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ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Kristin Rohrbeck Wins Oakland County 40 Under 40, Introduces L. Brooks Patterson at State of the County Address

Kristin Rohrbeck, director of the Joanne and Ted Lindsay Foundation Autism Outreach Services (OUCARES), has been selected through an online public vote as the winner of the "Oakland County 40 Under 40 Class Set for 2019."

As a result, Kristin had the opportunity to introduce Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson at his State of the County Address on February 7.



The entire [State of the County Address](#), including Kristin’s speech, is available to watch online. To read more about Kristin’s accomplishments and the significance of her work, read the profile on her published in [The Oakland Post](#).

Congratulations, Kristin!



V. Thandi Sulé Publishes Article with Doctoral Students

V. Thandi Sulé from the Department of Organizational Leadership recently published an article with two SEHS students for *The International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education*. Sulé collaborated with doctoral students Tiffany Williams and Michelle Cade on the article, titled “Community, love, and culture: pedagogical insights for Black students in White spaces.”

The article’s abstract reads as follows:

To address the tension between public education norms and the lived experiences of racially marginalized students, this study examines how Brother to Sister (BTS), a community group, promotes sense of belonging and college access among Black high school students using the school as a primary dialogical space. Specifically, through qualitative assessment, this study interprets the pedagogy of Brother to Sister through narrative accounts of how the organization functioned in the lives of its members. As experienced by participants, BTS enacts culturally centered pedagogy and African-centered education to promote personal development and community enrichment outcomes.

For additional information, read the [entire article](#).

Congratulations, Thandi, Tiffany and Michelle!



IN THE NEWS

Weekly ERL Update: Celebrating Black History Month

The ERL is celebrating Black History Month with a display of books related to the 2019 theme, *Black Migrations*, which “emphasizes the movement of people of African descent to new destinations and subsequently to new social realities.”

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) was established in 1915 by Dr. Carter Woodson to provide research and publication outlets for black scholars. In 1926, Woodson initiated Negro History Week to correspond with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. In 1976, the celebration was expanded to encompass the month of February.

Visit the [ASALH web page](#) to learn more about the history, events and publications related to Black History Month and visit the ERL to see some great books to share.



A Rare Pair: PSA Figure Skaters

Up-and-coming figure skating dance team Kristina Bland, 14, and Gabriel Francis, 15, competed in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships held in Detroit on January 19 and 20. Kristina and Gabriel both have Oakland University charter school connections. Kristina is currently a 9th grader at Detroit Edison Public School Academy, and Gabriel is an alumnus of Four Corners Montessori Academy in Madison Heights.

The pair have been skating together for three years and brought home bronze medals at the juvenile level at last year’s national competition. Competing at the intermediate level for the first time, they earned a 9th place in free dance and a 10th place overall at this year’s championships.

Kristina and Gabriel are a rarity in the world of figure skating. As an African-American and Latino dance pair, they provide inspiration to other children of color who may not have considered figure skating as a sport.

[FOX 2 Detroit](#) provides a look at the two on their road to success. We wish Gabriel and Kristina luck in their future competitions!



Kristina Bland and Gabriel Francis

UPCOMING EVENTS

OUCARES Celebration — February 13

Lately, the OUCARES team has had much successes:

- a \$1,000,000 gift from the Ted Lindsay Foundation
- the 300 or so individuals and families who attended the autism awareness basketball game on February 2
- OUCARES Director Kristin Rohrbeck winning Oakland County's 40 Under 40 list

To celebrate, SEHS will be hosting a celebration on Tuesday, February 12 from 8:30–9:30 a.m. in Pawley Hall, Room 493. Come to congratulate the OUCARES team and enjoy donuts, bagels, coffee, etc.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to [Kate Corsetti](#).

OUCARES Family Fun Day — March 23

OUCARES will be hosting a Family Fun Day on Saturday, March 23 from noon – 4 p.m in the Recreation Center. Come enjoy a day full of fun for all families impacted by Autism Spectrum Disorders! There is no cost to attend and no registration is needed.

Activities include:

- an information fair with over 20 organizations
- art projects
- face painting
- bouncy inflatables
- swimming from noon – 2 p.m. (bring your own towel)
- sensory room, hosted by Kaufman Children's Center
- and so much more!

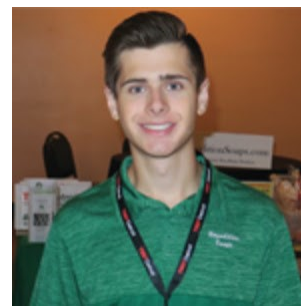


For more information, [view the event flyer](#) or email [OUCARES](#).

World Autism Awareness Day Event — April 3

OUCARES will be hosting a World Autism Awareness Day celebration on Wednesday, April 3 from noon – 1 p.m. in Founders Ballroom A of the Oakland Center.

Spencer Kelly, an Oakland University student with an Autism Spectrum Disorder, will be speaking at the event. Hear how Spencer has struggled as a student, how he overcomes challenges related to autism as a college student and how you can help make a positive impact on students with autism at OU.



This event is open and free for all OU students, faculty and staff, and will include giveaways and a light lunch. Please note that space is limited and lunch is served on a first come, first served basis.

For more information, [view the event flyer](#).

Please note: World Autism Day is on April 2, but the OUCARES celebration will be held on April 3 due to space availability.

BIRTHDAYS



If you do not wish to have your birthday included, contact [Trevor Tyle](mailto:Trevor.Tyle).

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