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## Campus Recreation hosts statewide intramural sports association meeting

Oakland University's Campus Recreation department held the honor of hosting this year's Michigan Intramural-Recreational Sports Association's (MIRSA) statewide annual meeting.

The conference, which was held Oct. 7-9, was attended by more than 100 campus recreation professionals and students from a dozen schools from across the state. Guests from Ohio State University and the University of Toledo also joined the meeting, along with 25 representatives from OU.

Oakland University's vice president for Student Affairs Glenn McIntosh welcomed the group during a kickoff speech and gave MIRSA visitors an up-close look at the various programs on Oakland's campus. Later, Oakland men's basketball coach Greg Kampe gave a keynote speech.

The purpose of the yearly meeting is to share best practices and new ideas for campus recreation and intramural sports among the groups. Five Oakland students were selected to present among 36 who talked during 21 educational sessions. The meeting's first vendor forum was also held this year, during which 15 vendors participated.

The meeting's community engagement outreach included a partnership with Special Olympics Michigan to hold a Unified Sports Showcase where Special Olympics athletes took on conference attendees in a soccer match. Most who came to the meeting also brought used sporting goods and athletic equipment to donate to the Baldwin Center in Pontiac.

Among several awards given out at the event, **Autumn Cleverly** was named the 2015 Bob England Outstanding Student Award honoree. It was the second year in a row an Oakland student was recognized with the award.

The Bob England Award was created in 2010 to recognize a student who demonstrated outstanding leadership and service in campus recreation on their own campus and statewide.

"Autumn embodies the MIRSA mission and has earned this award through leadership and passion shown on our campus and beyond," said Greg Jordan, director of Campus Recreation.

"During her five years of employment as a student at the OU Recreation Center, Autumn has illustrated what it means to work hard and emerge as a student leader," added Marie VanBuskirk, MIRSA State Workshop Committee host and coordinator. "She handles all of the duties of a graduate assistant without the title and still upholds her commitment as student athlete."

Cleverly has positively affected countless students by sharing her experiences and talents as a certified American Red Cross CPR and First Aid instructor. She has been a campus ambassador at Oakland and is an outstanding MIRSA presenter and advocate. She serves on the OU Recreation Leadership Council as the Professional Development Chair, and was also the 2014-15 recipient of the Director's Award for outstanding leadership and involvement within the Department of Campus Recreation at Oakland.

### About MIRSA:

The purpose of the Michigan Intramural-Recreational Sports Association is to promote and enhance the quality of recreational sports programs in various settings throughout Michigan. This may be accomplished through professional meetings, publications and/or methods for the dissemination of ideas. All policies and activities shall be consistent with the philosophy of the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association.

### About Oakland University's Campus Recreation department:

Campus Recreation oversees the campus memberships and runs the aquatic center, recreation center, Recreation and Athletic Outdoor Complex and the disc golf course. The group also facilitates intramural and club sports, as well as employee wellness programming, CPR and First Aid training, fitness classes, personal training and a bike loan program. The mission of Campus Recreation is to offer programs, services and facilities that create a connection to Oakland University, encourage life balance and foster student development.



*Autumn Cleverly, right, being awarded the Bob England Outstanding Student Award by OU's Marie VanBuskirk, MIRSA State Workshop Committee host and coordinator.*



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