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FROM THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

From Director of Advising Roberta Rea:

Helping students pass the Professional Readiness Exam (PRE) is essential to student success for education majors. In the state of Michigan, only 20% of students passed the PRE on their first attempt in the 2013-14 academic year, and only 30% passed after multiple attempts in the same year. This is according to page 24 of the **MDE Annual Summary of State Results August 2013-July 2014** (http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/2013-2014_Annual_Legislative_Report_480617_7.pdf). The state has recognized the difficulty of the PRE and has made provisions for students to "pass" through alternate methods such as **ACT and MME scores** (<http://www.oakland.edu/sehs/advising/mttc?tab=32372>), or by using an **alternative passing score** (http://www.mttc.nesinc.com/MI17_PRE_table.asp) on the third subtest (provided they have already completed the other two subtests). However, these provisions alone are not enough.



Helping students prepare to take (or re-take) the PRE has been a major focus for SEHS Advising this year. Here are five resources you can share with students who are currently struggling with this exam.

1. SEHS Advising has a PRE coach available on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Sarah Robinson is a student in the Higher Education Leadership M.A. program and a former elementary education major. Sarah meets with students to review test objectives, co-create an action plan for successful PRE preparation, and share helpful resources. If you have a student who can benefit from meeting with Sarah, please have them call 248-370-4182 to schedule an appointment.
2. Thanks to Donna Raymond and James Silvestri, SEHS now has a **MTTC Student Resources** (<http://www.oakland.edu/sehs/advising/mttc?tab=32372>) website dedicated to helping students access multiple preparation resources for the PRE. This website includes links to PRE test objectives, a practice test, and online study aids such as Kahn Academy.
3. We are working with the Department of Writing and Rhetoric to offer a section of WRT 150 in Fall 2015 specifically for education majors. In this course, one third of the content will be dedicated to helping prepare for the writing section of the PRE.
4. SEHS Advising is hosting events to help students prepare to take the PRE on March 9th and 12th. We are encouraging student to attend one of these events prior to their initial PRE attempt to obtain resources and learn from other students who have successfully completed the PRE. Students can sign up for free though **SignUpGenius** (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0949aac2ca4f58-predetermine>).
5. SEHS Outreach and Program Services is offering content-based workshops leading up to each paper-based test. The next workshop series is scheduled for early April 2015: Writing - Thursday, April 2nd, Mathematics - Thursday, April 9th, and Reading - Wednesday, April 15th. Students can sign up for \$15 per session by searching "MTTC" at **PACE registration** (<https://sail.oakland.edu:7779/flexibleregistrationPROD/index.jsp?frc=PAC1112>).

Please contact advising if you are interested in collaborating or have other ideas to help our students pass the PRE!

ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SEHS Alumni Earns Outstanding Dissertation Award

Dr. Karen Michelle Lee, an OU doctoral alumni in Educational Leadership, has been awarded the Donald A Gatzke Outstanding Dissertation Award for 2015, by the American Association of University Administrators. Her dissertation titled, *Impact of a Reaffirmation Accreditation Program on Institutional Assessment Culture*, was defended in 2012 with Dr. Julia Smith as her chair.

Congratulations to Karen!



IN THE NEWS

Updated Headshots Available for FREE!

If you do not currently have a headshot, or if yours is outdated and you would like a new one taken, you're in luck! UCM is currently offering FREE headshots. Photos are taken in the second floor studio of Anibal House, starting at 10am.

If you are interested in having your photo taken, please complete the **online form** (<http://wwwp.oakland.edu/amguidebook/misc-information/monthly-headshots/>). You must select James Silvestri as your Account Manager AND notify him via **email** (<mailto:jmsilves@oakland.edu?subject=Monthly%20Headshot%20Registration>) that you have signed up. Photos are taken on a first-sign-up, first-serve basis. There is a maximum of 20 participants per shoot. See the above form for upcoming dates and times.

For additional information, contact **James Silvestri** (<mailto:jmsilves@oakland.edu?subject=Monthly%20Headshot%20Inquiry>).



Family Literature Night at Lowry

Even a very cold and somewhat snowy evening did not keep families away from the Lowry Center's Family Literature Night on Wednesday, February 18, 2015. Students in the EC 322 course: *Language Arts, Literacy, and Creative Arts*, guided by instructor Julie Burns-Ross, provided 18 interactive stations for children and their families to explore. Each station was based on a book, and ranged from a play, *The Little Red Hen*; to a puppet show, *The Three Pigs*; to a movement activity, *He Came with the Couch*; to art projects like making Rainbow Fish; to exploring a frog habitat, *One Frog Sang*; and many more.

It was a fun and educational evening, funded in large part by the Johns Book Fund. Each family took home a goodie bag with writing tools, bookmarks, and a notepad. Each child also received a new book from Scholastic.

Thank you to Dr. & Mrs. Johns for supporting children's natural excitement about literature!



2015 Educational Development Grant Proposal Guidelines

Please use the guidelines found on the **Senate Teaching and Learning Committee website** (<https://www.oakland.edu/Default.aspx?id=32707&sid=230&CWFriendlyUrl=true>) when preparing your Educational Development grant proposal. The proposal should be no longer than two pages double-spaced and must include ALL of the information listed on the site.

Completed and signed proposals must be submitted as a pdf file to **Kimberly Holka** (<mailto:holka@oakland.edu?subject=Grant%20proposal>) no later than 5pm on March 23, 2015.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Fun Day - March 28, 2015

OUCARES will host Family Fun Day on Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 12-4pm in the Recreation Center. There is no cost to attend this event.

Activities will include an information fair with over 20 organizations, art projects, caricatures, face painting, bouncy inflatables, swimming from 12-2pm (bring your own towel) and a sensory room, hosted by Kaufman Children's Center.

All ages are welcome.

For additional information, visit the **OUCARES webpage** (<http://wwwp.oakland.edu/oucares/>), or call (248) 370-2424.



CELEBRATIONS



If you do not wish to have your birthday announced, please contact James Silvestri at jmsilves@oakland.edu (<mailto:jmsilves@oakland.edu?subject=Birthday%20exclusion>).

ABOUT THE SEHS BULLETIN

Welcome to the SEHS Bulletin, where faculty and staff can share news and celebrate the wonderful things happening in SEHS. The bulletin is the perfect place to share information about your publications and awards, special projects and committee news, as well as announce events.

All are welcome to send items for inclusion. If you choose to do so, please ensure that your items are print ready, that you include all related links, and that you have permission to publish any photos being submitted. Please put "SEHS Bulletin" in the subject line and email your information to:

sehs@oakland.edu (<mailto:sehs@oakland.edu?subject=SEHS%20Bulletin>).

If you have questions about the bulletin, feel free to email James Silvestri at jmsilves@oakland.edu (<mailto:jmsilves@oakland.edu?subject=SEHS%20Bulletin>).



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