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From the office of the
President



Colleagues,

I suspect that the greatest accomplishments of humankind have not been achieved by people whose sole motivation was to be cast into a spotlight, but rather by people who have found a passion to motivate their work.

Something Abraham Lincoln said is likely to resonate with this group:

"Don't worry when you are not recognized, but
strive to be worthy of recognition."

I find it invigorating to be part of an institution that welcomes many such people, including the standout campus community members and organizations highlighted below.

Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D. President

ATTENTION BY DESIGN

Student members of OU's Formula SAE design and racing team are accustomed to international exposure, as they take part in competitions that welcome peers from across the globe.

During this year's North American International Auto Show, however, these students and their award-winning Formula SAE race car garnered attention from untold thousands of visitors from both near and far.



Professor and Chair of Mechanical Engineering Brian Sangeorzan, along with students Nivisa Vakeesan and Adi Kaimovic, were also featured in this [CBS Detroit news spot](#) about the auto show. Congratulations to this successful team and thank you for helping to raise OU's profile on an international scale!

LEADING ENGAGEMENT



Professor of Health Sciences Jennifer Lucarelli has made a tremendous impression on and substantial contributions to the Oakland University community for many years. Her impact is reaching a far broader audience of late, as she has been named among Oakland County Executive L. Brooks

Patterson's ["Elite 40 under 40"](#) Class of 2018.

Dr. Lucarelli is the lead investigator for a \$2.4 million grant supporting the [Healthy Pontiac, We Can!](#) coalition, for which she also serves as community chairperson. She was a key contributor to last year's inaugural [Healthology Symposium](#) here at OU, and has been honored for her research on reducing health disparities and promoting a culture of health.

Kudos for this wonderful work to improve quality of life in the community and thank you for helping OU fulfill its educational, research and community engagement goals!

SUM OF SIGNIFICANCE

Sigma Xi, the national scientific research honor society, has recognized the Oakland University chapter as one of only four winners of a 2017 Chapter of Excellence Award for distinguished performance.



This highly selective honor – our chapter is in a field of more than 500 within Sigma Xi – is granted to chapters that demonstrate exceptional leadership in embracing and promoting honor in science and engineering, STEM education, science policy and public understanding of science.

The award is a great testament to the commitment of chapter officers – all members of the Department of Biological Sciences – to promote research opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students. Thank you to the Sigma Xi chapter for contributing to our increasingly respected reputation within higher education!

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

If so, please submit your idea for consideration.

If you are interested in exploring past editions of this newsletter, we invite you to visit the Points of Pride archive page.

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