

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY™

From the office of the
President



Colleagues,

As we saw with the buildup to the midterm elections, the issue of healthcare in America is once again stirring a tremendous deal of attention in politics, in the media and at our dinner tables.



The ancient Greek physician Hippocrates, author of the Hippocratic Oath and father of modern medicine, long ago said, "Healing is a matter of time, but it is sometimes also a matter of opportunity."

Many members of our campus community are fully invested in this notion – not for themselves, but for the sake of creating opportunity for others. I share the remarkable highlights below as just a few of many examples of important and laudable work taking place on this campus.

Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.
President

LEVERAGING KNOWLEDGE

I recently had the pleasure of meeting Oakland University students Dayna Tan, Chiemeziem Nwachukwu and Lance Jones, as well as recent OU graduate Emily Clements, all of whom volunteer time at the Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic in Pontiac.

There they assist clinic staff and fellow volunteers in providing free medical and dental care to hundreds of community members each month.

These OU community members are learning a great deal through their service. Equally important, they are demonstrating the very best of what we contribute to society with the power of knowledge. I commend these and all Oakland University volunteers for their admirable sense of caring and commitment.



HAILING ALL HEROES



In addition to protecting our community through standard police services, The Oakland University Police Department regularly provides CPR and First Aid training to students, faculty and staff across campus. University Recreation and WellBeing offers similar education services.

I applaud and thank all University faculty and staff involved in these efforts so that our community can be better prepared to come to the aid of friends, colleagues and strangers during emergency situations. I extend the same high regard to all who have participated in this training.

To expand efforts to protect health and safety, the OUPD has begun training campus community members to stop the bleeding of injured persons using bleeding control kits now being installed in key locations across campus. You can learn more about OUPD education services at ouems.com/cpr and ouems.com/stopthebleed. Those interested in University Recreation and WellBeing services should contact Mike Rossi at pooldoc@oakland.edu.

EXTENDING WARMTH

Third-year OUWB School of Medicine student Maayan Yakir and Embark research and scholarship program mentor Dr. Mary Smyth recently presented their work on energy insecurity affecting young children in the state to the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC).



As a result of their compelling research and advocacy, Maayan, Dr. Smyth and the Medical Legal Partnership at Beaumont Health were invited to join the Commission's Health, Safety and Walkaway Issues Subcommittee in the Low Income Workgroup. Now, in partnership with the MPSC and a host of other public, private and non-profit organizations in Michigan, the team is working to ensure that vulnerable populations have access to both housing and utility assistance.

I applaud this impressive and important work and am heartened that it has such great potential to positively impact many, many people.

EXAMINING EXCELLENCE

The Imam Abdulrhman Bin Faisal University College of Nursing in Dammam, Saudi Arabia, has asked Dr. Kelly Berishaj, director of the Forensic Nursing program in our School of Nursing, to serve on a committee responsible for the development of its own forensic nursing program.



I think it is important to note that this is the first school in Saudi Arabia to offer forensic studies in nursing, and that institutional leaders there identified the program that Berishaj oversees as among the most outstanding in the world.

It is important for us to recognize and celebrate excellence in our own programs, but affirmation rises to the next level when recognition comes from educators halfway around the world. Congratulations to Dr. Berishaj and all who are contributing to the success of this program.

Is there a point of pride you feel is worth sharing with the campus community?

If so, please [submit your idea](#) for consideration.

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