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## Hansen honored at Googasian Award Luncheon

The OU affiliate of the American Council on Education (ACE) Network for Women Leaders in Higher Education presented Associate Professor of Biological Sciences Fay Hansen with its 2004 Phyllis Law Googasian Award. Hansen received the award at a luncheon March 29 in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms.

The award has been presented annually since 1992 to an outstanding woman leader who performs extraordinary service to the university community and demonstrates commitment to the positive development and advancement of women at Oakland. The award ceremony is OU's premier campus event celebrating the success of women in higher education.

Hansen received her B.S. in zoology from Montana State University and her M.S. and Ph.D. in physiology from the Medical College of Wisconsin. She was awarded a post-doctoral fellowship for research on malnutrition at the University of Jamaica. She then worked as a post-doctoral fellow and research scientist at the University of Michigan and taught at the University of Detroit School of Dentistry before joining Oakland's **Department of Biological Sciences**.

In her keynote address, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow spoke of her rise in politics and how women enhance the democratic process.

"This event is really about celebrating the potential of all of us," Stabenow said. "We are better as a country and as a world when women come into leadership positions beyond the home. Women in such positions help make the right decisions for the majority of people."

The Googasian Award Luncheon is scheduled each year to coincide with Women's History Month events at Oakland University. Award recipients come from any segment of the OU community. Past winners include:

- Fatma Mili – 2003
- Mary Beth Snyder – 2002
- Natalie Cole and Martha Zingo – 2001
- Mary Otto – 2000
- Joan Rosen – 1999
- Suzanne Frankie – 1998
- Jacqueline Scherer – 1996
- Jacqueline Loughheed – 1995
- Cathy Rush and Liz Barclay – 1994
- Margo King – 1993
- Phyllis Law Googasian – 1992

The Googasian Award was created to honor Phyllis Law Googasian, trustee emerita, for her exceptional commitment to the university and to the advancement of women.

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