

## Points of Pride

Colleagues,

*I have always found it interesting that the most meaningful and valued experiences we find in life are those that are hardest to come by and the most challenging to work our way through.*

As noted psychiatrist and author Theodore Isaac Rubin said,

*"Happiness does not come from doing easy work but from the afterglow of satisfaction that comes after the achievement of a difficult task that demanded our best."*

*Isn't it wonderful to be a part of a community that offers so many bona fide reasons to be happy?*

Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.  
President

### PUTTING IT IN WRITING

Part of ensuring that students get as much benefit from their college education as possible involves offering unique and highly individualized learning opportunities. **Joan Rosen**, professor emerita of English and founder of the Joan Rosen Endowment, embraces this conviction.

The inaugural Rosen Fellowship for Undergraduate Writers and Their Supervising Faculty – made possible by the Joan Rosen Endowment and coordinated by [The Writing Center](#) – has provided eight undergraduate students and supporting faculty members with \$1,000 grants to pursue mentored research projects. Such projects are typically reserved for graduate level work.

Our undergraduates have taken advantage of these opportunities to explore topics in archaeology, psychology and the arts, to name just a few fields of interest. Upon completion of their projects, grant recipients will be encouraged to share their findings by publishing in academic journals and presenting at conferences.+

I want to take this opportunity to commend and thank Joan and her husband, Robert, for making these opportunities possible. I should also note that the Joan Rosen Endowment helps fund general Writing Center operations, which have provided comprehensive writing support to all OU students for more than a decade. We are so fortunate to have the Rosens as thoughtful and dedicated campus community members.



### COURTING SUCCESS



Often when we think of being at the top of our game, we have a single goal in mind, such as professional excellence, academic acumen or athletic dominance. This is why it is so easy to be inspired by people who excel in multiple areas.

OU redshirt senior volleyball player **Sammy Condon** is just such a person. She is one of only 30 NCAA women student-athletes from across the country to be named as candidates for the Senior CLASS Award in collegiate volleyball. Prospective honorees are selected based on notable achievements in the areas of community, classroom, character and competition.

Condon is only the second player in the NCAA Division I era to earn first team all-league honors in three consecutive seasons. An elementary education major, she also maintains a 3.75 grade-point average. Kudos to Sammy for all of her outstanding work!

### EARNING HIGH HONORS

The fact that our **School of Business Administration** was recently recognized by U.S. News & World Report in its list of [Best Colleges for 2018](#) is fantastic news on at least two different levels.

First, and most importantly, it is an indication that OU students have access to outstanding curricula, as well as instruction from dedicated and highly accomplished faculty members. The knowledge, insight and real-world experience they gain will open countless doors of opportunity as they complete their studies and enter the workforce.

Second, recognition of the SBA offers strong evidence that public awareness of and respect for SBA programs is both increasing in intensity and spreading far beyond our region. There is little question this encouraging trend will benefit the University community in countless ways.

The U.S. News & World Report honor complements similar acknowledgements from the Princeton Review and PayScale.com. Congratulations to Dean Michael Mazzeo, our SBA department chairs and the school's faculty as a whole for continuing to raise both the SBA's and Oakland University's profile in the higher education community.



*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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