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FROM THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

From Interim Dean Bob Maxfield:

Last week you received a message from Provost Jim Lentini about the search for a new Dean. He explained that the search has been extended and efforts will be intensified to find candidates who meet our expectations and will be able to provide the type of leadership that you all deserve. I join Jim in commending our search committee for their hard work and dedication to this effort. They are great representatives of our entire faculty and staff.

He also indicated that I have agreed to continue for another year. As I've said to many of you, this is a great "gig." It has been a real privilege to work with you on our day-to-day business and on the many initiatives that are underway. We are making significant progress in providing "real programs for real people in real schools and communities." Each of our departments can be proud of programs that do just that. Moreover, none of this would be possible without the valuable help provided by our support staff. All of your efforts contribute to our growing reputation throughout the state and the region.

The search process has taught us that we need to do more to tell our story. To that end, our first ever SEHS Annual Report will be published in June. James Silvestri has contacted many of you for material to include. However, telling our story involves more than one publication. It requires that all of us look for additional ways to connect with the broader community. Many of you are doing this by participating in our growing network of partnerships, presenting at local and national conferences, and becoming active in professional organizations. It is also being done by helping our students become "raving fans" and through our daily professional and personal interactions.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for all that you have done this year to strengthen our school and Oakland University. Best wishes for continued success and an enjoyable summer.



ACCOLADES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Darlene Groomes Publishes Two Peer-Reviewed Articles

Darlene Groomes, Human Development and Child Studies, published two peer-reviewed articles in the *Journal of Rehabilitation Administration's* Special Issue, *Consumer Satisfaction Surveys: Their Purpose and Uses*.



Value chain analysis: An implication for improving systems within the vocational rehabilitation program and *Promoting effective data interpretation of customer satisfaction by State Rehabilitation Councils*, promote approaches to enhance strategic performance in the federal-state Vocational Rehabilitation Program.

The VR Program is federally administered by the Rehabilitation Services Administration, with a mission to empower individuals with disabilities to achieve employment, economic self-sufficiency, independence, and integration into their communities.

Congratulations to Darlene!

DOL Doctoral Student Chosen for Award

June Teisan, earning her Ph.D. in Education degree in Educational Leadership from the Department of Organizational Leadership (admitted in 2004) has been chosen for an Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program Award.

Congratulations to June!

IN THE NEWS

OU/Avondale Partnership Update

The partnership between Oakland University and the Avondale School District has been a massive success so far. OU and Auburn Elementary have united to share, research, explore, encourage, and teach tomorrow's leaders and today's readers.

View Auburn's complete [partnership newsletter](#) for several images and stories of the most recent partnership events.



American Educational Research Association is Major Success

The American Educational Research Association (AERA) 2014 Conference took place Thursday, April 3-Monday, April 7, in Philadelphia. The weekend was a stimulating collaboration of individuals from around the world.

To view the faculty members who presented at AERA along with the titles of their presentations, view the complete [program](#).

Congratulations to all who presented!



Planned Giving Lunch & Learn Seminar Series - April 29, 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.

The April seminar, *Financial Planning 101; the Basics of Investment Planning*, will take place on Tuesday, April 29 from noon-1pm in the Oakland Center, Oakland Room.

Space is limited, so be sure to [register](#) by April 23 to ensure your seat. Lunch will be provided. For additional information, view the complete [flyer](#).



OU Well Represented at Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children Conference

On Friday, April 4, Oakland University was well represented at the Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children (MiAEYC) Annual Conference, in Grand Rapids, MI.

Lowry Director Julie Ricks-Doneen and Lowry teachers Josh Yax, Margaret Mudge, Jennifer Harp, Ann Ratterree and former teacher Jennifer Champagne, who is now at Oakland Schools, attended the conference.



Also in attendance were Early Childhood Doctoral students Wendy Andrusak and Sinsery Gardner, and Early Childhood faculty members Ambika Bhargava and Shannan McNair.

Margaret, Jennifer, Wendy, and Sinsery all presented poster sessions at the Research and Practice Posters Session. Pat Griffin, an alumna of the Early Childhood Doctoral program, who is now at Hope College, also presented a poster with two of the Hope College students.



Lowry Alumni Help the Community

Haley and Jacob Evans are Lowry alumni, currently in 4th grade and kindergarten at Brewster Elementary school.

Last year, as part of Haley's Girl Scout Journey project, she collected 1,000 books for the Hispanic Outreach program. This year, the Brewster Community Service Kids agreed to take up Haley's cause and sponsored a school-wide book drive to benefit the Hispanic Outreach program. OU students support the Hispanic Outreach program by providing tutoring to elementary students at several Pontiac and Auburn Hills elementary schools. The students at Brewster collected a total of 1,705 books!



Way to go Hailey and Jacob! A special thanks to their parents, Sue and Cameron for encouraging this great community service.

An Evening with David & Kristen Finch, April 24, 2014

David Finch was diagnosed as an adult with Asperger's Syndrome. Due to this, his marriage nearly fell apart. In this entertaining and empowering discussion, David and his wife, Kristen present the strategies they employed to reclaim their relationship. This discussion is a must for anyone looking to gain insight into how to have a successful relationship with someone with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

This event will take place on Thursday, April 24, 2014 from 6-8pm in the Oakland Center Banquet Room.

If you are interested in attending, be sure to **RSVP via email**.

View the **complete flyer** for additional information.



CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

James Hansen - CNS

Marvella Ramsey - PSA

If you do not wish to have your birthday announced, please contact James Silvestri at jmsilves@oakland.edu

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: sehs@oakland.edu.

If you have questions about the bulletin, feel free to email James Silvestri at jmsilves@oakland.edu.



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