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## Alumni Association awards scholarships

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The **Oakland University Alumni Association** (OUAA) has awarded alumni scholarships to 15 students for the upcoming fall and winter semesters. The number of scholarships is the highest yet distributed by the OUAA.

The OUAA scholarship selection committee chose the recipients based on their academic accomplishments, student leadership and university and community involvement. Funds for the scholarships came in part from OUAA memberships, donations and revenue generated by OU license plate sales. Each student will be recognized at the Alumni Awards Banquet on Friday, Sept. 27.

"We had a lot of highly qualified applicants this year," said Jamie Simek, assistant director of Alumni Relations. "We're excited to be able to offer this opportunity to students. It's also nice that they will be recognized at our awards banquet. It's a great way for them to become involved with the alumni community. We hope the recipients will continue to be involved with the OUAA after graduation."

This year's recipients are:

**School of Business Administration Alumni Affiliate Scholarship** – Tonia Babi of Troy is a senior accounting major, president of Beta Alpha Psi, lead administrative assistant with Computer Associates, a student representative at OU's School of Business faculty meetings and a member of the Oakland Accounting Students Information Society. Babi also has been named a Dean's Scholar and has received academic honors.

**College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Affiliate Scholarship** – Dennis O'Connor of Ortonville is a senior biology major and is involved in the Pre-Med Society and Golden Key International Honour Society as corresponding secretary. O'Connor volunteers at Genesis Hospital and works as an after school program teacher at Synergy Works Program, where he also is the fourth and fifth grade basketball coach. O'Connor has been named to the Dean's List and the Academic Honor Roll and plans to attend medical school after graduating from Oakland University.

**School of Education and Human Services Alumni Affiliate Scholarship** – Bozenna Lin Johnson of Louisville, Ohio, is a senior elementary education major. She is a member of the OU Women's Softball Team, Student Athletic Advisory Council and Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. She also serves as an orientation group leader, an ExpLOurations mentor, executive board secretary of the Residence Halls Council, and is a member of and volunteer coach for Oakland Sidewinders youth softball. Johnson has been named a Mid-Continent Conference Scholar Athlete and has received the Golden Grizzlies Excellence in Academics award.

**School of Engineering and Computer Science Alumni Affiliate Scholarship** – Dennis Werner II of Waterford is a junior computer science major. Werner works full-time in technical support at the Kmart Resource Center.

**School of Health Sciences Alumni Affiliate Scholarship** – Jeffrey Dehn of Lake Orion is a senior physical therapy major. Dehn is active with the Residence Halls Council, is the Van Wagoner House president, a teacher's assistant, class representative for first-year physical therapy students and works as a physical therapy technician at HealthQuest Physical Therapy. Dehn has received academic honors and has been named to the Dean's List.

**School of Nursing Alumni Affiliate Scholarship** – Jeri Raab of Port Huron is a junior nursing major. Raab is vice president of the OU Student Nursing Association, a tutor for underprivileged youth at Port Huron Library, participant in annual diabetes bike rides and Habitat for Humanity, and an American Red Cross sponsor of St. Clair County blood drives.

**Black Alumni Affiliate Scholarship** – Shelby Jones of Detroit is a junior sociology major. Jones is president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, a peer mentor in OU's Office of Equity, and member of the OU Social Work Club and Human Resources Development Student Association. Jones also has volunteered at the Detroit Medical Center, Calumet Townhouse annual picnic, FOX2 Detroit City-Wide Cleaning Day and the Focus Hope Community Service Project. Jones has received an OU Academic Achievement Commendation.

**Honors College Alumni Affiliate Scholarship** – Bryan Austin of Rochester Hills is a senior English major. While working part-time, Austin has served as an orientation group leader and Connections peer leader. Austin also is enrolled in the Honors College and plays ice hockey in adult leagues.

**Frances C. Amos School of Business Administration Alumni Scholarship** – Emily Fulton is a senior finance major from Lake Orion. Fulton has served as vice president and president of Golden Key International Honour Society. She also has been involved with the Financial Management Association and Beta Gamma Sigma. She has been a GM Finance intern and has received academic honors.

**Frances C. Amos School of Business Administration Alumni Scholarship** – Rami Hasani is a senior accounting major from Sterling Heights. While working full-time, Hasani has been a member of Beta Alpha Psi.

**Frances C. Amos School of Business Administration Alumni Scholarship** – Sarah Phillips is a senior accounting major from Hazel Park. Phillips has served as reporting secretary for Beta Alpha Psi and as a student affiliate with the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants. Phillips also has been involved with the Oakland Accounting Students Information Society, Golden Key International Honour Society, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and the Make a Wish Foundation. Phillips has received academic honors, a National Collegiate Business Merit Award and was named an All-American Scholar and to the OU Dean's List.

**School of Engineering and Computer Science Thomas A. Yatooma Memorial Alumni Scholarship** – Gakushi Fukuda is a senior mechanical engineering major from Troy. Fukuda serves as a pledge master and corresponding secretary for Theta Tau and a project leader for the Rube Goldberg Machine Contest. While working as a project manager assistant and translator at Fuji Dietec Co., Fukuda also is a teaching assistant in Japanese at OU and a volunteer teaching assistant in Japanese and mathematics at the Academic Skills Center. Fukuda belongs to the Japan Club, Battlebot Team, Adopted Highway Pickup and is captain of the Pontiac Soccer Team. Fukuda has received academic honors and academic commendation.

**School of Engineering and Computer Science Thomas A. Yatooma Memorial Alumni Scholarship** – Dani Nadra is a senior computer engineering major from Macomb. While working as a cash office staff member with Meijer Inc., Nadra received academic honors and has been named to the Dean's List.

**School of Engineering and Computer Science Thomas A. Yatooma Memorial Alumni Scholarship** – Paul Halicki is a senior electrical and chemical engineering major from Chesterfield. Halicki has been active in mission trips to Hungary and Haiti, has served as a church volunteer in audiovisual and youth ministry, and has been a member of the Clinton River Watershed Council. Halicki has received scholarships from Auto Interiors Magazine and TAC Automotive and received academic honors and academic commendation.

**Oakland University Alumni Association Memorial Scholarship** – Alicia Sossi plans to study business at OU upon her graduation from Lutheran High North, where she is ranked first in her class and serves as president of the Honor Society and Student Council. Sossi is a member of S.A.D.D., the Quiz Bowl, Key Club, her church choir and the tennis, track and volleyball teams. Sossi teaches piano lessons and is employed as a dental assistant. Sossi has received the Metro Conference Award for Academic Excellence and Michigan Music Teachers Association Award. She has been recognized by the National Federation of Music Clubs and has received superior ratings in piano in the District Solo Ensemble.

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