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## FROM THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

From Dean Jon Margerum-Leys:

Some days are pretty sweet; Wednesday was one of those days. Oakland held its annual Founders' Day luncheon and it's fair to say that the School of Education and Human Services cleaned up in the awards department. For School-wide awards, Emery Petchauer was recognized for scholarship, Jessica Korneder for service, and Liz Guzniczak for teaching. Their work is truly outstanding and reflects well on them and on SEHS. At the University level, there were seven categories of awards and accolades. We won three. That's astonishing.



Tuf Francis was honored for his excellence in teaching. One of the great things about Tuf's teaching is the balance he achieves in grounding instruction in authentic experience while finding the inspirational in the everyday. I saw Tuf speak at the Diverse Voices conference and was moved; he's truly exceptional.

Julia Smith was honored as the 2015 outstanding mentor. Anyone who knows Julia would nod his or her head and say "good call." When I first became dean at Oakland, I called a colleague to talk through some things I was thinking about. He said "Just ask Julia what to do, then do that." Our students seek her out, in droves, and Julia manages to offer each of them good counsel.

The Counseling department brought home Oakland University's Assessment Award. Each of our departments is collegial in its own way, but Counseling brings together a variety of disciplinary perspectives into a supportive culture that is highly effective. They are both individually and as a group, thoughtful and perceptive regarding issues of assessment, and are richly deserving of this award.

Two by the ways: First, we just received notice that Leigh Dzwik, James Silvestri, and Sherry Quinn will be recipients of 2015 AP Awards, so our week of recognition continues. That's a good thing. Second, one of the Founders' Day award recipients said to me that winning felt like being recognized for breathing in and out; the things that led to the award are simply part of a day's work. Maybe so, but we do a good day's work here at SEHS. There are lots of us who do inspiring work on behalf of our students and as dean, I appreciate it every day. It's nice when others also notice and appreciate what we do and this week, that happened. Pretty sweet.



FOUNDER'S DAY - PHOTO BY GEORGE PREISINGER

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#### Educational Leadership Ph.D. Student Inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame

On Friday, April 1, at the National Science Teachers Association Exhibit Hall, it was announced that June Teisan, a Ph.D. student in Educational Leadership, was chosen as a 2016 National Teachers Hall of Fame Inductee.

Congratulations to June!



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## **OUCARES Evening Enrichment, May 10, 2016**

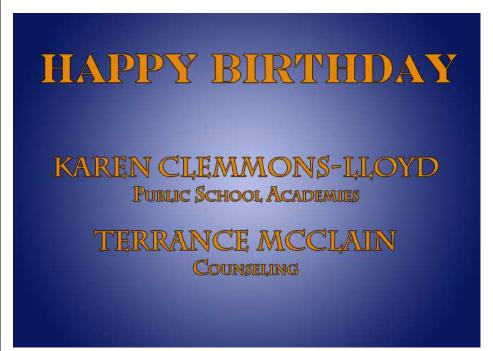
OUCARES will host an evening enrichment event, *Are You Ready? New Opportunities in Tomorrow's Workplace! Working Toward Competitive Employment for People with Disabilities* on May 10, 2016 from 6-7:30pm in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms. The event will be presented by Randy Lewis, father of a son with Autism, author, retired senior VP of Walgreens, and visionary of disability employment advocacy.





For more information and to RSVP, email oucares@oakland.edu.

#### **CELEBRATIONS**



If you do not wish to have your birthday announced, please contact James Silvestri at jmsilves@oakland.edu.

# ABOUT THE SEHS BULLETIN

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