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From Assistant Professor Suzanne Klein:

Leadership matters in any organization. Whether it is a classroom teacher, a teacher leader, a school principal or the superintendent of schools, all play a critical role in successfully accomplishing the goals for learning and teaching set for the district, its staff and all students. Since its founding in 2005, the Galileo Institute for Teacher Leadership has worked to blur the lines between teacher and administrative leadership in schools and school districts in order to improve student learning.

On August 5, 2015, the Galileo Institute hosted the second annual Return to Yarrow teacher leadership conference at Meadow Brook Hall. With over 100 teacher leaders, school administrators and OU SEHS faculty in attendance, Return to Yarrow again provided a day-long injection of collaboration, conversation, and reflection prior to the start of the 2015-16 school year. The participants were a wonderful cross section of the 900 past and present Galileo leaders who are currently transforming the educational system one student at a time. At the close of the Yarrow event, Dr. Robert Maxfield, former Interim Dean, challenged everyone attending to advocate for their profession beyond the borders of their local school districts and universities in order to increase the profession's sphere of influence in reframing and setting the agenda for educating the nation's children.

This past Saturday, the Galileo Institute successfully hosted the fourth annual EdcampOU as a result of the collaboration between OU graduate Stephanie Dulmage and doctoral student John Bernia with Leslee Rogers, Matthew Dailey and Dr. Beth Feiten. Nearly 200 teachers arrived early to spend the day in Pawley Hall creating what some call "the un-conference conference". Conference sessions were generated from participant's interests and were then matched to topics other participants offered to host a session about.

Associate Dean, Dr. Michael MacDonald, underscored the importance of teacher leadership to impact student learning as he welcomed the teacher leaders to the University, and later served as a session presenter. Edcamp attendees also had the opportunity to listen to and interact with State Superintendent of Schools, Brian Whiston, who shared his goal to raise the achievement of students in the state to the top ten in the country during the next ten years, as well as the important role teacher leaders must play to elevate the education profession. Throughout the day, informal conversations about teaching methods, using technology in the classroom, developing digital projects and engaging students filled all the informal spaces in the building. As EdcampOU came to an end, teachers throughout the region had enhanced the leadership skills of other teachers as well as themselves, and added their efforts to the mission of the Galileo Institute: to fulfill the vital role of public education in achieving a civil, prosperous and democratic society.

School systems everywhere are challenged to improve student learning to even higher levels and ensure that they function as high reliability organizations which focus not only on success for all but are serious about eliminating any school failure. Through events such as Return to Yarrow and EdcampOU, the ongoing series of Podcasts for Leaderful Schools with interviews of those at the forefront of educational reform and with the ongoing University and K-12 partnerships in places such as Avondale, West Bloomfield, Utica and Pontiac, the Galileo Institute continues its efforts to support student learning and craft a lasting legacy of teacher leadership for the education profession.

## **ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

## **Eileen Johnson Named Program Chair**

Eileen Johnson, Associate Professor in the Department of Organizational Leadership has recently been named Program Chair for the 2016 ACE Women's Network - Michigan conference. The conference will be held June 6-7, 2016 in Lansing, Michigan.

Congratulations to Eileen!



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### Eileen Johnson and Andrea Bordeianu Present at Lilly Conference

Eileen Johnson and Andreea Bordeianu, Educational Leadership Doctoral Candidate recently presented, *The Development of Global Learning and Leadership Competencies* at the 2015 Lilly Conference on Teaching and Learning in Traverse City, Michigan.



# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### Benefits and Wellness Fair - November 4, 2015

The Oakland University Benefits and Wellness Fair will take place on Wednesday, November 4 from 9am - 3pm in the Rec Center and is open to the entire campus community. Last year, there was a record breaking attendance of 584 people.

A projected 75 vendors will be onsite, varying from chiropractors to nutritionists, massage therapists, sleep experts, and local healthy food providers. This is also in conjunction with the open enrollment period for faculty and staff, so all health providers will be on site to answer any questions.



## Evening Enrichment, "Does Your Physician Speak Autism?" - November 12, 2015

The Evening Enrichment Series, "Does Your Physician Speak Autism?" will be held Thursday, November 12, in 204 O'Dowd Hall from 6-7:30pm.

You will have the chance to engage with a panel including physicians, a behavioral specialist, medical students, and a parent who will discuss:

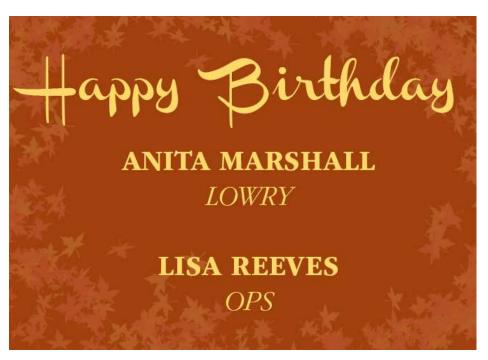
- issues related to young adults with autism
- research results showing physician awareness of the needs of young adults with high
- areas of need in a clinical setting identified by these individuals and their caregivers
- $\bullet$  how to best address the findings for the benefit of patients

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