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OUAA announces new board members

Oakland University's Alumni Association (OUAA) recently named four new members to its Board of Directors. The new members are:

Beth Benson, SBA '81, of Beverly Hills is a manager of quality and administration in the Auto/National Operations Division at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Since graduating, Benson has been involved with the SBA Alumni Affiliate Board, serving as recording secretary and president. She also has been a volunteer and active supporter of the Athletics Department, Presidents Club and Career Services.

Mary Jo Dawson, SEHS '92, of Bloomfield Village is director of college placement at the Academy of Sacred Heart. Since graduating with a master's degree in counseling, Dawson initiated the creation of the SEHS alumni newsletter and has chaired the SEHS Affiliate Board.

Julie Granthen, CAS '81, SBA '87, of Rochester is chair of economics in the Social Sciences Division at Oakland Community College. Since graduating, Granthen has served as treasurer for the OUAA Board of Directors, a telefund volunteer, the former co-chair for the Student Activities Task Force and has been a member of the Alumni Awards Selection Committee, Honors College Alumni Advisory Council, Meadow Brook Night Committee, Alumni Ambassadors Committee and the Alumni Awards Banquet.

Anthony Thornton, CAS '76, of Detroit is a benefits coordinator of government accounts at Goss Group. While a student at Oakland, Thornton was one of the original organizers of the Black Alumni Chapter and is currently seeking to re-establish the chapter for the Alumni Association.

The OUAA Board is a 24-member advisory body that is called upon by the university to give advice on all matters relating to alumni. The board governs the **Alumni Association** and provides counsel and advice to the Alumni Relations Office, president of Oakland University, University Relations Division and OU Board of Trustees.

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