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FROM THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

From Executive Director of the Office of Public School Academies Judeen Bartos:

As we approach the holiday break, the PSA Office can look back on a memorable fall semester. Among the most notable and gratifying are those occasions when we can connect our students and staff with events on campus. A new offering in our lineup of outreach activities this fall has been our connection with STEM on campus. The PSA Office is working with the School of Engineering and Computer Science to provide enrichment opportunities for our 4th graders. Caniff Liberty Academy, Star International Academy, Dove Academy of Detroit and Michigan School for the Arts have all participated to date in activities ranging from computer programming to robotics. If you haven't had a chance yet, visit our showcase outside of Majela Morris' office to see some snaps from these visits.



This fall has also seen us welcoming two new members to our office staff. Joining the team in October is Erin Rose who fills the new position Marketing Assistant. Erin is passionate about education and we look forward to her connecting with our schools and bringing their stories not only to the public eye but to the OU community as well. Erin has a journalism degree from Michigan State University and MA in English and English Education. She began her writing career as a features reporter for The Suncoast News in Northwestern region of Tampa Bay and thoroughly enjoyed highlighting all of the positive happenings in the community. Erin went on to teach high school English for eight years before relocating home to Michigan, where she has worked as a freelance writer and editor since 2012. Look for Erin's work on our website and in the SEHS Bulletins.

Adam LeRoy is our new Administrative Coordinator for Special Services. He fills the position left vacant when Shawna Boomgaard was promoted to Manager of Academic Accountability. Adam has a Master's degree in Special Education and has worked in the Novi and Southfield school districts. Most recently, Adam served as a Teacher Consultant in the East Detroit Public Schools where he assisted staff in the implementation of RTI along with conducting IEP meetings and assessments of student performance. Adam has presented at conferences on a regular basis. His latest presentation was at the MDE Fall School Improvement Conference in November, where his topic was, *There's got to be a Better Way: Where Poverty, Neuroscience and Education Connect*. Adam is pursuing his PhD in Philosophy of Special Education and expects to graduate in August of 2016.

We hope you will join us in welcoming Erin and Adam to the PSA Office.

ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Article Authored by Ji-Eun Lee Accepted for Publication

An article authored by Ji-Eun Lee, associate professor in TDES, has recently been accepted for publication in *Mathematics Teacher Education and Development*. The paper is titled, *Toward a holistic view: Analysis of pre-Service teachers' professional vision in field experiences and its implications*. The study investigated the aspects of learning and teaching that pre-service teachers examined while taking on different roles.

Congratulations to Ji-Eun!



IN THE NEWS

Tuf Francis and James Silvestri Create Inspiring Music Video

Tuf Francis, professor in the department of Teacher Development and Educational Studies has recently partnered with the Rochester School District to create a music video that celebrates cultural diversity and inclusion. Francis has combined his profession and passion for music to write and record his original song, *To the Party* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovt8GsDTD0Y&feature=youtu.be>), hoping that it will communicate a critical message to the wider community.

To create the video, Francis enlisted the help of James Silvestri, SEHS marketing coordinator. Together, they created a shared vision for the song's accompanying video that combines the natural fun and energy of children with a powerful message of inclusion.

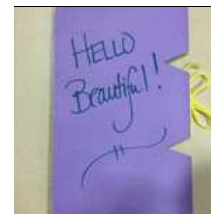
For additional information, view the **full video** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovt8GsDTD0Y&feature=youtu.be>) and read the **complete article** (<http://wwwp.oakland.edu/sehs/news/2015/fall/OU-Professors-music-video-opens-dialog-about-diversity-and-inclusion>).



OU Day of Service

In the spirit of the giving season, the Outreach and Program Services team volunteered with Oakland University's Day of Service on Wednesday, November 18. They constructed activity packets for sick children at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital.

Other volunteer projects included: holiday food baskets for OPC, rain-proof blankets for the homeless, snack packages for Grace Centers of Hope, dog toys for Oakland County Animal Shelter, fleece blankets for children at Mott Community Hospital, and art packages for children in Detroit Public Schools.



Excellence in Mentoring Faculty Award - Call for Nominations

The School of Education and Human Services is pleased to introduce the Excellence in Mentoring Faculty Award to be awarded to two full-time faculty members annually who have demonstrated excellence in mentoring in one of these three areas: teaching, scholarship or service. The two full-time faculty mentors selected to receive this award will each receive an additional \$500.00 to support their professional development activities in the 2016-17 academic school year.

Submit parts one and two of the nomination application to **Dr. Chaunda L. Scott** (<mailto:cscott@oakland.edu?subject=Faculty%20mentoring%20award>), Chairperson of the SEHS Excellence in Mentoring Faculty Award Committee, by March 18, 2016 at 5 pm.

The award will be announced on Friday April 1, 2016 in the SEHS newsletter. For additional information on how to nominate a mentor, view the **complete form** (<https://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/SEHS/Newsletters/FACULTY%20MENTORING%20AWARD%20SEHS%2016-17%20NOV%2019.docx>).



UPCOMING EVENTS

Black and African American Centered Research Symposium - February 3, 2016

In celebration of Black History Month 2016, the SEHS Black Faculty Network and the ERL will sponsor its second Black and African American centered Research Symposium on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, from 4-6:30pm in the ERL.

All SEHS faculty and students are invited to share their completed or in progress Black and African American research at this symposium. SEHS faculty, staff, students, the OU community and the public are invited to attend this event.

For additional information, contact **Dr. Chaunda L. Scott** (<mailto:cscott@oakland.edu?subject=research%20symposium>).

**CELEBRATIONS**

If you do not wish to have your birthday announced, please contact James Silvestri at jmsilves@oakland.edu (<mailto:jmsilves@oakland.edu?subject=Birthday%20exclusion>).

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Welcome to the SEHS Bulletin, where faculty and staff can share news and celebrate the wonderful things happening in SEHS. The bulletin is the perfect place to share information about your publications and awards, special projects and committee news, as well as announce events.

All are welcome to send items for inclusion. If you choose to do so, please ensure that your items are print ready, that you include all related links, and that you have permission to publish any photos being submitted. Please put "SEHS Bulletin" in the subject line and email your information to:

sehs@oakland.edu (<mailto:sehs@oakland.edu?subject=SEHS%20Bulletin>).

If you have questions about the bulletin, feel free to email James Silvestri at jmsilves@oakland.edu (<mailto:jmsilves@oakland.edu?subject=SEHS%20Bulletin>).



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