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WHAT IS YOUR LEAST FAVORITE THANKSGIVING DISH?

42%

A) DRY TURKEY

16%

B) SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

27%

C) STUFFING

15%

D) CRANBERRY SAUCE

University denies Post's FOIA request concerning John Beaghan's retirement

JEFF THOMAS

Editor-in-Chief

Oakland University has denied The Post's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for documents pertaining to former Vice President for Finance and Administration John Beaghan's Oct. 22 exit from the university.

On Nov. 5, I sent a FOIA request asking for:

"The following documents pertaining to former Vice President for Finance and Administration John Beaghan's retirement: Internal memos and emails in the lead up to and following Beaghan's meeting with President Pescovitz on Friday, October 22nd that pertain to that meeting, any documents, memos, or emails pertaining to a non-disclosure agreement Beaghan signed in accordance with his retirement, and the non-disclosure agreement Beaghan signed in accordance with his retirement."

After the university failed to respond to the request within the five business days that they are legally obligated to do so, I sent a follow up email at 11:45 a.m. on Nov. 16 saying, "We're past the five business days. I need an update on this request."

The university responded seven minutes later at 11:52 a.m. with a letter notifying an extension saying, "This letter is notice extending the period during which Oakland University will respond to your request to Dec. 1, 2021, to allow the University to determine whether non-exempt, public records that may be responsive to your request exist and to compile same."



PHOTO BY MAGGIE WILLARD

The Oakland Center and South Foundation Hall with Elliott Tower in the distant background. The campus community members inhabiting these spaces will be impacted by current turnover happening in upper levels of the administration.

On Thursday Nov. 18, the university sent their response denying my request.

"Your request for "...Internal memos and emails in the lead up to and following Beaghan's meeting with President Pescovitz on Friday, Oct. 22 that pertain to that meeting..." is denied, as such information or records is subject to the attorney-client privilege.

Your request for "any documents, memos, or emails pertaining to a non-disclosure agreement Beaghan signed in accordance with his retirement, and the non-disclosure agreement Beaghan signed in accordance with his retirement." is denied. I hereby certify that no public records in the possession of Oakland University responsive to your request exist."

The Post requested a statement from President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz concerning the denial of our FOIA request, as well as any additional statement providing transparency about Beaghan's exit from OU. As of writing, there's been no response to that request.

A longtime VP, Beaghan was going on 17 years with OU before his departure in October. His abrupt retirement stood out as unusual, as it is typical for someone in that high up of an administrative position to give multiple months' worth of notice before leaving so a proper transition in leadership can occur.

Following his exit, the university immediately removed his staff page. As of writing, OU Magazine articles including him have been reduced to one. The university never released a formal statement concerning his retirement until The Post requested one. That statement read:

"John Beaghan announced his retirement from Oakland University on Friday, Oct. 22. We wish John all the best in his future endeavors. Plans for a national search will be announced in the coming weeks. In the meantime, Tom LeMarbe has agreed to serve as Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration."

It is our understanding that the search for Beaghan's replacement has begun and is being led by recently hired Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost Britt Rios-Ellis. Also worth noting is that, as of last week, Jim Hargett is serving as Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration.

The Post will continue covering turnover in the administration.

It's unclear how increase in university's net position will benefit students

SARAH GUDENAU

Features Editor

At the Board of Trustees (BOT) audit committee meeting last month, we learned Oakland University's net position increased \$71.6 million in fiscal year 2021 (FY21). What we don't know is exactly how that money benefits OU students.

The former Vice President for Finance and Administration John Beaghan said at the meeting: "The university's net position increased by \$71.6 million in FY21 primarily due to investment income of \$50 million; gifts of nearly \$8 million; additions to permanent endowments, \$9 million; capital gifts and grants, \$4 million; and an increase in state appropriations, which was a direct offset to a prior year appropriation decrease of \$6 million."

"These increases in net position were reduced primarily by a decrease in tuition revenue of \$7 million. A decline in auxiliary activities revenue, \$9 million — primarily due to the pandemic — was largely offset by a reduction in auxiliary operating expenses."

According to page 12 of the Draft Financial Statements from FY21, the net position increase "is primarily attributed to nonoperating activities..."

Nonoperating revenues include state appropriations, gifts, net investment income, interest expense, pell grants and federal grants. Operating revenues include net tuition, grants and contracts, departmental activities and net auxiliary activities.

Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration Jim Hargett broke down the increase in net position further: \$50 million from investment income, \$7.6 million from gifts, \$9.0 million from additions to permanent endowments, \$4.0 million from capital gifts and grants and \$6 million from an increase in state appropriations which was a direct offset to a prior year appropriation decrease.

However, the increase was offset by a "\$5.9 million decrease in state appropriations, \$5.3 million decrease in auxiliary activity primarily due to student housing, COVID-19 refunds, and a \$3.2 million increase in scholarship allowances, and a \$1.9 million increase in depreciation," according to the Draft Financial Statements, totalling \$16.3 million.

Along with university housing, auxiliary activities also include Meadow Brook Estate, the Golf & Learning Center and the Oakland Center. According to the Draft Financial Statements, auxiliary activity expenses decreased from \$346,830 in 2020 to

\$338,061 in 2021 primarily due to COVID-19.

In regard to the benefits of the increase in net position, Karen Miller, Ph.D., associate professor of history and president of OU's chapter of the American Association of University Professors (OU AAUP) said: "This is something that we [faculty] have been asking for greater clarification ourselves...there's absolutely no doubt that the university gained significantly from their investments."

Hargett shared what the increase in net position means for OU students:

Many of the gifts to OU from donors go toward student scholarships.

Permanent endowments also go toward student scholarships.

Capital gifts and grants benefit students through research opportunities and potential lab jobs that help them continue their studies.

Positive investment returns can sometimes be used in our building projects to enhance facilities on campus, giving our students advantages in the learning environment.

Additional point — over \$30 million of our investment income was in the endowment fund which increases the amount of scholarships that can be provided to students in perpetuity.

The scholarships Hargett mentioned



PHOTO BY NOORA NEIROUKH

OU's net position increased by \$71.6 million in FY21. The OU community wonders how the increase will benefit students.

could offset cuts made to incoming student scholarships since 2019. For example, the Gold Presidential Scholar annual award — \$10,000 in 2019 — is \$9,000 in 2021; the Distinguished Scholar annual award — \$6,000 in 2019 — is now \$5,500; the OU Talented Scholar annual award — \$4,000 in 2019 — is \$3,500; and the Academic Achievement annual award — \$3,000 in 2019 — is \$2,500.

While this seems possible, it's still unclear specifically what the funds will be used for.

Student Body President concerned over OSI spending SAFAC dollars

JEFF THOMAS

Editor-in-Chief

Questions are being raised about the transfer of tens of thousands of dollars since June from Oakland University's Student Activity Fund Assessment Committee (SAFAC) organizations to the Office for Student Involvement (OSI).

The funds, solicited by OSI Director Jean Ann Miller and her staff, have been used specifically to cover payroll of OSI employees and offset budget deficits of OSI departments.

SAFAC orgs are the largest student-run organizations at OU. They are organizations that have been historically designated by students as being important enough to receive small portions of the stipend of tuition collected from every student (currently \$28.50 per semester) to perform specific tasks that serve the campus community.

For instance: The Oakland Post receives funds to publish a student newspaper, WXOU receives funds to run a student radio station, Student Program Board (SPB) receives funds to coordinate events for students and so on.

SAFAC orgs rely on the tuition dollars they're allocated to succeed in their missions. The revelation that OSI asked for and

received some of those funds was concerning to newly elected Oakland University Student Congress (OUSC) President Andrew Romano.

"I was kind of shocked," Romano said. "Student orgs I know for a fact come [to OUSC] all the time and they're like, oh, like we're getting denied funding [because Student Activities Finance Board (SAFB) said] this isn't benefiting the students enough so they're not gonna fund [it]. So then hearing the OSI was getting \$10,000 from SAFB when they're not a student org was a little bit shocking."

Financial records indicate OSI received \$10,000 from the SPB on June 10. On June 14, another \$10,000 was transferred to OSI's account from SAFB's account. Records indicate that this money was used by OSI to cover payroll, though it is unclear exactly whose pay was covered as OSI employs both professional university employees and student workers.

The Post approached Miller for an interview regarding this situation on Oct. 27. She did not respond to our request. On Nov. 9, Vice President of Student Affairs and Chief Diversity Officer Glenn McIntosh was also contacted about an interview. The request sent to McIntosh made it clear that OSI had solicited funds from SAFAC orgs and that Miller hadn't responded to

our interview request. McIntosh never responded to the request.

While Miller and McIntosh never responded to The Post's interview requests, Miller did provide the following statement on Nov. 14.

"The Office for Student Involvement did not solicit tens of thousands of dollars from the SAFAC organizations. Student Program Board (SPB) and Student Activities Funding Board (SAFB) approved a one-time funding in April 2021 for the Office for Student Involvement. The funding is being used to enhance the resources and services available to student organizations to function more effectively and efficiently and engage students by offering more diverse campus programming opportunities since returning to campus in person this fall."

The financial aspects of Miller's statement are complicated by a couple different facts. No. 1, the one-time payments OSI solicited and received from SPB and SAFB totaled \$20,000, which is quite literally tens of thousands of dollars. The second complication is that meeting minutes from SAFB meetings held last March and August indicate OSI has asked for more than just those one-time payments.

March 17 meeting minutes outline statements from OSI employees and SAFB advisors Stephanie Jurva and Mariah Mortellaro about how OSI would be asking for funds to offset budget cuts. Meeting minutes from March 24 outline that OSI was requesting \$15,000 to \$18,000 from OUSC, SPB and SAFB to cover staffing. A sponsorship to OSI of 1% of SAFB's SAFAC allocation going forward was also discussed at the meeting.

Meeting minutes from the Aug. 9 SAFB meeting outline another \$14,507.73 that OSI was requesting from SAFB for its Leadership and Service budget. Of that \$14,507.73, the request detailed \$7,040 going to payroll, \$2,920 going to service and \$4,425 going to leadership.

The OSI's functional relationship with the SAFAC orgs is to provide resources and administrative services. OSI processes payroll for student workers in the SAFAC orgs. It processes financial transactions made with SAFAC org accounts, and OSI

employees answer questions and supply assistance to student leaders when necessary.

Of the SAFAC tuition allocation money — Special Projects Fund receives 1%, Student Video Productions receives 4%, Club Sports receives 6%, SAFB receives 27%, SPB receives 27%, OUSC receives 15%, The Oakland Post receives 7%, Student Life Lecture Board receives 3% and WXOU receives 10%.

It's worth noting that, while OSI can lobby for funds, it is not authorized to just take money from the SAFAC orgs. Any transfer of funds from a SAFAC org has to be approved by that org's leadership beforehand. Leadership of SAFAC orgs consists of students and non-student advisors who are typically either OU AAUP faculty or university employees.

While students are ultimately in charge of making the decisions in SAFAC orgs, advisors do have considerable influence over how an organization operates. Advisors are a relative constant, often spending years advising an organization, while students in leadership positions with an org fluctuate on a yearly basis.

Presently, the three SAFAC orgs with the largest percent allocation — SPB, SAFB and OUSC — are all advised exclusively by OSI staff. This means that 69% of the total SAFAC allocation is exclusively in the advising hands of the OSI. OUSC is advised directly by Miller.

OUSC is important generally because it serves as a governing body that is designed to represent students. It is the only SAFAC org with leaders democratically elected by the student body, and the only SAFAC org with the authority to set standards for the rest of the SAFAC orgs. In the context of this story, OUSC is important because the organization has had an extraordinarily unusual year.

A controversy over unpaid workers caused unprecedented turnover with leadership positions in OUSC at the beginning of the fall semester. As adviser, Miller was actively resistant to OUSC Legislators receiving wages for the hours they were working. This suppression of wages led directly to a Legislator strike and ultimately an exodus of Executive Board members from the organization.



PHOTO BY SOPHIE HUME

The outside of OSI's office downstairs in the Oakland Center. OUSC President Andrew Romano is asking questions about how the department is spending tuition dollars.

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Following the strike, Romano and his running mate Murryum Farooqi were elected last month in the first OUSC special election since 1982. Romano realized relatively early on that OSI had obtained the \$10,000 contributions from both SPB and SAFB. This was a red flag because SAFB's constitution explicitly forbids it from funding any departments and OSI is a department.

SAFB exists almost exclusively to provide funds to GrizzOrgs. During the summer semesters when these transactions took place, SAFB provided approximately \$5,600 to student orgs while approximately \$24,000 was solicited from them by OSI.

As SAFB is under the jurisdiction of OUSC, Romano and his staff sought answers about the situation. Things took a turn once he started asking questions.

"When I did ask [Miller] about it the first time, she acted like I was crazy," Romano said. "She was like, 'Oh, my God, I don't know what you're talking about.' When I asked her about the \$10,000 she said, 'Andrew, I don't know what you're talking about.' Then when I kept asking ... and pestering them ... Then she said she'd have to look into it."

In a meeting last month, OUSC leadership confronted

Miller about the \$10,000 that was transferred from SAFB to OSI. They explained that SAFB providing the funds was a violation of their constitution and asked why OSI would be breaking the org's rules.

Miller responded saying, "It was a decision between OSI and SAFB, no other groups, about helping with funding for the staffing in OSI of staff that directly assist with student organizations ... to make sure that there were resources and services provided to student organizations."

OUSC ultimately argued that according to SAFB's constitution the \$10,000 should be returned. Miller responded saying there was precedent and similar transfers had occurred in the past. OUSC argued that precedents of constitution breaking aren't valid and the money should be returned. Miller then stated that OSI didn't have \$10,000 to just give back.

Following this interaction, Romano was struck by what OUSC leaders viewed as an example of a lack of transparency from OSI. Their belief is there had been a concerted effort to conceal the fact that these transactions had taken place, and that effort was part of a trend of OSI being less than forthright with SAFAC orgs about important information relating to their orgs.

"I think there's a lot of secrecy going around," Romano said. "... It's like you're pulling teeth for answers. It limits the ability of [SAFAC] to do things and work with each other when we don't know how our other orgs work. [When] we don't know how funding works. [When] we don't know where the money is. [When] we don't know where the money's going. Why is that such [a] secret?"

Since the \$10,000 SAFB transaction to OSI has become an issue, Miller has told OUSC staff that she's been advised not to discuss the transaction any longer. It is unclear who would be advising Miller to be less than transparent with a SAFAC org about matters concerning their finances.

While the sums solicited from SPB and SAFB are large enough to stand out, the phenomenon of Miller asking SAFAC orgs for money is not new. It has been common practice for OSI to solicit money from the SAFAC orgs in smaller sums for their campus events for years now. The events are presented by Miller during SAFAC meetings as occasions where everyone has



PHOTO BY NOORA NEIROUKH
President Andrew Romano and Vice-President Murryum Farooqi stand proudly in front of Vandenberg Hall.

to chip in. While providing money isn't a hard requirement, there is pressure to contribute.

For this September's OSI All Night Party, SAFAC orgs were solicited and contributed upwards of \$15,000 toward the event. Roughly half of this money came from SPB, which to be fair is an organization specifically designed to program events from students. Still, several thousand dollars came from organizations not specifically intended to host events. SAFB, which isn't supposed to be doing anything except funding GrizzOrgs, contributed at least \$5,000.

The reason Miller has indicated for soliciting and receiving these sums of money from the SAFAC orgs is that there are budgetary concerns.

"She told me Student Affairs didn't give her enough money," Romano said. "So she had to 'get creative with funding' to find the funds elsewhere for payroll."

Miller's assertion that OSI has solicited the funds to help offset budget cuts is interesting. While the OU transparency report indicates a decrease in funding for student services from \$26,510,423 during the 2018-2019 school year to \$24,721,864 in 2019-2020, it is unclear whether that decrease affected the OSI's allocation from the general fund. Regardless, this reasoning didn't sit well with OUSC leaders.

"It just doesn't make sense to me," Romano said. "Because it's like, with SAFAC orgs, we would never go to the OSI and say, 'Hey, we didn't budget correctly, we now need money to pay our workers.' So it seems irresponsible ... I

wouldn't be allowed to go to them [for \$10,000]. Why are they able to go to us?"

These recent transactions from SAFAC orgs to the OSI have raised questions about how ethical it is for Miller and her staff to be coming to the SAFAC orgs they advise for money.

"I know the power dynamics," Romano said. "... Advisors, inherently they're adults and students just gravitate to them. So you see this inherent power dynamic ... students are more willing to trust them right away. And sometimes that power dynamic can be bad ... You would never think somebody who's called the adviser, who's an adult, [that] they were misleading you or had bad intentions in mind. Students really thought they were helping by giving OSI \$10,000 ... Without knowing the full implications that this money should be going to students, not to staff for the OSI."

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PHOTO BY MAGGIE WILLARD
The Oakland Center, home of the Office for Student Involvement.

OU Has Talent crowns winner, draws large audience turnout

LAUREN REID

Content Editor

The Habitat was full of life and energy last Thursday, Nov. 18 as Student Program Board's (SPB) annual OU Has Talent (OUHT) sported an impressive lineup, panel of judges and fired-up audience.

Talent show performers had to audition to snag a spot — resulting in nine acts, ranging from singing, hip-hop dancing and even a viola player. The judges included School of Music, Theatre and Dance (SMTD) professor Bret Hoag, professional musician JonPaul Wallace and Office for Student Involvement (OSI) staff member, Bobbi Hayden.

Kicking off the show with an emotional rendition of Adele's "When We Were Young," singer Maddy Iwrey was praised by the judges on her confidence and vocal dynamics. Singer Elizabeth Novak took the stage next, covering another iconic Adele ballad, "Rolling in the Deep."

"It was exciting to get to perform live again," Novak said post-show. "[Just so] great to be on stage again."

Singer and guitarist Adam Hill performed three songs next, followed by viola player Victoria Sutherland, who Hoag was especially impressed by — calling her performance "wonderful" and "spectacular."

The fifth act came from singer Hannah Brendle, who sang Ella Eyre's "We Don't Have to Take our Clothes Off." All three judges admired Brendle's cool, unique vocal stylings.

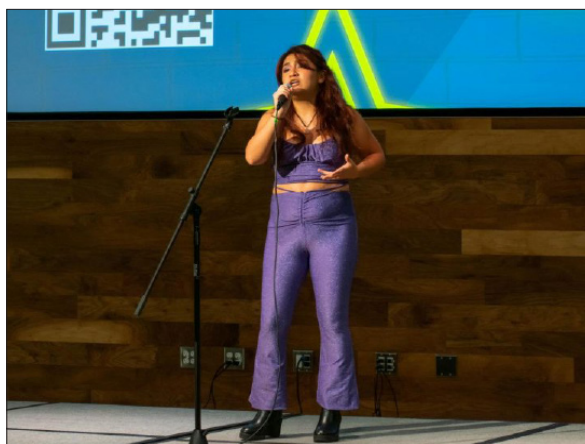


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Singer and "People's Choice" winner Larissa Diosdada.

The final four acts included: pianist and singer Angelo Espinosa, who pulled off a key change that especially impressed Wallace, Larissa Diosdado — who's fun take on Selena Quintanilla's "Como La Flor" had the audience energized and entertained, surprisingly newly-formed band Frenchy and the Frenchman and to close out the night, Intrigue Hip-Hop, who left it all out on the dance floor.

Wallace captivated the audience while performing some songs of his own after all the OUHT entry's had performed — including some

yet-to-be released music, which had the crowd chanting "put it on Spotify!"

At the night's end, the judges selected who would take home first, second and third place, and the audience was able to vote for the people's choice winner.

Not surprisingly, the people's choice went to Diosdado. The energy, spirit and light she brought to the stage was evident — the crowd absolutely loved her performance.

As far as the judges picks: Sutherland took home the third place trophy, Intrigue Hip-Hop brought home second and Brendle capped off her evening with the first place title.

"[It feels] crazy [to win], I was not expecting that," Brendle said. "I've been having a really bad week and I really needed it."

Brendle mentioned her song choice stemmed from liking the lyrics, saying she felt they were "meaningful, and had a lot of passion."

Joshua Robinson, president of SPB, said OUHT was probably the biggest turnout SPB has had at an event this year.

"Putting on live events is really fun, but at the same time, really stressful," Robinson said. "We always get through it, and the reaction from the crowd and the students just makes it all worth it."

One of SPB's upcoming events is Minute to Win It — taking place Dec. 1 in The Habitat. For more information on upcoming events and activities, check out their page on GrizzOrgs.

Over 500 students participate in annual OU Day of Service

JOSEPH POPIS

Senior Reporter

This year's OU Day of Service was a great success that saw a variety of students, faculty and staff support the community. The event took place on Wednesday, Nov 17, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Ballrooms A & B of the Oakland Center.

The Leadership and Volunteer Center (LVC) were the organizers of this event. Various on and off-campus organizations sponsored tables with different service projects that participants were able to assist in. Since the service event ran all day and was flexible, students could come and go as they pleased.

"It was a day for anyone: students, faculty and staff," Daryl Blackburn, coordinator of Leadership and Service programs, said. "We ran it all day because it is easy to access for someone to come in and give back to the community. It allows us to give back on a greater scale. We allowed people to sign in and out as much as they wanted."

The Leadership and Volunteer Center partnered with both on-campus and off-campus organizations to provide projects for students to partake in. These on-campus organizations included: the Association of Black Students (ABS),

Student Program Board (SPB), American Red Cross Club (ARCC) and Project Big Sister (PBS). Off-campus organizations featured: Project Linus, Oakland County Schools, Walton Wood Senior Living and Give Kids the World Village.

SPB was one of the on-campus organizations that sponsored a table at the OU day of service.

"For OU day of service, we sponsored one of the service tables," Joshua Robinson, president of SPB, said. "What that sponsorship involved was a table dedicated to making cards sent to soldiers who are deployed around the United States. In addition, we hosted a hump day at OU day of service, and at that hump day, we provided food for everybody doing the activities. We also wanted to sponsor a table to give back to students and provide some value to the community."

A variety of projects were available for participants to work on. These projects include making dog toys out of old t-shirts, creating cat toys out of empty toilet paper rolls, making holiday cards for veterans, creating tie blankets and assembling literacy kits.

The atmosphere of the event was laid back and fun. It gave people an opportunity to meet others, service the community and have a good time.

"When we booked the rooms, the

first thing I told them was we wanted the big wall of the banquet room to be open," Blackburn said. "Because to me, it is so much more inviting when that wall is open. Students can walk by and see other students in there talking and having fun. The vibe of it was chill, we had the wall open, music playing, a slideshow on the screen on loop to show who was sponsoring the tables. It was super inviting and fun."

Participants were provided with an enjoyable experience while servicing the community at the same time.

"I definitely think it was something that students enjoyed," Emily Bernas, graduate assistant in the LVC, said. "They were kind of plotting out how they were going to spend their time. It was a fun atmosphere as they got to do service projects without realizing that they were doing service projects."

A collaborative effort helped create this event.

"First, we reached out to different student organizations to see if they wanted to sponsor a table," Bernas said. "So we had like five or six different student organizations sponsor a table. Our second step was to reach out to students and let them know that this is a thing and it's a great way to get service hours. The third step was trying to figure out projects and what organization were



PHOTO BY NOORA NEIROUKH
Over 500 students participated in this year's OU Day of Service.

able to use those projects."

Last year's OU day of service event was not able to happen in person due to the pandemic. So in place of it, activity kits were created that volunteers could pick up and take home. Once the activities were completed, they were to be dropped back off.

For those interested in participating in future events happening on-campus, visit GrizzOrgs.

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Learn about and experience Chanukah at upcoming JSO event

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Senior Reporter

The Jewish Student Organization (JSO) will be hosting a party on Nov. 29 from 3 to 5 p.m. to celebrate the Jewish holiday of Chanukah. This event will be taking place in the Lake Superior Room of the Oakland Center.

Students can expect to eat traditional Jewish foods, partake in cookie decorating and engage in a dreidel tournament. Participants will also be able to sing prayers and learn about the story of Chanukah. Everyone is welcome to attend this celebration.

“The Jewish Student Organization is in connection with the Hillel of Metro Detroit,” Alissa Bandalene, president of JSO, said. “What we do is we provide a safe space on campus for students who are Jewish as well as anyone who wants to learn about Jewish culture, religion and traditions. We throw events and programs not only educating about the Jewish holidays, traditions and experiences, but also celebrating them and having fun.”

For JSO, the significance of this event is to celebrate the holiday of Chanukah in person and share it with the students of OU.

“To be able to do something in person after the incredibly difficult years we’ve just been through,” Bandalene said. “Also to welcome anyone in the community that wants to come to celebrate with us.”

This event offers students the chance to get

more familiar with the organization. In addition, students can learn more about Jewish culture and some background information on Chanukah.

“It offers them an opportunity to learn more about this organization,” Lily Hooberman, vice president of the Jewish Student Organization, said. “They are able to learn more about the history of Chanukah and can make new friends and create memories. They can gain a new experience about how Chanukah is celebrated and how they’re able to interact with other cultures.”

Several different Jewish cultural foods will be provided that students who are not Jewish or familiar with Jewish culture may not have experienced before. Some of these foods include traditional Chanukah foods such as latkes and kugel.

“There’s going to be many different types of Jewish foods such as kugel which is like noodles with fruit in it,” Hooberman said. “There is another food called latkes which is like a fried potato pancake that you can dip in applesauce and sour cream. It’s really good.”

Participants will also be partaking in a dreidel tournament. Bandalene describes a dreidel as a spinning top that you twist at the top to make it spin. There are four sides to a dreidel, with each side encompassing a Jewish letter on it. Each letter has its own meaning that tells a player what to do. Little bags of chocolate gold coins, otherwise known as gelt, are put into the middle, and it’s a game of whether you take or lose some.

JSO strives to put on events where people can become involved and have a good time. Anyone

interested in attending this celebration of Chanukah or future events presented by this organization is encouraged to visit [LINKTR.EE/HMDET](https://linktr.ee/HMDET) or JSO.



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Hillel of Metro Detroit is a foundation for Jewish Campus Life. They have chapters on a plethora of college campuses, including OU, Wayne State and U-M Dearborn.

Chartwells hosts “Thank-ful” event to fight food insecurity

D’JUANNA LESTER

Senior Reporter

On Thursday, Nov. 18, Chartwells at Oakland University hosted a Thanksgiving event — Thank-ful. Thank-ful is a nationwide event that takes place at more than 300 U.S. college and university campuses. At the OU event, students had the opportunity to give thanks, celebrate togetherness and fight food insecurity.

“We want to focus on less fun activities and more on community events,” one of the employees from Chartwells said. “The Thank-Ful event is about service and giving back to the community — a time to be thankful and celebrate.”

Taking place at 11:30 and 4:30 in both the Vandenburg and Hillcrest dining halls, students were served a Friendsgiving-type meal with classic Thanksgiving dishes — turkey breast, poultry dressing stuffing, green bean casserole, roasted carrots, brown sugar glazed ham, olive oil mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, lime cilantro cabbage coleslaw, cranberry crumble, sweet potato pie and baked macaroni and cheese.

The dining halls had a variety of dessert options, and students had the chance to vote for their favorite. Students said: “The food was really good” and “The rolls and turkey were especially delicious. I also got some of the sweet potato soup.”

Many students showed up throughout the day to enjoy the Friendsgiving feast. For every student that swiped into Hillcrest and Vandenburg to get food

during the day, items were donated by Chartwells to Lighthouse of Pontiac — an organization based in Oakland County, which, partnered with South Oakland Shelter, fights to alleviate poverty in communities through service.

Students also had the opportunity to spin a special wheel in order to win fun prizes. The prizes included: koozies, stickers, reusable straws, lip balm, gatorade bottles, fidget pens and even a spinner’s choice. The wheel was very popular among the students, and many koozies were given away.

Among the special events in the hall was a “thankful” wall. Students could write things they were thankful for on colorful sticky notes, and then post the notes on a wall in the middle of the hall. Many notes talked about family and friends. Others included people’s names such as those of their friends and significant others. Some unique ones included “this grant money,” “Saturday breakfasts,” “One Direction,” “ice cream” and “therapy.”

With so much to be thankful for, notes were overlapping on the board. One student said: “On the way out, we passed by the wall of thanks. It had way more sticky notes

on it than it did back when we put ours on. I put my professor, and one of us put John, one of the Chartwells workers, since he’s been very helpful.”

OU is also hosting a food drive throughout the month of November to support the on-campus food pantry, in addition to donating items to Lighthouse of Pontiac. To learn more about how to donate to the OU food pantry or receive food assistance, visit <https://oakland.edu/osi/pantry/> or stop at the pantry in the basement of the Oakland Center.



PHOTO BY SOPHIE HUME
Students express what they’re thankful for on colorful sticky notes.

Pre-Law Club and Alpha Sigma Tau host 1920's prom fundraiser

GRACE LOVINS

Senior Reporter

Oakland University's Pre-Law club collaborated with Alpha Sigma Tau sorority to host a 1920's themed prom on Friday, Nov. 19 in the ballrooms of the Oakland Center. The prom was open to any OU students and tickets were sold for \$30 each, also serving as a fundraiser for HAVEN — a women's shelter based in Pontiac, Michigan.

The event was put together by Sarah Smyth, vice president of Pre-Law club and philanthropy chair for Alpha Sigma Tau, Matthew Yarrish, president of Pre-Law club, and several members of Alpha Sigma Tau sorority and the Pre-Law club. Yarrish and Smyth decided on a prom fundraiser as a substitute for individuals who were not able to attend their high school prom.

"Matthew and I were discussing how, when we graduated, we were the last years to get prom because the last two COVID-19 years didn't," Smyth said. "We thought that, not only would this be helping HAVEN but a lot of people who missed out on their prom and really wanted to go now have an opportunity to go to one."

Tickets sold for the prom served as donations for HAVEN. The women's shelter serves as Alpha Sigma Tau's local philanthropy — an organization the sorority hopes to provide monetary donations for on the basis of one of the sorority's core pillars: giving back to the community.

HAVEN aims to provide a safe space for women to get away from abusive situations and help them achieve their next steps. Smyth stated they serve as a "step between" — they help women find apartments and get them stocked, or offer space for them to live in the shelter. The shelter also allows women to bring their children and pets with them so, according to Smyth, they don't feel like they are leaving anything behind.

Both Yarrish and Smyth are passionate about the cause and have hosted several events in the past aimed at providing donations for the shelter including Trunk-or-Treat, food and clothing drives, and Christmas wish lists for the children at the shelter. HAVEN offers a variety of volunteer opportunities for individuals looking to support the cause.

"You can learn about how to support

people going through these situations and [they offer] training on if your friend is going through an abusive situation — how to approach it, how to support them, how to get them out if they're ready because you can't until they are," Smyth said. "They also have volunteer opportunities if you want to become a regular volunteer — you can help them stock the food pantry, become a child or life skills mentor or a first responder."

Smyth hoped the prom would help spread awareness about the women's shelter and spark involvement in the organization's cause.

"I want them to understand HAVEN is a part of our community," Smyth said.

"I know a lot of people don't know about it going in and they're such an important pillar. They're doing so much good work for all the kids in the area and they frequently pair with Neighborhood House — an organization for low-income families in the Oakland County area."

Smyth also emphasized the

event's purpose of bringing people together for a night of dining, dancing and gambling, saying, "I also really just want people to be able to have fun. It's supposed to be a fun event, you're supposed to be there with your friends, laughing and chatting, losing all of your fake money while fake gambling."

Smyth and Yarrish hope to inspire continual support for the organization by establishing a donation page for students wanting to contribute to the cause. For more information on HAVEN or for students looking to get involved with the organization, they can reach out to Smyth for volunteer opportunities.



PHOTO BY AMELIA OSADCHUK
OU's Pre-Law club collaborated with Alpha Sigma Tau sorority to host a 1920's themed prom.

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83.9%

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55.3%

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Graham Health Center: (248) 370-2341

Dean of Students Office: (248) 370-3352

Federal, State and/or County funding has been provided through the Oakland Community Health Network Office of Substance Use Disorders to support project costs.

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Men's basketball speeds past Toledo, 80-59 the final

Story by: Matthew Scheidel | Photos by: Anna Drumm | Design by: Carolina Landeros

The Oakland University men's basketball team used a strong second half to blow past the Toledo Rockets 80-59 last Wednesday at the O'Rena. The energy from the crowd definitely made an impact.

It was a rough start for the Golden Grizzlies. Toledo got off on a 9-2 run, then Jalen Moore got a basket off a goaltend heading into the first media timeout.

Oakland seemed to find their footing offensively following the second media timeout. They were settling for a lot of three pointers early, but started dishing the ball inside more, which seemed to pay off.

Jamal Cain was an absolute force in the paint. He scored eight straight points for the Golden Grizzlies, and led them with 12 in the half overall.

The Grizzlies ended the half with a Moore lob to Cain for an alley-oop. The Rockets still led by one, 32-31 at the break.

Oakland had a hot start offensively to start the second half. Cain continued his strong start, and Trey Townsend started getting in on the action. The Golden Grizzlies led 46-43 at the first media timeout of the half.

Blake Lampman deserves credit as the unsung hero of this game. He had five three pointers on the night — including two in the second half to give Oakland a huge momentum shift. They led 53-43 when Toledo finally called a timeout. Oakland continued to pull away from there.

Having the crowd back at the O'Rena was electric. It may have just been an early season non-conference matchup, but it felt like a conference tournament game in early March.

"The volume and the noise in [the O'Rena was] very motivating," Head Coach Greg Kampe said postgame. "I'm really happy that basketball is back at the O'Rena, and I'm

happy I got a good team."

Lampman had similar sentiments after the game.

"We missed [the crowd] a lot last year," Lampman said. "It wasn't the same. We had to kind of create our own energy. Tonight, it was electric. I can't wait to come back home after Christmas. The place was rocking."

It was all Golden Grizzlies in the second half. Cain finished with 29 points and 17 rebounds as Oakland took this one 80-59.

Moore also had a double-double with 17 points and 11 assists in the victory.

Cain attributed his great play on the evening to his athleticism.

"That's something that [Coach Kampe] is always harping on me that I'm great at," Cain said. "I'm just trying to utilize that on the floor. I'm trying to use my quickness to get around guys and use my athleticism to tip the ball out to my teammates...but that's something I've always prided myself on is how I always have a passion for the ball."

Kampe continued to talk very highly of Cain, saying he has a future in the NBA.

"He's a pro. I mean, there's no question in my mind, he's a pro," Kampe said. "I've contacted everybody I know in the NBA — and I know a lot of people in the NBA — and I've contacted everyone. There was an NBA scout here tonight and I'm gonna text him 'I told you,' when I get out of here. The first day of practice, I made this statement: I felt that way the first day of Kendrick Nunn's practice. You just know with those guys, and that doesn't mean he's going to be runner up Rookie of the Year, that just means he's that level."

The Golden Grizzlies will head to Estero, Florida for the Gulf Coast Showcase before starting Horizon League play Dec. 2 at the University of Illinois-Chicago.





OU introduces Taiwan study abroad program

TORI COKER

Marketing Director

Students interested in studying abroad will now have the opportunity to select Taiwan as their destination, thanks to a collaboration between Oakland University, Howard University and Taiwan's National Dong Hwa University (NDHU).

NDHU reached out to the two American universities earlier this year, proposing the three institutions apply for a Taiwanese government grant to cover tuition costs for American students to study in Taiwan. Their proposal was successful, and a three year, \$100,000 grant was awarded.

This partnership — the first to ever be forged between OU and Taiwan — acts as a replacement for OU's previous Chinese language study abroad program based in Beijing. This swap comes amid an apparent national shift enacted by study abroad programs across the US, with many institutions — such as Harvard University — relocating their Chinese language study abroad programs from China to Taiwan. This shift is reflective of the increasingly strained economic and political relations between the US and China, as well as the latter country's isolating response to the global pandemic.

Program Director Hsiang-Hua (Melanie) Chang is an Associate Professor of Chinese in OU's Department of Modern Languages and Literatures. While she praises the quality of OU's previous Beijing partner university, she feels optimistic about engaging students with Chinese language and culture and introducing them to Taiwan through one of the country's most prestigious universities in this new program. She encourages students to be cognizant of not mistaking Taiwan's smaller circumference with lesser importance.

"Taiwan has always been a very important trading partner with the US," Chang said, referencing the

country's eighth place foreign trade partner ranking, "so even though it's not a huge country, it's very important."

A native of the island herself, Chang also promises students a plethora of valuable cultural and natural experiences on their trip.

"All the nature, culture and language is very different from what we have in Michigan, so I really think this is a wonderful opportunity for our students," Chang said. "You can find anything you want in Taiwan — you can find a high island, coral reefs, and even volcanoes. [...] You can find a lot of natural wonders, no matter the high mountain or the deep sea!"

According to the program's page on OU's International Education website, NDHU offers "cultural tours" aimed at exposing students to these natural and cultural wonders of the



PHOTO BY NOORA NEIROUKH

OU's new Taiwan study abroad program will see students spending 12 weeks studying Chinese language and culture at Dong Hwa University.

nation. The university's main campus in ShouFeng, Hualien itself is located just six miles from the Pacific Ocean, a token of this aforementioned change in scenery Michigan students can anticipate.

The program's duration is a total of 15 weeks — the first three of which will be dedicated to quarantine. Participants will then spend 12 weeks within Chinese Language and Culture courses, spending three hours in the classroom each day, five days a week. Previous knowledge of Chinese studies is not required — beginners classes will be offered, and those with experience will be assigned to classes according to the results of a placement exam.

Chang cites the June through Aug. summer program as being most popular amongst students, the deadline to apply for which is Feb 1, 2022. With tuition and housing covered by the grant, students are only responsible for the cost of their Visa and airfare — the total of which is estimated by the program to be around \$2,000.

"\$2,000 to live in a foreign country for three months and bring back 12 OU credits? That's really amazing," Chang said, extending her sincere gratitude to NDHU for making this opportunity possible for OU students.

Emphasizing the ability of these credits to count toward graduation whether used toward a specific program or as free electives, Chang hopes that all students will consider partaking in this program — not just those currently enrolled in Chinese courses.

"Basically, [you just need] a quick curiosity for the world and [an interest in] the Mandarin and Chinese language and culture," Chang said. "Having a study abroad experience in an Asian country — which is completely different from the American experience or the European experience — is very precious. It will be life-changing."

Students interested in applying to this program may do so at <https://oakland.edu/ie/ou-programs/chinese-language-and-culture-in-taiwan/>. For more information, contact Chang at chang23@oakland.edu.

OUWB students promote awareness of gender disparities

RACHEL YIM

Senior Reporter

Two medical students at Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine (OUWB) recently published an article, "Medical Students and Issues of Social Change: Gender Inclusion in Student Organizations," in an effort to diversify the medical student organizations.

Abiba Salahou (M3) and Eric James (M3) are co-authors of the article. According to Salahou and James, the original intent behind the intervention described in the article began with the concern of the executive leadership board for many organizations being predominantly male-dominated. The intervention, therefore, was a tangible way to address the concern.

"We wanted to help foster a sense of intentional inclusion to try and combat some of the gender disparities that end up following upward through the residency matching process and the composition of physicians practicing those specialties," James said.

"Medicine is a field dominated by white males, but [that] doesn't mean our student interest groups' leadership has to be that way," Salahou said.

Salahou and James shared their personal experiences that drove them to raise awareness about inclusion.

Salahou: "As a Black Muslim Woman living in America, I became aware of my identity and 'otherness' from a young age. In undergrad, I learned how to navigate predominantly white spaces, and as I became more interested in medicine, I quickly realized that I would be entering a rather homogeneous field. So, the desire to

challenge the cis-white-male norm has always been there for me."

James: "When I was shadowing, some patients would talk to me while ignoring the female physicians who were the ones that were treating them, and that experience has really stuck with me. Although I haven't witnessed it firsthand, anecdotally many times, male physicians will be introduced as Dr. (name), while female physicians will be introduced by their first name, and personally, I try to avoid that by always introducing any physician as Dr. (name), even when I am interviewing a patient without them."

Their passion in recognizing and educating others about these issues do not just end here; they are both members of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council and Curriculum Committee, and each of them is also actively engaged in

activities that promote awareness of a variety of healthcare disparities such as cultural, racial and socioeconomic.

Outside of school, Salahou works as a trained crisis counselor and Mental Health Peer Advocate. She plans on pursuing a career in child and adolescent psychiatry and hopes to challenge the ways in which systemic racism has barred access to quality healthcare for minority and immigrant communities to continue her passion about social justice issues.

"I am passionate about activism as a whole, and I plan to do more work that focuses on socioeconomic, racial and cultural disparities in healthcare," Salahou said. "I believe these issues are extremely important and something that all doctors should be concerned about, regardless of their specialty."

James is a peer tutor, the vice-chair of the Standing Committee for LGBTQ+ Affairs in the Medical Student Section of the American Medical Association (AMA), as well as a part of some research projects in different fields. He also frequently volunteers with Lighthouse of Michigan at their emergency food distribution sites.

He is interested in Internal Medicine and Emergency Medicine, and hopes to see and make changes regarding the issues of health disparities within the field.

"Healthcare is a really sensitive field, and we see first-hand where a lot of different disparities result in different outcomes, like having access to preventative care and basic medications like insulin, where the complications of uncontrolled diabetes can be very severe and life-changing," James said. "I think we all hope to be able to impact at least some of those areas throughout our careers and hopefully see a shift toward a more inclusive and equitable healthcare system."

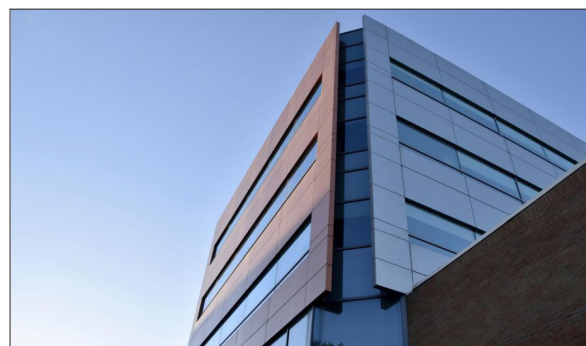


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The home to OUWB, O'Dowd Hall.

OU hosts Afghan Women's Festival to spread awareness

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With big news always happening around the world and in other countries, Oakland University's Film Studies and Production program, along with the College of Arts and Sciences, Student Affairs and Diversity, Women and Gender Studies and the English Department, decided to host a film festival to spread awareness about women in Afghanistan. This was also to bring awareness to the Taliban taking over in Afghanistan.

"Then it clicked for me like okay, we can't, I can't stop the Taliban. Right? I'm just like one person in Michigan," Bridget Kies, assistant professor of film studies and production at OU, said. "But we can have a film festival. And through that, we can help save these movies and give them a big audience. And by watching these movies, we can get people more aware of what's going on."

The event was spread out between three days: Nov. 7, Nov. 14 and Nov. 21. All three days featured films directed by women from Afghanistan, about women in Afghanistan.

The event originally was brought up as an idea back in August when the news was all about the Taliban being recaptured. With this affecting woman, Karimi reached out to the film community asking them to show her movie and any others as they would become banned in Afghanistan very soon.

"It's easy for people to have forgotten what happened in August and to remember that it's still ongoing, right?" Kies said. "The situation is still

ongoing, people are still fleeing for their lives. The Taliban keeps changing the rules, and making things more and more oppressive for women."

The first night featured the movie "A Thousand Girls Like Me" by Sahra Mani in 2018. The film was about a young Afghan woman and her fight after years of abuse from her father. The highlighted message from this film was physical and sexual abuse.

The second night featured: "In the rumbling Belly of Motherland" by Brishkay Ahmed in 2021. This film was about three journalists that reported on the bombings, elections and Taliban in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Last night (11/21) featured the movie: "Hava, Maryam, Ayesha" by Sahraa Karimi, 2019. This film was about women from different backgrounds living in Kabul and the struggles they had to go through in their lives.

The final event also contained a Q&A with guest speakers — Arezo Areapoor, an Afghan actress in Hava, Maryam, Ayesha; Fariba Pajooh, a journalist that was previously stationed in Kabul; Zahra Nazari and Yusuf Sultani, founding members of the new organization Afghan Association of Michigan; and Elizabeth Vasquez, COO, and Nusrat Hussain, senior attorney, from Freedom House Detroit.

While the first two nights were held at the Film Lab in Hamtramck, the final day was held at Cinema Detroit. The film department decided to move these events off campus to open up the opportunities it could bring.

"It's a thing for our community, but we decided to do it off campus because we thought it would also

be a really good opportunity for the university to connect with local movie theaters," Kies said.

At each event there was a mixture of attendees — including many community members, OU students and OU faculty.

"I hope that our students will be more interested in global cinema and feel like they've learned something about Afghanistan," Kies said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BRIDGET KIES

The film "Hava, Maryam, Ayesha" follows three women and their lives in Afghanistan. The OU community was presented this movie during the Afghan Women Film Festival.

Women in Business presents Women in the FBI panel

GRACE LOVINS

Senior Reporter

Women in Business hosted a panel discussion on Wednesday, Nov. 17 about the opportunities available for women in the FBI. The panel was composed of five accomplished women in the FBI, mostly based in Detroit, and was held via Zoom. The panel was open to anybody interested in hearing about the experiences these women had during their tenure, or the process of becoming part of the bureau.

The Women in the FBI discussion was spearheaded by the Women in Business President, Julianna Jones. After reaching out to a different student organization that had previously hosted an FBI-related event, Jones was put in contact with Mary Jordan Abouljoud, an FBI Community Outreach Specialist. Abouljoud was excited about the opportunity to showcase a female's perspective on the field and reached out to four other panelists to share in the experience.

The women in the panel represented various positions within the bureau — such as intelligence analysts, supervisory special agents and HR specialists. The supervisory special agents have served in a plethora of specialties including healthcare fraud, public corruption and financial crimes. Each panelist brought a unique perspective to the discussion and touched on their personal experiences becoming a part of the bureau and offered advice for any individuals hoping to accomplish the same.

Jones and other Women in Business e-board members conducted a poll to survey members about questions they were interested in asking the panelists. Being a student organization, the aim of the panel was to provide a means for anyone interested in a career in the field to learn the requirements and expectations of working for the FBI.

"I think the overall hope was that 'Hey if you've considered working in the FBI or just are curious about it,' I hope that people would've learned from it and considered 'Wow, that's something that would be a great fit for me,' or 'Okay, maybe this isn't something that I'm interested in' — kind of just to really figure that out," Jones said.

"Also, it's not always easy to hear from people in specific careers or jobs that you might want to have someday, so [the panel was] just an opportunity to actually hear from an agent working in the field; What it's like — is it flexible, is it not? — just to hear their perspective. We also wanted to provide an opportunity for students to reach out individually to the speakers if they wanted."

Although Women In Business is an organization that focuses on the female perspective within various industries, the events are open to all OU students. Events also touch on different aspects of professional development.

"We like to hold professional events to help students on campus with professional development. We like to have events that empower women and

give women's different perspective on different events," Jones said. "We kind of just like to have a space for women to share their perspective on things like the [Women in the FBI] panel."

Jones deemed the event a success and felt the panelists' perspectives offered great insight into the inner workings of a role within the FBI.

"I'm very happy with how the event turned out. I think the speakers gave really good perspectives on what their jobs were like and really great advice," Jones said.

Women in Business typically hosts five or six events throughout the semester, changing between in-person and virtual, and will start up again in Winter 2022. Interested students can request membership through GrizzOrgs and look out for dates of future events posted on GrizzOrgs or their Instagram.



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Administrator response to Oakland Post net position article

DAWN AUBRY
Contributor

JAMES HARGETT
Contributor

Dear Oakland Post editors,

We appreciate the opportunity to provide further clarity in light of your recent article, entitled “It’s unclear how increase in university’s net position will benefit students.”

Thank you for helping your readership to understand how the increase in net position will impact the university overall, including our students, as shared with you from the University’s Finance and Administration leadership. Mr. Hargett, Interim CFO, offered further explanation, including a breakdown of investment income, gifts, permanent endowments, state appropriations, capital gifts, and grants. He also demonstrated that revenue decreases offset the gains that were made in many areas.

We shared several examples of what the increase in net position means for students. We also referenced research opportunities, lab experiences, and how investing in facilities with more technology provide learning advantages, as well as how scholarships are strengthened via endowment fund gains.

There is a general misconception that endowment investment returns can be used for any purpose. More specifically, there is an implication that excess scholarship dollars resulting from favorable investment returns in the endowment pool, could be used to offset reductions to institutional awards from the University, such as the Presidential Scholar Award. Endowed scholarships awards stand alone with very specific award criteria articulated by the donor and memorialized in a legal endowment agreement. The University is bound to honor the award criteria articulated in each endowed agreement and has no authority to move endowed scholarship funding to any other purpose. Of note:

The Oakland University Endowment is the aggregate of all separate endowment and gift annuity funds at the university.

Each endowed fund is administered separately to honor the intent of each donor, and the money is restricted for use according to the donor’s wishes. • Currently, we have 404 endowments at Oakland University.

They are most frequently created for scholarships, but OU has endowments for faculty, research, lecture series, programs, and even one for the preservation of Meadow Brook Hall.

This fall alone, Oakland University provided 9,858 total merit and need-based awards to students. We encourage readers to visit oakland.edu/scholarships to view the wide range of OU financial aid opportunities.

Additionally, it is important for readers to know:

OU is faced with a double challenge: first, OU receives the lowest state appropriation per student among the 15 public universities; second, OU

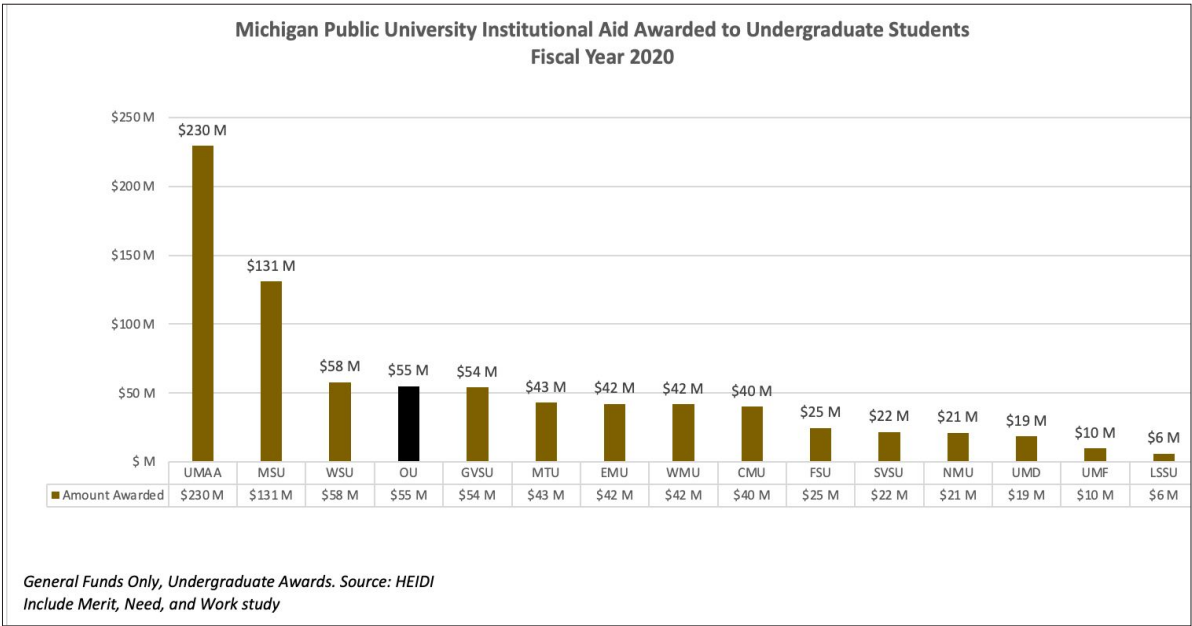
disburses the equivalent of the entire state appropriation (approximately \$54,000,000) to

students in institutional merit and need-based financial aid.

A portion of the institutional Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) allocation was used to fund the Summer Student Campus Corps, which helped to pay wages for students hired to work on special projects.

University Advancement created and

aid opportunities for incoming freshmen and transfer students. In fact, according to the Higher Education Information Database for Institutions (HEIDI) OU offers the fourth-highest amount of need and merit aid in the state, behind only the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, Michigan State University, and Wayne State University. Please see the chart below.



increased special awards to help students with COVID-related hardships. The OU Student Emergency Relief Fund dispersed \$108,000. There were several OU Student Success Scholarships in the School of Business Administration, as well as other majors, that provided awards to students.

The university created the OU Frontline Workers Scholarship, a \$2,500 award for new transfer students who were Michigan Futures for Frontliners participants, honoring those who contributed tirelessly to keep our essential industries running during Michigan’s COVID-19 shutdown.

For incoming freshmen, we offer the Golden Grizzlies Tuition Guarantee, which ensures students with demonstrated financial need receive the necessary funding for tuition. We also offer the OU Golden Grant and the OU Housing Grant, both valued at up to \$5,000 per year, to eligible students with financial need for tuition and/or on-campus housing. Entering freshman students with an Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) of less than \$8,000, as determined by the FAFSA, are automatically considered for these awards.

It is important to note that the modifications made to the incoming student scholarships, mentioned at the conclusion of your article, allowed OU to establish the OU Transfer Grant, which introduced a new opportunity for transfer students with financial need, opening the door for them to attend OU and complete a bachelor’s degree.

Building on the history of Oakland’s commitment to access and affordability, we are proud to offer a variety of merit and need-based

Students should know the university leadership strongly supports and advocates for students in many ways, including through personal gifts that create scholarship and endowment opportunities for students. For example, in 2021, President Pescovitz made personal gifts totaling \$1,250,000 to support student scholarships.

Furthermore, the median debt of students graduating in the United States is \$28,000, while the median debt in Michigan is \$29,837. The median debt of Oakland University graduates is below both, at \$26,889, thanks in large part to the support we have described above. In fact, more than half of all OU students receive non-loan financial assistance totaling \$90 million annually.

Finally, thanks to their outstanding education, our students are able to land excellent jobs upon graduation. In fact, the median salary of OU graduates in 2020 was \$55,000 per year, above the national median of \$54,686. Thus, students are able to earn gratifying and high paying jobs, and are well positioned to repay any loan debt.

We appreciate the opportunity to share these points. At Oakland University, we are dedicated to student success and increasing access and affordability. We look forward to supporting our students to meet and exceed their educational goals.

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CVS drops Supreme Court case, victory for disability

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The case of CVS v. Doe was set to be heard on Dec. 7 by the Supreme Court of the United States. This case could have set back decades of progress for disability rights — specifically Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

The issue at hand was “a prescription drug plan managed by CVS that required people needing specialty medications to get them by mail rather than at a local pharmacy,” reports Disability Scoop. The company was then sued by five people, arguing that the rule of this plan prevented them from getting appropriate care, and therefore, discriminating against them because of their disability.

CVS then counterargued, claiming that Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act didn’t protect against “disparate impact.” Disparate impact is often known as unintentional discrimination, where a system’s rules and practices may appear neutral, but actually disproportionately affect a group.

If the Supreme Court was to favor CVS in this case, disability rights protections would be severely affected. This could also have the potential to affect the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as well as the Affordable Care Act (ACA). If Section 504 was dismantled, such protections such as 504 plans in schools, work accommodations and public service accessibility could be removed.

CVS is trying to say “if the discrimination wasn’t intentional, it should be legal.” Society is ableist enough as it is without big companies gunning for disabled people for the sole reason of their disability. Oh wait, they do. Ever heard of Autism Speaks? How about Spectrum 10K? Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA)? There are so many huge corporations out there discriminating against disabled people — prone restraint

and seclusion is still a huge issue in schools across the country, not to mention eugenics-based companies like Autism Speaks and the BHARE Foundation.

CVS has seemed to understand the monumental effects that this court case would have — at least, what the effect of going through with the case would have been on them. Since the news of the case broke, many disability rights advocates and groups have expressed their feelings on the issue, arguing people should appeal to CVS to abandon this case. These include the ACLU, the Arc, National Disability Rights Network, American Association of People with Disabilities and Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law. Since the backlash, CVS has dropped the case, and promised to work on listening to disability advocates. Will they? Only time will tell.

The fact that issues like this go almost unnoticed is sick, to say the least. Outside of the disability community, no one seems to talk about these issues unless they are on the side of the very people perpetuating the harmful idea that you should face discrimination and harm because you’re disabled. The problem isn’t the disability — it’s an ableist society that would rather fight to make discrimination legal instead of putting in the work to make the world more accessible.

While we live in an ableist society, no one wants to acknowledge it. People in the disability community are killed due to the negligence of ableism and lack of accessibility. With International Day of People with Disabilities on Dec. 3, I hope people actually take the time to listen to disabled people instead of brushing off the issues and pretending they don’t exist.

As someone who’s faced ableism, it’s frustrating when your voice isn’t heard. Feeling isolated, like no one will listen, is a big deal. CVS dropping the case was a victory. Unlearning society’s ableism and progressing toward accessibility and acceptance is what we need to move forward.

The legacy of Halo: Infinite’s multiplayer has potential

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Halo Infinite’s multiplayer beta dropped from orbit on Nov. 15, and what I’ve seen so far is promising. Not that 343 Industries has the happiness and enjoyment of Halo’s fandom at their tender mercy or anything. With eight player arena multiplayer modes such as slayer, capture the flag and strongholds, the multiplayer beta also features big team battle modes — for those who prefer open-quarter, all out warfare — like total control and stockpile.

The Halo video game franchise has sold more than 70 million copies worldwide — logged more than 6 billion hours of gameplay on Xbox live — and Halo 5: Guardians is the largest and fastest selling Xbox One exclusive to date. Halo Infinite has the potential to supplant Halo 5, and add to the monumental legacy that Master Chief, the Spartans of Noble Team, and the ODST have forged in protecting humanity from the Covenant Empire, the Flood and the Didact.

For the first time in the franchise, the multiplayer experience is free to play. It refreshingly features a return to traditional multiplayer gameplay that was lost in the recent Halo titles, with a purposeful divorce from things such as load-outs or armor powerup abilities akin to more recent iterations of the title. Although, I do have to admit breaking through people’s shields is quite tedious and off-pace compared to the speedy lethality featured in Call of Duty: Vanguard’s recent release.

Infinite’s armory selection has been something that I have been unimpressed by so far. The alien guns so far — meaning the weapons used by the Forerunners and Covenant in previous installments — aren’t vastly different from their previous offering. A return to what has made Halo work in the past will prove successful in combating straightforward, free to play mass platforms

such as Warzone, Fortnite and Apex Legends, but technological innovation in the armaments sector is a must for 343 Industries in this arms race.

Quite simply, I want new and improved — and bigger and badder — weapons that challenge and expand upon previous canonical innovations from both humanity and the Covenant. Perhaps selfishly, I want 343 Industries to facilitate Halo’s resurgence to the top of gaming’s Mount Olympus, and give me the technology I need to wipe the floor with my enemies.

Armor customization has potential, but the beta is limited to armor color presets and the simplistic matching of different armor components. Meticulous character customization is something that sets Halo apart from overall skin-based games, and the in-depth personalization of your character should work to emulate that seen in Halo 4 and Call of Duty: WWII.

Moving forward, the change that I would look most favorably upon would be providing alternatives to the paywall system currently in place — yes, it’s \$10 — in the form of the battle pass. The game does offer free campaign and multiplayer progression-based gear unlocks, however, I am still disillusioned from the transition to battle-pass and pay-to-unlock oriented customization seen in Call of Duty and Star Wars Battlefront II. I make this argument in defense of players who are average — or just plain bad — at multiplayer like me and don’t have the time or money to grind extensively to unlock the full potential of the game.

The most important issue for 343 moving forward will be rectifying the Craig incident — a moment from an earlier gameplay reveal which featured a dead-pan, poorly animated Brute, aptly named Craig by the fandom. Serving as a catalyst for the later rescheduled release of the game, 343 has been quite receptive of fan criticism following this meme-worthy disaster.



PHOTO COURTESY OF OLIVIER DOULIERY
CVS dropped the Supreme Court case CVS v. Doe that was to be heard on Dec. 7. The case being dropped is a victory for disability rights.



PHOTO COURTESY OF HALO WAYPOINT
Halo Infinite’s multiplayer beta was released on Nov. 15. For the first time in the franchise, the multiplayer experience is free to play.

Silk Sonic releases debut album to universal acclaim

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Silk Sonic, the R&B supergroup encompassing Bruno Mars, his band “The Hooligans”, and Anderson .Paak, have released their long awaited debut studio album, “An Evening with Silk Sonic,” and it has taken the music world by storm.

The charisma-filled duo have created a project so effortlessly unique, that calling it a throwback to an earlier time of music almost seems like an injustice. Funky, groovy, and absolutely dripping with confidence and swagger, every song on this album gives off an infectious vibe that fights its way into the soul and feet of the listener.

In just 31 minutes, “An Evening with Silk Sonic” made good on the promise that their pre-album release singles made to each and every one of their eager fans. By fusing all the best parts of pop, funk, rap, and R&B together, the artists have seemingly tip-toed the fine line between nostalgia for the past and acknowledgement of the present, creating an ambitious and memorable project that satisfies every ear young and old that yearns for an earlier period of music.

Calling upon the notable sounds and bringing back fond memories of 1970s funk groups like the iconic Earth, Wind & Fire and The Jackson 5, most of the songs on this album feel like they would be right at home playing on an episode of Soul Train, in a disco bar, or in a skate rink.

Whether it’s love and sensual experiences like those present in “Leave the Door Open” and “After Last Night [with Thundercat & Bootsy Collins]”, the feelings of pain, stress and loneliness shown in “Smokin Out The Window” and “Put On A Smile,”

or just the all-around good vibes like the ones in “Skate” or “Fly As Me,” every song has a specific feeling, and you’re sure to feel each and every one.

Narrated by musical legend, Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Bootsy Collins, the album plays out like a personal stage performance dedicated to each fan. Mars’ always reliable stardom, vocal prowess and musical talent mixes together with .Paak’s obvious passion, prodigious charisma and boisterous personality to take fans into another stratosphere of musical excellence that neither could reach alone.

While neither Mars nor .Paak are strangers to success, this album will surely leave everyone begging for more from the talented superstars. It’s crystal clear that whether they’re performing alone or continue making sweet sounds together, both of these performers aren’t done delivering hits and the public couldn’t be happier about that fact.

This album doesn’t make a superlative statement about social change or issues pertaining to the world at large, but it doesn’t have to. Their love for music and its history shines through every atom of this album, marking it as a standout project from the rest of its peers without having to address any “heavy” issues. This album is about the music’s powerful ability to bring

people together for a good time, and spending this evening with Silk Sonic will definitely result in a good time.



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Album cover for “An Evening with Silk Sonic.”

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Volleyball's season comes to end in Horizon League quarterfinals

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Two of the best defenses in Horizon League volleyball faced off in the first game of the 2021 Horizon League Tournament when the reigning champions, the Wright State Raiders, thrashed the Golden Grizzlies and moved on to the semi-finals Friday night.

Prior to this game, the Grizzlies and the Raiders have faced off in 28 games, splitting them right down the middle with a record of 14-14. Despite the idea that this evenly matched record portrays, Wright State has dominated the matchup in their most recent encounters as they had won the last seven games in a row.

Looking to continue their stranglehold on their all-time record, the Raiders would come into this game blazing by scoring four straight points before being stuffed at the net by the Grizzlies. The game would start off even before the Raiders would take control, and before you knew it, the score was 19-12 in the favor of the Raiders.

The Raiders would end up taking the

first set with a score of 25-15, making things look easy as they steamrolled through the Grizzlies with some high-powered offense. The second set would start off much like the first, with even play from both sides. The Golden Grizzlies would lose their footing though, as the game would swing back into the Raiders favor after a score would put them up 12-6.

The Raiders would then win a 50/50 ball to increase the score to 15-8, forcing the Grizzlies to take a timeout in fear of letting the set slip out of their grasp. From this point on, everything would start going the Raiders' way. Every rally, every 50/50 ball, just everything.

This would lead to the Raiders taking a 12-point lead, with a score of 20-8. The Grizzlies wouldn't give up, showing their heart by stuffing a Raiders' shot at the net but it wouldn't stop the Raiders' juggernaut of offensive play. The Golden Grizzlies would ultimately go down in the second set, losing with a score of 25-11.

As the third set got underway, the Raiders came in with a fiery intensity and tried to close out the match in straight sets. The Golden Grizzlies

would show more fight in the always pivotal third set, but the Raiders would still jump out to a dominant 10-5 lead.

The Grizzlies would then attempt to stop the bleeding with a score of their own, and would end up rattling

off three straight points in response before being stopped in kind by a Raiders' point. The Raiders would then pull away again, establishing a 15-10 lead before the final Golden Grizzlies timeout.



PHOTO COURTESY OF OAKLAND POST ARCHIVES
The volleyball team in a huddle during a timeout.

Ohio State blows out Michigan State in pivotal Big 10 matchup

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The Ohio State University Buckeyes demolished the Michigan State University Spartans 56-7 on Saturday in Columbus, Ohio.

Both teams entered the second to last game of the regular season with a single loss as they tried to solidify their case for the College Football Playoff — among the likes of undefeated Georgia and Cincinnati, as well as perennial contenders like Alabama and Oklahoma. Michigan State and Ohio State came into the game on a mission to solidify their case.

In the first quarter, Ohio State came out swinging with three touchdowns, including a 77-yard pass from freshman quarterback CJ Stroud to senior wide receiver Chris Olave, to put the Buckeyes up 21-0. Michigan State, known to be a high-powered offensive team this season, were limited in the first as Ohio State's defense held them scoreless and emphasized stopping the run, as Heisman candidate junior running back Kenneth Walker III was limited to a season low 25 yards for the game.

Ohio State kept the pressure up in the second quarter, where Stroud continued to dismantle Michigan State's weaker secondary, scoring three of their four touchdowns passing to put them up 49-0 to end the first half. Stroud, also benefitting from a weaker MSU pass rush as the Ohio State offensive line only allowed two sacks the entire game,

played one of the best games of his career, putting up 432 yards on 32-35 passing for six touchdowns.

Michigan State would receive the ball in the opening of the second half, but couldn't capitalize on a relaxed Ohio State — who started their backup quarterback as the Buckeye defense kept the pressure on them. Both teams went scoreless in the third

quarter, but Michigan State made their first big defensive stop in the game, intercepting Ohio State's backup in the closing moments of the quarter, and pushed the ball up field for the better position to open the fourth. Ohio State- 49. Michigan State- 0.

In the fourth quarter, Michigan State's sophomore quarterback Payton Thorne connected with freshman wideout Keon Coleman for their first touchdown, but Ohio State answered back with one of their own to keep a seven touchdown lead. This was a wire to wire victory for Ohio State, as Michigan State never came close. Final Score: Ohio State- 56. Michigan State-7.

Ohio State will take their win into a showdown for the Big 10 in Ann Arbor against their arch-rival University of Michigan Wolverines, a game that could decide the playoff for either team. Michigan State stumbles into their final game of the season at home versus the Penn State Nittany Lions. Following their Saturday meeting, both teams find themselves in a must win situation — one for the playoff, one for standings.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BUCKEYESWIRE
Garret Wilson takes off for a touchdown after catching a pass downfield against Michigan State on Nov. 20.

Women's basketball falls to Youngstown State in conference opener

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Sports Reporter

The Oakland University Golden Grizzlies Women's Basketball Team loses to the Youngstown State University Penguins 79-68 in their first Horizon League matchup of the season at the O'Rena on Thursday.

In the first quarter of play, Youngstown State opened up on a 10-3 run as Oakland started to make adjustments to overcome a poor shooting performance, shooting 5-17 from the field in the first, as well as 1-7 from behind the arc. Oakland couldn't keep up with Youngstown State's efficient 60% from the field and ended the first quarter down 23-13.

In the second quarter, Oakland's offensive woes continued as they shot 30% from the field and 50% from the line. The Golden Grizzlies played better defensively in the second as Youngstown State shot 6-12 from the field, but ultimately couldn't get enough done on the offensive end to cut into the lead, and went to halftime with the score 38-25, Youngstown State's favor.

The third quarter opened with an 11-3 run by Youngstown State, and throughout the third quarter keeping a double digit lead, and by as much as 22 on a number of occasions, as they looked to put away the Golden Grizzlies. Oakland pulled themselves together offensively and shot 50% from the field in the third, but went 0-4 from three as Youngstown State shot 64% from the field, including 3-6 from three to keep the Golden

Grizzlies 20 away. At the end of the third, Youngstown State led 61-41.

In the fourth quarter, Oakland was on a mission to make this a game, as they played their best basketball of the night. Oakland shot 45% from the field in the final period, including going 5-14 from beyond the arc on their way to a 27-point outburst to eat into Youngstown State's lead.

In the end, Youngstown State scored 18 in the fourth quarter, ending any comeback hopes and winning the game 79-68.

Despite the loss, Oakland showed their abilities in the second half, erupting for 43 points. Two Golden Grizzlies scored in double figures, being senior guard Kahlajah Dean and forward Kayla Luchenbach, who scored 18 and 10 respectively. Oakland also took better care of the basketball, ending with nine turnovers in comparison to Youngstown State's 21, as well as ending with 16 points off turnovers in transition.

Even with their performances attributing to Oakland's fight, they couldn't overcome Youngstown State's scorching hot three point shooting four players in double figures, including a game high 24 from senior Forward Lilly Ritz.

Oakland played their next opponent, the Horizon League rival Robert Morris University Colonials on Saturday, Nov. 20 at home before a road trip to face University of Michigan. Oakland looks to capitalize on its second half performance and will take this ferocity into the next game. The Golden Grizzlies are awake and looking to get back on track.

Women's soccer coach Juan Pablo Favero proud of team growth

BRITTANY KEARFOTT

Sports Reporter

Oakland came home winners on the road to championships on Oct. 27. They won their game in Detroit against Detroit Mercy 3-2, which kicked off their journey to the 2021 Horizon League Championship.

with our record being honestly not reflective of what our team deserved or how we were playing. But with the effort I thought we deserved was better in the first eight games than what that yielded. The second part there was an incredible turnaround in contrast, and credit [goes to the] girls obviously because most teams would



PHOTO BY COURTESY OF JOSE JUAREZ, OAKLAND UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS
Oakland Women's Soccer Head Coach Juan Pablo Favero talks about the season and what's to come in the future.

The Horizon League Championship was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In the semifinals, Oakland went up against Northern Kentucky University (NKU) on Nov. 4. The win against NKU gained Oakland their spot in the Horizon League Championship Finals against Milwaukee — making for Oakland's first appearance in the finals since 2015 in their victory against Wright State.

While the championship game seemed to be a repeat of what happened during the season, Head Coach Juan Pablo Favero said he had no issues with how the team prepared.

"Coaches can adjust teams and can have some different tactical things they can do," Favero said. "In the semi final against NKU, we had such a good performance and regular season against them. We are really proud of our team's approach. It was a really professional approach, and the first result wasn't going to guarantee the same result. We made it the result that it was with our focus and our quality play."

Favero praised Milwaukee for their dominance in the Horizon League in recent years.

"Milwaukee is a team that has been very successful in this league even before Oakland joined the Horizon League," Favero said. "They have been the dominant team. It is always a challenging game. They are good at what they do."

Favero talked about the difference in his team's play in the non-conference schedule and in conference play.

"It's a tale of two seasons within a season," Favero said, "We started

feel so discouraged and deflated from those results, and wouldn't have the mental strength to turn it around."

This is Coach Favero's first year taking the women's soccer team to the Horizon League Championship game since being named head coach in 2017. As years have passed, more milestones for the team and individual players have been hit. The goals have always remained the same: win championships and go to the NCAA tournament.

Favero talked about what to expect from the team next season.

"What we have to focus on more importantly than the goals is the process," Favero said. "What do we do to make a jump? So we are trying to have a player-focus in terms of right now. This is a good semester, an opportunity to grow, improve and invest in our players and help them close their individual gaps — their performance gaps, from the opposition of strengths because we have a talented team — great soccer players, great athletes, great team overall."

He continued on saying, "The gap is a lot smaller. This last jump is the hardest. So what do we do as individuals and as a team to close that gap? So that focus is growth. Strengthening our areas that are good. And closing the gap in also the areas that are growth edges that could have a maximum impact in our individual and team performance next year, and that is true of us as coaches too. We have to be introspective and look at the things we need to do better. Spring is a great time for us to improve and experiment with things tactically."



PHOTO BY ANNA DRUMM
Sug Williams stops and pulls up for a jump shot against Youngstown State on Nov. 18.

Women's basketball snags first conference win

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Sports Reporter

Women's basketball faced off against Robert Morris University on Saturday, Nov. 20 at the O'Rena, defeating them 65-60.

Robert Morris got the jump off start, but that didn't stop Oakland. Oakland led after the first quarter 18-17. The fight kept on, but Robert Morris pulled the lead with 33-32. They kept the lead through the third quarter with 45-41 points on the board. It certainly looked like Robert Morris was going to take the win.

With less than five minutes left in the fourth quarter during a timeout, Head Coach Jeff Tungate told the team: "if they don't score here, they don't win this game."

When time resumed, the Grizzlies played aggressively — forcing a shot clock violation. Kahlajah Dean turned around with a three pointer. These were all pivotal moments during the stretch run of the game.

In a previous interview, Coach Tungate mentioned the team has to improve on not easing up in the fourth

quarter. Now, they didn't have the lead, but the improvement is evident. It's early in the season, but every game is a new start.

Tungate talked about the defensive improvement after the game.

"We know we can score," Tungate said. "Robert Morris did a great job defensively. They didn't do a great job with their offense tonight. Defense is what is going to win us games and tonight our defense won us the game. We've improved so much on those things and that was a huge step. We got three shot clock violations. Our defensive intensity was really good all night long. [Dean] is first-team all conference for a reason — first team all conference players make those shots and she did. It's a huge win for us, we needed it."

Oakland pushed hard and didn't let up, allowing them to gain ground back and win with a score of 65-60. Kahlajah Dean, also known as KD, earned title 'player of the game' at the match, leading her team back from a seven-point deficit.

ESPN interviewed Dean after the game where she said: "[our] key

factor was defense. We hold ourselves to defense."

Dean has had a successful season so far in points scored and her gameplay.

"That's just my teammates giving me the ball," she said "My teammates trusting me, and my coaches trusting me everyday — working everyday to get it right and get a win."

Saturday's match added a second win to the season. This brings their record to a 50/50 win/loss rate at 2-2. If the start to the season is any indication of how the remainder of it will go, it's shaping up to be a nail-biter.

"We still have 20 League games to go," Tungate said "Normally this time of year you're playing non-conference games trying to get better. Now, we have to learn from the conference games. We have quite a week ahead of us, as we'll be a part of the Big Ten. We play against the University of Michigan Monday. We face off against Michigan State this Friday."

The team's next home game is against the aforementioned Michigan State Spartans on Friday, Nov. 26 at 3 p.m. at the O'Rena.



PHOTO BY AMELIA OSADCHUK
Brianna Breedly drives to the basket against Robert Morris on Nov. 20.

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