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FROM THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

From Chair of Human Development and Child Studies Ambika Bhargava:

Thank you to everyone for making me feel welcome as Chair of HDCS. To show how I truly feel about becoming Chair, I have provided a childhood **before-and-after** (https://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/SEHS/Newsletters/Ambika_BeforeAfter.pdf) image of my emotions. Although I received the official letter from the Board approving my appointment on November 4, it has been three months since I took over as Chair. Recently, a very wise man came to my office and offered me his congratulations and sympathies. Fortunately there have been more good than bad days, and I am keeping my fingers crossed that this trend continues.



Here are some things I have enjoyed and am thankful for:

- Colleagues and friends who drop by to chat and to share a cup of tea (feel free to stop by anytime)
- Vicki Gossett - the department's super-efficient Administrative Secretary, who keeps me on track and makes it look like I know what I am doing.
- Support from all the HDCS faculty & staff
- Getting to know and interact with everyone in the Dean's Office
- Having Lowry and OUCARES as part of the department
- The wonderful view from my office – I get to see the tower in all its glory.

HDCS is a unique department which includes two areas: Early Childhood and Special Needs. It also includes several programs, such as:

- Nine graduate certificates in Special Education
- Four Master's degrees in Special Education
- Undergraduate Early Childhood major (ZS endorsement)
- Master's in Early Childhood
- Early Education & Intervention Ed. Specialist
- Ph.D. in Early Childhood

We also offer services for individuals from birth to adulthood and beyond. Lowry, "the hidden gem," serves children 18 months to 5 years, which is taught by an amazing faculty led by Julie Ricks-Doneen. OUCARES includes a dedicated group of individuals, headed by Kathy Sweeney, providing outreach services to individuals and families affected by ASD.

ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Scholarship Update

Donna Malaski from the School of Education and Human Services Advising recently defended her dissertation to complete her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership.

Donna's dissertation is titled, *The Perceived Impact of the Foundations of Excellence in the First Year of College Project*.

Congratulations to Dr. Malaski!



The Office of Public School Academies held a luncheon on October 24 for recipients of its scholarship award. The PSA Scholarship is an annual competitive scholarship given to two graduates from OU authorized Academies. The two recipients of this renewable scholarship for 2014-15 are Sahar Rammaha from Star International Academy, and Bryson Stallworth from Detroit Edison Public School Academy (Depsa).

Sahar joined continuing scholars, Leslie Cunningham (sophomore) and Taylor Williams (senior), who are also Star alums; and Kayla Scipio, a Student Leaders Success Scholar.

Assistant Dean Leigh Settlemoir Dzwik was also in attendance to recognize and welcome the women and offer advice on navigating college life.



Left to right: Kayla Scipio, Sahar Rammaha, Leslie Cunningham, and Taylor Williams.

IN THE NEWS

Author's and Illustrator's Course has Much to Celebrate this October

Within the National Book Award Finalists are three individuals named for Young People's Literature, including Steve Sheinkin, Deborah Wiles, and Jacqueline Woodson. These three individuals have been part of the *Author's and Illustrator's Art and Craft* course through the Department of Reading and Language Arts this past summer.

View the attached **write-up** (<https://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/SEHS/Newsletters/RLA%20570%20Oct%202014.docx>), written by Jim Cipiewleski for additional information.



Art Education Class Visits the GRAM

On Wednesday, November 5, 2014, Linda Tyson took her Art Education class to visit the Grand Rapids Art Museum (GRAM). They were fortunate enough to view several pieces of art by the amazingly talented Adonna Khare and hear her speak on her artistic process and teaching methods.

This place-based educational experience was focused around the method of experiential learning. The class was able to gain the authentic experience of how to properly use a museum as a teaching tool to aid in the education of their students.



(<https://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/SEHS/Newsletters/GRAM.pdf>)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lunch and Learn Seminar Series - November 10, 2014

The Office of Planned Giving hosts a monthly "Lunch & Learn" seminar series. The series provides OU faculty, staff, alumni and friends with educational tools and resources on a variety of financial and estate planning topics. Space is limited; please be sure to register in advance to ensure your seat. Lunch is provided!

The next seminar, titled *Understanding Oakland's Endowment and Endowed Gifts*, will be held on Monday, November 10, 2014, from noon-1pm in the Oakland Center, Gold Room C.

Please **RSVP** (<http://www.oakland.edu/formbuilder/forms.aspx?formid=3821&sid=528>) by Friday, November 7, 2014.

**Reading Recovery Conference - November 17, 2014**

The 17th annual Kansas Reading Recovery and Early Literacy Conference will be held on November 17, in Emporia State University's Memorial Union.

Mary Lose will be a featured speaker at the conference. Her article, *A Child's 'Response to Intervention' requires a responsive teacher of reading*, was reprinted in two books published in 2010 by the *International Reading Association*. Mary finds working with teacher leaders, teachers and their students among the most interesting and rewarding work of all.

For additional information on the conference, visit the **website** (<http://www.emporia.edu/news/11/03/2014/award-winning-children-s-author-and-literacy-expert-to-speak-in-emporia/?>).

**Winter Brunch Potluck - December 8, 2014**

The School of Education and Human Services will be having a winter themed potluck brunch on Monday, December 8, 2014, from 10:30am-12:30pm. Come join your fellow employees in the Atrium for delicious food, and holiday fun.

View the **attached form** (https://docs.google.com/a/oakland.edu/spreadsheets/d/1bsuh9QQwSsOT1qdFE3qCvjGxI6KD6Q3qiVpzD1es_Q4/edit#gid=0) to sign up for a dish to pass. As part of the fun, you have the option of wearing the ugliest holiday sweater you can find.

We hope to see you there!

**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>).

ABOUT THE SEHS BULLETIN

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:

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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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