

# OAKLAND UNIVERSITY™

## School of Education and Human Services



### **ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

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#### **Majela Morris Completes Business Certification Program**

Majela Morris, office assistant in the Office of Public School Academies, recently completed a certification program through the Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO). Through her coursework over a two-year period, Majela earned a “Business Office Specialist” certificate, completing a variety of courses, including Cash Management, Principles of Education, Technology for the Business Manager and Introduction to School Business. Majela pursued the program to enhance her knowledge of K–12 business operations and enable her to better serve the OU public school academies and PSA Office staff.



**Congratulations, Majela!**

### **IN THE NEWS**

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#### **Weekly ERL Update: A Message from the Michigan School Library Advocacy Coalition**

All of Michigan’s students need equitable access to effective



school libraries staffed by certified school librarians. School librarians improve student achievement; lead and support technology integration; and improve college/career readiness as they teach research, digital citizenship and information literacy skills.

Studies in more than 20 states, including Michigan, show students with access to vibrant school library programs have higher student achievement, including higher reading scores. In particular, students who are economically disadvantaged, black, Hispanic or have disabilities benefit proportionally more than general students from the presence of a full-time certified school library media specialist. More details on these studies are available [online](#).

Several school districts, including Eastpointe, Troy, Comstock and Mount Clemens, have added certified school librarian positions this year, and we look forward to more schools adding positions. Still, Michigan ranks 47th in the nation in the ratio of students to certified school librarians. Only 8% of Michigan schools employ a full-time certified school library media specialist. All students in our state deserve to have access to the services provided by a teacher-certified school librarian.

Your votes count! You can [send an email to our state legislators concerning the three bills that will impact school libraries](#).

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## A Night of Hopes and Dreams

The Detroit Academy of Arts and Science Choir, one of Oakland University's public school academies, performed at the Detroit Children's Fund 3rd Annual Dinner. This event was to celebrate the work of the Detroit Children's Fund and the "Hopes and Dreams" of students. The Detroit Children's Fund is a nonprofit organization that makes high-potential investments to expand successful schools, greatly improve lower performing schools, and discover and develop talented educators so that every child in Detroit has the opportunity to receive an excellent education. The event raised more than \$1.1 million.



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## Office of Public School Academies Hosts New Board Member Orientation

The Office of Public School Academies hosted orientation sessions for new board members on September 12 and 14. Eleven individuals participated and received training and information on what it means to be a public school academy board member. Topics covered included the Open Meetings Act, school finance and the charter contract. Members also enjoyed networking and sharing about their schools with each other, and the challenges and successes they have encountered thus far.



## BIRTHDAYS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**ANTHONY  
GALLINA**  
DEAN'S OFFICE





If you do not wish to have your birthday included, contact [Trevor Tyle](#).

## **ABOUT THE SEHS BULLETIN**

The SEHS Bulletin is a place 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: [ttyle@oakland.edu](mailto:ttyle@oakland.edu).

**If you have questions about the bulletin, email Trevor Tyle at [ttyle@oakland.edu](mailto:ttyle@oakland.edu).**

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