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FROM THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

From Assistant Professor and Director of the OU ABA Autism Clinic Jessica Korneder:

In August of 2014, I joined Oakland University as an Assistant Professor and with that position came the charge and dream of starting an Autism Clinic using the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA).

On July 6th, that dream became a reality and since then the OU ABA Clinic has been slowly increasing the number of preschool students diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) that are receiving ABA services. The ABA Clinic is part of the Academic Branch in the School of Education and Human Services' (SEHS) Center for Autism.



ABA is the process of applying evidence-based interventions to effectively change socially significant behaviors. If you happen to pass through the Clinic on any given day, you would see a tremendous amount of activity. The staff, who are undergraduate and graduate students, are busy teaching communication, play, understanding language, and self-help skills. In the shortest amount of time possible, ABA instruction focuses on increasing skills and decreasing behavioral excesses. For the eight preschool students (ages 3-6) that we currently have enrolled in the Clinic, socially significant behaviors means we are targeting behavior excesses and deficits that are present in individuals diagnosed with ASD.

Since the opening of the clinic, a remarkable amount of skills have been targeted and acquired. During a typical day in an ABA clinic, staff work on increasing eye contact (attending skills), following directions, requesting wants and needs, understanding more complex language, play skills, and socialization. By way of illustration, when targeting something like imitation, we first individually teach a child to imitate drinking from a cup, pretend stirring in a bowl, pretend eating with a fork, and making a pretend sandwich. Once a child demonstrates those skills, we put together a pretend picnic. We also target language such as "soups hot," "yummy," "delicious!" or other comments that can go along with a picnic. Most ABA instruction is targeted in this manner. Skills are broken down into manageable objectives and brought back together as the student accomplishes the smaller objectives.

On any given day, we provide a minimum of 100 learning opportunities per child and 800-1,000 among all eight children. The staff at the ABA Clinic work very hard for our students and they are rewarded daily by the effort and progress of the preschool students.

Please stop by for a visit and to witness all this action. You can schedule a tour by contacting **Tina Baumgartner** (<mailto:tbaumgartner@oakland.edu?subject=ABA%20Tour>).

ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dove Academy Educators Recognized for Growth and Performance

The PSA Office is thrilled to share that educators at Dove Academy of Detroit were recently recognized for outstanding growth and performance during their participation in a five-yearlong grant program created by MAPSA and the U.S. Department of Education's Teacher Incentive Fund.

Four teachers were all honored for their achievement, which was measured during a bi-annual, third-party observation process. Principal Brandon Sloan, who graduated at OU in 2010 with his Education Specialist degree, was also recognized for school leadership and academic achievement. To learn more about the awards & observation process, visit the **PSA website**.
(<http://wwwp.oakland.edu/psa/>)
Congratulations to PSA!

**IN THE NEWS**

Oakland University Foundation Receives \$10,000 from AT&T

The Oakland University Foundation has recently been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the AT&T Aspire Program.

The grant is meant to support High School Student Workshops supported by the Industrial and Systems Engineering (ISE) Department and the Pawley Lean Institute (PLI) at Oakland University.

For additional information, view the **complete article** (<http://wwwwp.oakland.edu/sehs/news/2015/fall/AT&T-grant-supports-High-School-Student-Workshops-program-at-Oakland-University>).



Ji-Eun Lee Presents at Annual Meeting

Ji-Eun Lee, Associate Professor in TDES, presented at the annual meeting of the North American Chapter of the International Group for the Psychology of Mathematics Education. The presentation was titled, *Preservice Teachers' Critique of Teacher Talk*.

This study aimed to explore pre-service elementary teachers' conceptions of effective teacher talk in mathematics instruction through a two-phase task that involved analyzing and evaluating a sample teacher-student talk and developing alternative ways of communicating with students.



Welcome Ann Marie

There is a new smiling face in the Dean's Office - Ann Marie Lindstrom! SEHS welcomed her from the Oxford School District, where she was the building support person at Leonard Elementary. She will be working at the front desk, helping to keep the leadership team organized and support the usual Dean's Office responsibilities.

If you haven't had a chance to meet her yet, please stop by the Dean's Office and say hello.



Excellence in Mentoring Faculty Award - Call for Nominations

The School of Education and Human Services (SEHS) is pleased to introduce the Excellence in Mentoring Faculty Award to be awarded to two full-time faculty members annually who have demonstrated excellence in mentoring in one of these three areas: teaching, scholarship or service. The two full-time faculty mentors selected to receive this award will each receive an additional \$500.00 to support their professional development activities in the 2016-17 academic school year.

Submit parts one and two of the nomination application to **Dr. Chaunda L. Scott** (<mailto:cscott@oakland.edu?subject=Faculty%20mentoring%20award>), Chairperson of the SEHS Excellence in Mentoring Faculty Award Committee by March 18, 2016 at 5 pm.

The award will be announced on Friday April 1, 2016 in the SEHS newsletter. For additional information on how to nominate a mentor, view the **complete form** (<https://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/SEHS/Newsletters/FACULTY%20MENTORING%20AWARD%20SEHS%2016-17%20NOV%2019.docx>).



PSA Sponsors Charter School Faculty Members at TEDx

The PSA Office was delighted to sponsor several charter school faculty members at the TEDx event recently held on OU's campus. In attendance were leaders and teachers from the Michigan School for the Arts, Four Corners Montessori Academy, Dove Academy of Detroit, and Caniff Liberty Academy. All of the schools work tremendously hard, and the PSA office wanted to acknowledge that by sharing this special day with them.

This year's Tedx speakers were incredibly thought provoking and engaging, and they surely inspired some creative new lesson plans from the talented teacher attendees. This is one of the many professional development opportunities to look forward to providing for the school faculty members throughout the year.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Black and African American Centered Research Symposium - February 3, 2016

In celebration of Black History Month 2016, the SEHS Black Faculty Network and the ERL will sponsor its second Black and African American centered Research Symposium on Wednesday February 3, 2016, from 4-6:30pm in the ERL.

All SEHS faculty and students are invited to share their completed or Black and African American research in progress at this symposium. SEHS faculty, staff, students, the OU community and the public are invited to attend this event.

For additional information, contact **Dr. Chaunda L. Scott**
(<mailto:cscott@oakland.edu?subject=research%20symposium>).



CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday

Anne Porter - RLA

Julie Ricks-Doneen - Lowry

Lisa Hawley - CNS

Scarlett Leigh - RLA

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

ABOUT THE SEHS BULLETIN

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

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

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

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



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