

Beaumont was signed. As the rest of OUWB’s team began to arrive in the fall, the Great Recession took hold in Michigan.

“It was clear to us that the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine would not begin to contribute significantly to the economy of Southeast Michigan as a new school for many years,” says Dr. Folberg. “We, therefore, avoided raising expectations that we would significantly contribute to the diversification of the local economy in the near term.”

A crucial step forward in developing the medical school was to determine its identity in relation to Michigan’s legacy medical schools, says Dr. Folberg.

“We designed OUWB to be different from the medical schools at the University of Michigan, Michigan State and Wayne State. Our goal was to complement the outstanding legacy medical schools in Michigan — not to compete with them,” he says. “When I explain OUWB to various audiences, I stress the unique design of the School of Medicine. OUWB is the first medical school to be developed along the lines of a ‘high achieving small liberal arts college.’”

OUWB’s multidisciplinary curriculum encourages students to be compassionate. Patients and their families are thought of as “partners in care,” says Dr. Folberg.

“The goal at OUWB is to be ourselves — an outstanding venue for training physicians who are scientifically brilliant and who understand the need to become physicians focused not on ‘curing disease’ but rather on promoting, maintaining and restoring health to individuals and their communities,” says Dr. Folberg.

## Compassionate care

In his role as a professor in the department of pediatrics, associate dean for graduate medical education at OUWB and director of graduate medical education for Beaumont Hospital, Dr. Jeffery M. Devries ensures there is a natural harmony between what students learn at OUWB and how that knowledge will be applied during residency.



“We have an expectation that when the students graduate they come in with certain skills and abilities,” says Dr. Devries, who oversees medical students who are completing their residencies at three of Beaumont’s eight campuses. “We have to be tightly in sync with the medical school to make sure it’s providing those requirements.”

In their first two years of medical school, OUWB students spend most of their time in the classroom on OU’s campus, where the medical school is based. In their third and fourth years, students spend most of their time at Beaumont completing clerkship training, working with attending physicians on patient interactions.

“We really noticed a remarkable difference in (OUWB) students compared to students we had in the past,” says Dr. Devries. “The physicians generally found that our students were very engaged, inquisitive and much more willing to sit at bedside and talk with patients for a long period of time.”

### Dr. Saad Sahi at the University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School Northeastern University, B.S. | General Surgery

*“The school can accurately be described as a liberal arts medical school, and that’s what I wanted. That’s where I knew I would fit in, be happy and excel. Apart from the overall culture of OUWB, I was also particularly attracted to its partnership with Beaumont Hospital. Having a large, successful and well respected hospital system support the medical school meant having access to premier physician mentors, outstanding clinical resources, and a glimpse into the broader world of medicine.”*

Read more from OUWB’s charter class students at [oakland.edu/oumagazine](http://oakland.edu/oumagazine).





## Among physicians and friends

A great bedside manner goes a long way helping patients feel comfortable, which makes them more likely to share more with their physicians, Dr. Devries says.

“Because if you can engage a patient and become a partner with a patient and their care, rather than dictating, then the patient is more likely to provide more thorough and comprehensive information about their past medical history,” he says.

Dr. Sara Gerhardt regularly relies on this approach in outpatient care as a Beaumont internal medicine resident.

“I like the continuity of developing relationships and being able to get to know the patient and follow them over time. You don’t get that as much in emergency,” says Dr. Gerhardt, also an OUWB charter class graduate.

Dr. Gerhardt says completing her residency at Beaumont gave her the opportunity to continue building a rapport with the

medical professionals she learned to trust at OUWB.

“I know so many people from all the different specialties in Beaumont. It makes it easier to communicate by knowing these people,” she says. “There is an element of trust that was built previously at OUWB. So, we don’t have to page each other, we text each other. It’s certainly something that’s not normal for most hospitals, so it’s kind of an extra perk.”

Hospital residencies are often structured like an inverted pyramid, explains Dr. Alex DeMare, another OUWB charter class graduate and Beaumont general surgery resident.

“You start out with less responsibility but it increases year after year,” he says. “You get a lot of hands-on experience the last two years at OUWB, but you are never really the one having to make a decision.”

Hospital residencies also vary in intensity. On a normal day,



Dr. DeMare arrives at the hospital at about 5 a.m. and is done around 7 p.m. He works about 80 hours a week on average, has performed about 300 surgeries since starting his residency and will have performed about 1,500 surgeries when he's finished with his residency.

"It's kind of a marathon," he says. But he gives the credit to his OUWB professors and now fellow physicians for helping him pull through. "They are the reasons I wanted to come here for residency. They mentored me and pushed me to want to go into surgery, and they fostered my interest from there," says Dr. DeMare. "They are the people I interact with on a day-to-day basis. It's great."

With a team of trusted professionals by his side, Dr. DeMare says he can rest easy. "When I wake up, I have a fire in my chest, and I am ready to go again."





## Physicians of the future

A medical school may not have been in OU founder Matilda Dodge Wilson's original plans for the University, but in many ways OUWB's mission embodies her core values.

"I always point out Matilda's appreciation for the humanities, her embracing of a community and a global view," says Dr. Robert Noiva, Ph.D., associate dean for Medical Education and associate professor of Biomedical Sciences. "So when I talk about community medicine, we talk about the importance of the community but we also talk about global relationships."

Seventy percent of OUWB's charter class students came from local universities. Graduating its third class this year, Dr. Noiva says that percent is rapidly changing as OUWB builds a national reputation among Michigan's medical school offerings.

"We're a different school but the quality is there," he says. A testament to this quality, OUWB students are often top of mind when Beaumont is looking to fill openings at its hospitals. "Beaumont knows the quality of the students they are educating, and they want to see OUWB students come back and work in the hospital."

From its founding in 1955, Beaumont has always had an educational component in its hospitals and began hosting medical school residencies early on.

"Beaumont has been teaching medical students and resident fellows for many years. So they knew how to teach. But we wanted them to teach our way," says Dr. Noiva. "We sent a number of their physicians for a month-long training at Stanford University to learn the Stanford system and they came back as instructors."

Most medical schools follow the 100-year-old model developed from a report by Johns Hopkins University educator Abraham Flexner. This model stresses two years of academic training and two years of hospital training.

"Schools have made small changes to this model. But they still hold true to this model where there are foundational courses that students take so they have a knowledge base to start," Dr. Noiva says. "At OUWB, students receive hospital training early on."

OUWB students receive clinical training in the hospital and ambulatory setting in their first two years. They are all trained as general physicians and do not specialize in an area of medicine until their fourth year of medical school.

"We want them to come out with a broad understanding of medicine," says Dr. Noiva. "That's what the M.D. degree is all about." ➤





## Perfect MATCH

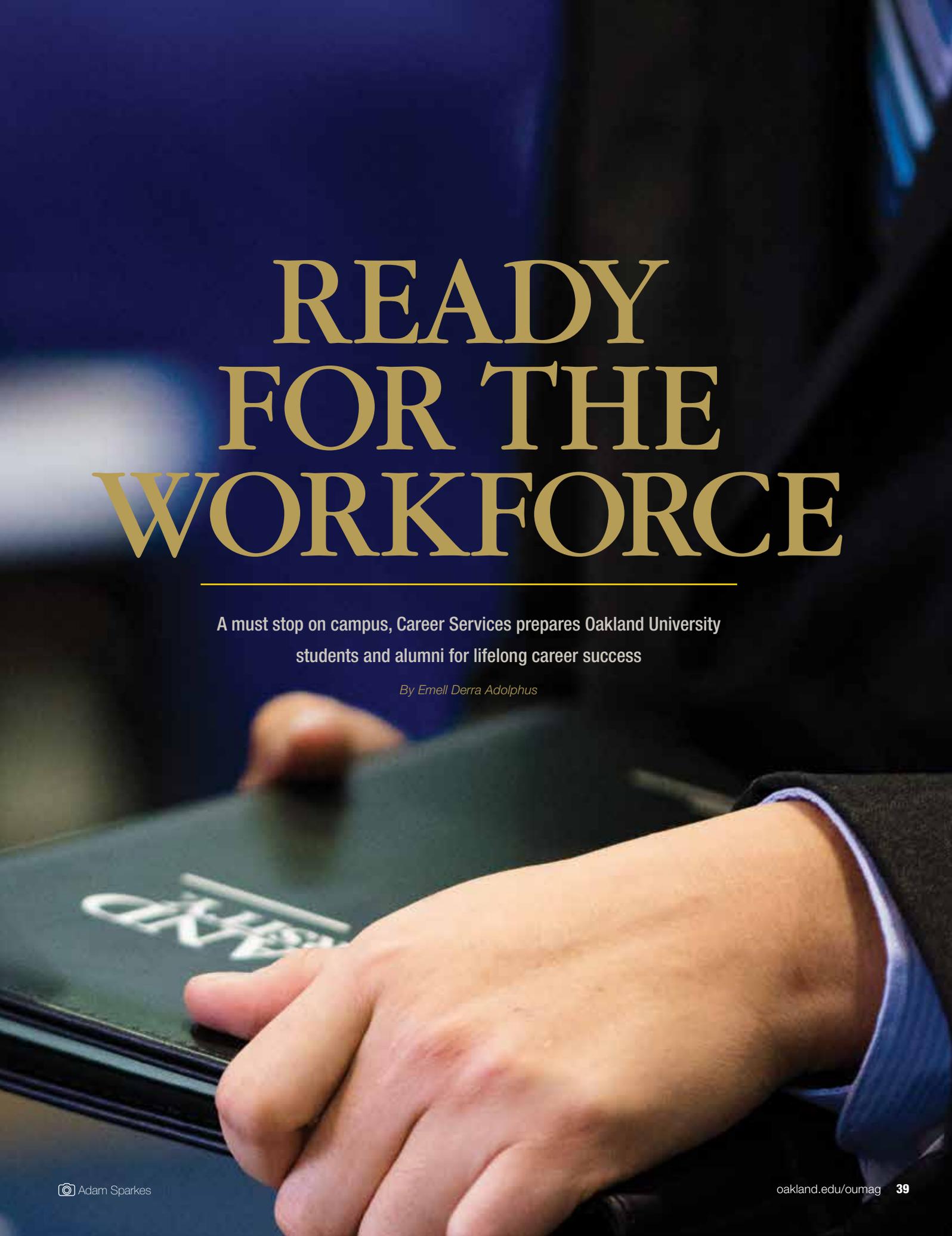
On Match Day 2017 at The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, Michigan, 88 students of Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine's third graduating class were placed in residency. 🍷

**Dr. Ashley J. Guthrie**  
at the New York Eye & Ear Infirmary  
University of Pennsylvania, B.A. | Otolaryngology

*"I chose OUWB because I was so impressed by the school's mission to create a different type of physician. The holistic view on admissions really resonated with me, as I firmly believe there is much more to being a successful physician than grades and test scores alone. From the second I stepped onto campus for my interview day, I felt at home. I knew it was right place for me."*



Read more from OUWB's charter class students at [oakland.edu/oumagazine](http://oakland.edu/oumagazine).

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a green folder. The folder has the Oakland University logo on it. The person is wearing a dark suit jacket and a light blue shirt. The background is blurred, showing other people in suits.

# READY FOR THE WORKFORCE

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A must stop on campus, Career Services prepares Oakland University students and alumni for lifelong career success

*By Emell Derra Adolphus*



*Kelly Dorner, associate director at Career Services*



*Wayne Thibodeau, director at Career Services*



*Amy Ring Cebelak, career consultant*

Photos by Adam Sparkes

“Research shows that the more internships a student has, the more likely they will be able to quickly and easily secure full-time employment after graduation,” regardless of major, explains Kelly Dorner, associate director at Career Services.

Inside the Career Services office, career consultants specialize in complementing academic experience with professional experience. Using a comprehensive list of services such as resume review, cover letter and networking tips, the office’s number one priority is to increase career success among OU students and alumni. This process starts way before graduation, says Dorner.

“Students should come early and often. This is not an office they should plan to visit only once throughout their academic career,” she says. “With that in mind, we are here to help students master the art of professional networking and to teach professional skills many people may not know how to do.”

Most importantly, the Career Services’ methods are successful, Dorner says. “And I feel like that can be demonstrated in many different ways. But one of the ways that we’ve really tried to demonstrate the (Career Services) impact is through our success stories on our website.”

In order to improve its services and have accountability, Career Services closely monitors OU students’ post-graduation success, explains Wayne Thibodeau, director at Career Services.

“For example, our most recent results from the First Destination Survey Report for the 2015-2016 graduating class indicate 83 percent of those employed accepted jobs before graduation and 97 percent accepted employment within six months,” he says. One of Career Services’ most effective tools is the recently launched Handshake (Oakland.JoinHandshake.com), an interactive resource interface that allows OU students and alumni to browse and apply for job openings, internships and other professional development opportunities.

“This past fall semester, over 1,600 employers posted more than 3,700 jobs and more than 750 internship opportunities (to

Handshake),” says Thibodeau, explaining that one of the office’s recent initiatives has been to increase visibility among employers and students. “We are expanding beyond North Foundation Hall to have services and staff co-located in different (University) buildings full time.”

Career consultants are building a career community in high traffic locations across the campus by facilitating career related programs and employer meet-ups to learn about industry needs, says Thibodeau.

“Our Career Ambassador Program offers a triage approach for trained students to meet with peers, putting them at ease to begin career development discussions,” he says. “They go across the campus and promote careers and make students feel comfortable about the subject of careers.”

Another part of Career Services’ outreach is its yearly events, such as internship mixers and networking meet-ups. The Winter Career Fair, held January 25, 2017, attracted nearly 1,000 students and more than 200 employees. Career Services also hosts smaller niche events that focus on a particular major or school on campus.

“We also bring employers out to meet with students to help with some branding of their organizations on campus,” says Dorner. “Quite a bit of that goes on in the School of Business Administration and the School of Engineering and Computer Science to market their organizations.”

When you’re a freshman, Career Services may sound premature. But Dorner says it’s never too early to start cultivating a career.

“I would rather students experience talking with a professional when they are casually searching for career opportunities,” she says. “That way when they are ready to look for a job, they already know what to expect.”

Having great grades is always good, says Dorner. Yet, “Grades are no longer enough,” she says. “You have to have some experience.” ☺

# Career Services



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### 1970s

**Mark Mijuskovic, CAS '79**, published his first novel, “Where the Tracks Go: A Principal’s Story,” inspired by his time as a high school principal. He is a recently retired educator of 30 years and lives with his wife in Brevard County, Florida. They have two daughters in college. Learn more about the novel at [iuniverse.com](http://iuniverse.com).

**Robert Ross, CAS '71**, was an artist-in-residence” for two weeks in May 2016 with the Glen Arbor Art Association, completing a series of paintings at Port Oneida in the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. In September, he was honored with a solo exhibit, “In Plain Sight: New Paintings by Robert Ross,” at Arts on Douglas gallery ([artsondouglas.net](http://artsondouglas.net)) in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Ross exhibits his oil paintings of landscapes and interiors throughout central Florida and in Glen Arbor, Michigan. View his work at [robertrossart.com](http://robertrossart.com).

### 1980s

**Kenneth R. Atkinson, SEHS '82**, was recently promoted to full professor in the department of History at the University of Northern Iowa. He also announced the publication of his new book, “A History of the Hasmonean State: Josephus and Beyond” (Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2016) that recounts the Hasmonean family’s nine-decade rule of the Middle Eastern nation of Judea (152 - 63 BCE).

### 2000s

**Peter D. Coyl, CAS '06**, was named director of the Montclair Public Library in Montclair, New Jersey.

**Ashley (Zaleski) Dickey, CAS '09**, joined Collins Einhorn Farrell PC’s General and Automotive Practice Group.

**Kari Melkonian-Chevrier, CAS '03**, was made partner at Collins Einhorn Farrell PC. Melkonian-Chevrier has been assigned to the General and Automotive Liability Group of the firm.

**Adam Neal, CAS '03**, was named top editor at Treasure Coast Newspapers. He will continue to oversee day-to-day news operations and lead efforts to grow the organization’s audience and revenue.



### 2010s



**Neil DeLuca, SEHS '11, CAS '01**, received the Principal of the Year award from the Michigan Association of Student Councils and Michigan

Association of Honor Societies for the state of Michigan. Neil is principal at Rochester High School in Rochester Hills, Michigan. He previously served as assistant principal and teacher of Rochester Community Schools for 14 years.



**Andrew Kurecka, SHS '15, '13**, was listed in Oakland County Executive’s Elite 40 under 40 class of 2017. Kurecka manages

outcomes research at MedNetOne and is responsible for tasks improving overall quality and patient outcomes.

**Jennifer Musztuk, SEHS '13**, is a licensed mental health counselor who has recently joined Mindful Matters Counseling Center in Clinton Township, Michigan.

### *Birth and Adoptions*

**Andrea (Zech) Lewis, SBA '13**, and her husband, **Ryan Lewis, SBA '08**, welcomed their second child, a daughter, Sydney Leigh, on July 18.



## *In Memoriam*

### 1970s

**Timothy L. Sanders, CAS '73**, on May 29, 2016.

**Mary L. (Whiters) Lidell, SEHS '74**, on October 6, 2016.

**Naomi (Varga) Fast, SEHS '76, '74**, on October 14, 2016.

**Carol E. Halsted, ADA '75**, on January 28, 2017.

**Richard Sutliff, SBA '76**, on October 20, 2016.

**Ronald A. Carpenter, CAS '76**, on October 25, 2016.

### 1980s

**John W. Hill, CAS '85**, on April 18, 2016.

### 1990s

**Thomas C. Bowers, BGS '90**, on October 4, 2016.

**Alicia M. (Duncan) Klender, SEHS '93**, on October 10, 2016.

### 2000s

**Herman Glazier, SEHS '00**, on October 26, 2016.

### 2010s

**Joel Thomas Brickman, SBA '13**, on December 11, 2016.

## *Faculty and Staff Deaths*

**Joseph A. Csokas** passed away on January 2, 2017. He joined the Facilities Management staff as a custodian in 1993 until his retirement in 2009.

**Carol Halsted**, Professor Emerita, passed away on January 28, 2017. Professor Halsted joined Oakland University's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance in 1971. Under her leadership, OU's dance program was founded. During her tenure, she served as the Department Chair for Music, Theatre and Dance from 1996-2001. She retired in 2002.

**Timothy G. Larrabee, Ph.D.**, passed away on February 14, 2017. Professor Larrabee joined Oakland University's faculty in 2004 in the department of Teacher Development and Educational Studies. During his tenure, he served as the associate dean for the School of Education and Human Services and as an associate professor of Education until his passing.

**Thomas M. Socha** passed away on February 20, 2017. Thomas joined the department of Facilities Management as an AutoCAD Operator from 2007 to 2014. He served as a Work Order Systems Coordinator until his passing.



## *In memory of JEAN BRAUN*

Professor Emerita **Jean Shapero Braun, Ph.D.**, former chair of the Department of Psychology at Oakland University, died December 4, 2016 at Wind Crest retirement community in Littleton, Colorado. She was born in Detroit on March 7, 1921 to Hannah (nee Hershman) and Oscar Shapero. Raised in Highland Park, Michigan, Dr. Braun was the youngest of seven children and was raised by her older siblings.

An able and eager student, Dr. Braun graduated from high school at 16 years old. She received a bachelor of arts in English from the University of Michigan and later received a master's degree in psychology and a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Wayne State University.

In 1969, Dr. Braun became an associate professor of psychology at Oakland University, becoming a full professor and department chair. Dr. Braun also served as president of the faculty union.

After the death of her husband, Fred, in 1985, Dr. Braun continued teaching while maintaining a private practice until retiring in 1991.

The Fred M. Braun Memorial Lecture Fund, established by Dr. Braun and her children, has been renamed the Jean S. and Fred M. Braun Memorial Lecture Fund in memory of both Dr. Braun and her husband. Dr. Braun is remembered by her family, friends, former students and colleagues. 🌟

# TRIAL BY FIRE

*By Emell Derra Adolphus*

Oakland University, like Rome, wasn't built in a day. Yet laying the foundation for the University's academic curriculum arguably seemed more complex.

Unsure how to fully live up to the institution's hype as the "Harvard of the Midwest," OU's faculty took a baptism-by-fire approach to their tutelage, marked by strict grading practices, demanding courses of study and a high student workload.

This photograph, taken on April 18, 1963, eternizes a cathartic moment for OU's first graduating class as they tossed their blue book exam booklets into a blazing inferno. The students had finished the year and ushered in a legacy in the process, and that was something to celebrate.

Nearby, OU faculty and administrators, including Chancellor Durward "Woody" Varner, also celebrated with equal fervor because they, like the students, had ushered in a new legacy, too. ➤



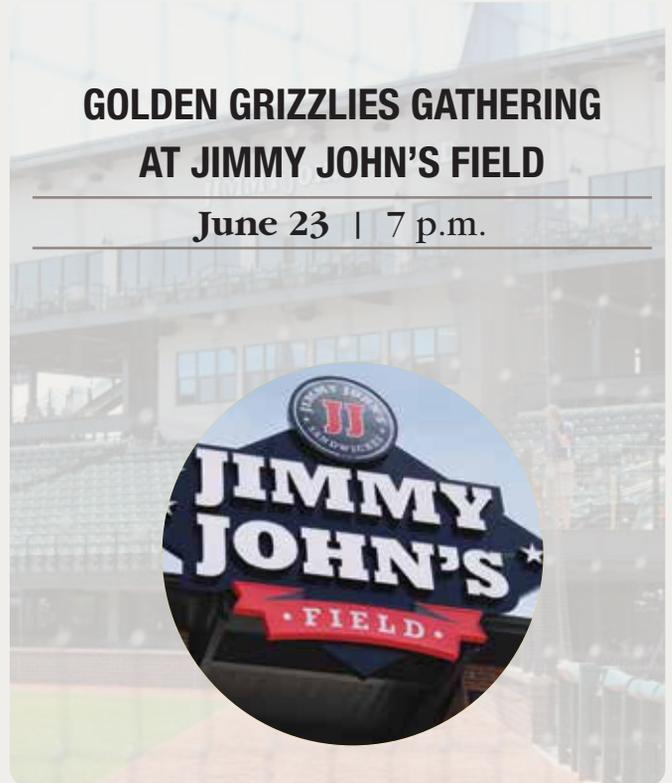
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