

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY™

From the office of the
President



Colleagues,

The Collins English Dictionary offers several definitions of the word "community," all of which are applicable to the people of Oakland University:

1. People who live in a particular area or place
2. People who are similar in some way
3. Friendship between different people or groups, and a sense of having something in common

I find it truly heartening that the work we all do, as exemplified by the highlights below, is motivated by the essence of the third definition. I also believe that our motivation makes this definition the most applicable to our community.

Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D. President

SAFETY FIRST

Even better than seeing the National Council for Home Safety and Security name Oakland University the third-safest college campus in America last year is seeing it name our campus the second safest university in the country this year!



A great deal of credit for this wonderful accomplishment goes to the men and women of the Oakland University Police Department and the excellent work they do each and every day.

As Police Chief Mark Gordon will tell you, however, campus safety is everyone's responsibility, and all in our community – faculty, staff, students, alumni, friends and supporters alike – deserve both praise and gratitude for helping to create and maintain the safe and welcoming environment we are so fortunate to enjoy.

AN OPEN TABLE



People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals have for the first time awarded Oakland University an "A" on their Vegan Report Card.

The organization compliments the University for going above and beyond to provide sustainable and healthy food

options.

Kudos to our Division of Student Affairs, Chartwells Oakland University and healthy food advocates on campus for working collaboratively to establish a more welcoming environment in a way that is so important to individuals' daily lives!

A SECOND HOME

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education recently presented our Alumni Engagement Office with a Silver Award for Best Practices in Alumni Relations.

The honor focuses on the vision and success of the Toast to the Tassel New Graduate Reception, which encourages graduating seniors to remain actively engaged with their alma mater and the more than 110,000 OU alumni in Metro Detroit and around the world.



This is the second year in a row that we have won the silver award, and the third year in a row that we have been recognized for alumni programming.

Congratulations and thank you to Angie Schmucker, Erin Sudroveh and the entire Alumni Engagement Office for the fantastic work you do to encourage our alumni to remain active in the OU community!

Is there a point of pride you feel is worth sharing with the campus community?

If so, please [submit your idea](#) for consideration.

If you are interested in exploring past editions of this newsletter, we invite you to visit the [Points of Pride archive page](#).

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