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From the office of the
President



Colleagues,

Did you know that Maya Angelou helped Oprah Winfrey find her way to international success? Or that Woody Guthrie guided the musical development of Bob Dylan? How about that Christian Dior mentored Yves St. Laurent?

It may not be surprising that famously successful people can open doors for others to follow in their footsteps, but it is empowering to realize that many famous people credit their success to their parents, grandparents, school teachers, professors, athletic coaches and others that might be labeled "ordinary people."

I believe there is nothing ordinary about creating opportunity for others, and I am proud to be part of a community that is so dedicated to doing just that. I believe the highlights below are a small sampling of how this kind of work takes place on our campus on a daily basis.

Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.
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ALPHA LEADERS

On March 1, the University's political science honorary Pi Sigma Alpha, which recognizes superior academic achievement within the discipline, inducted a membership class among its largest ever.



Welcoming 46 new students and members, the honorary celebrated the talent and dedication of political science, international relations and public administration majors and minors.

Kudos not only to these exceptional students, but also to the department faculty and staff who help create and maintain an environment of academic excellence.

A GLOWING TESTAMENT



The American Chemical Society is recognizing an Oakland University senior and her research faculty mentor for their pioneering work to create synthetic drugs that make cancer cells glow. This holds the promise of making it easier for medical diagnosticians to detect cancer in their patients.

Katherine McAuliffe and Professor Evan Trivedi will travel to the 2018 ACS National Meeting & Expo in New Orleans on Saturday to receive the 2017 ACS Division of Inorganic Chemistry Award for Undergraduate Research.

This project demonstrates that enterprising students can make substantial contributions to the quality of life across the globe, all while pursuing an education that will only expand their ability to build on their success in the future.

It is also worth noting that Katherine has authored three peer-reviewed articles, presented at three American Chemical Society conferences and won the 2017 Undergraduate Distinguished Achievement Award. Congratulations to both Katherine and Dr. Trivedi for their outstanding work!

ON A ROLL

Work that Undergraduate Admissions, Student Financial Services and the Office of the Registrar have completed over the last two years has won Oakland University inclusion on Phi Theta Kappa's 2018 Transfer Honor Roll – a national level distinction recognizing exemplary support services for transfer students.



Specifically, the University is being honored for its work in scholarship and financial aid resources, admissions outreach, student engagement opportunities and other support services.

Transfer students make up a substantial portion of our student body, and efforts to enable their success contribute significantly to the success of the University as a whole. I applaud the work of everyone in these departments!

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

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

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