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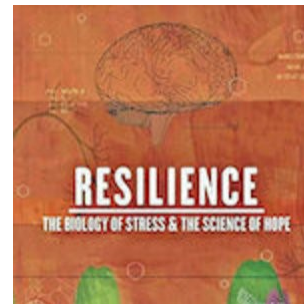
School of Education and Human Services



ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

OU Pontiac Initiative Hosts Film Screenings for Pontiac High School

The OU-Pontiac Initiative Early Childhood Education (OUIECE) committee recently hosted screenings of the documentary film *Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope* for students at Pontiac High School from January 28–31. During the screenings, which were part of the Pontiac Resilience Project, students had the opportunity to participate in small discussion groups led by mental health professionals and trained community members. Sixty individuals from multiple community organizations, including 10 from SEHS, volunteered during the four days that the film was screened.



“The goal of the screenings is to provide awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and support to the students and, ultimately, the families within the Pontiac School District,” said Shawna Boomgaard, manager of academic accountability in the Office of Public School Academies. “Our mission is to enhance the quality and access to early childhood services for Pontiac children and families.”

Thank you to the Dean’s Office, Anthony Gallina and Katy Corsetti, for the bags to hold the materials/resources that went out to the students; department chairs and support staff from HDCS, TDES, RLA, PSA and the OU Admissions Office for helping us gather close to 1,000 pen donations to give out to students and volunteers.

Our special thank you to those who helped us right here on campus to ensure that the event ran smoothly: Vicki Gossett, Majela Morris, Donna Simons, Melissa Bishop, Cristyn Pawluk,

Clair Gray, Julie Kopp, Rachel Prescott and Karoline Kenville.

Thank you to the Oakland University staff, faculty and students for their help with planning and/or facilitating small group sessions with the high school students during the event: Ambika Bhargava (HDCS); Melissa Bishop (Ph.D. student, HDCS); Shawna Boomgaard (PSA); Anica Bowe (TDES); Leslie Cunningham (M.A. student, Counseling); Monica Hicks-Jackson (student, Counseling); Robert A. Martin (DOL); Olivia Nash (Counseling); Lorise Grey (Counseling); Shannan McNair (HDCS); Julie Ricks-Doneen (HDCS); Valerie Stacey (student, TDES); and Tomoko Wakabayashi (HDCS).

Lastly, thank you to Rose Wedemeyer and her students from OUWB, and Alan Epstein from the College of Arts and Sciences.

David Strubler Among Recipients of 2020 “Dreamer Award”

Dr. David Strubler, a professor in the Department of Organizational Leadership, and Teresa Rodges, interim director of Pre-College Programs and coordinator for community service partnerships at Oakland University, were among the recipients of this year’s “Dreamer Award,” an annual honor presented by the [Greater Pontiac Community Coalition](#) (GPCC) to individuals who are making a difference in the community.



OU alumni Dr. Peter Karsten, president of the Baker College of Auburn Hills campus; Jennifer Llewellyn, manager of Workforce Development at Oakland County and director of the Oakland County Michigan Works! Agency; and Derina Shaw, office manager/clerk at Welcome Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac, were also among this year’s “Dreamer Award” recipients.

The awards were presented during the GPCC’s 27th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. luncheon on January 20.

“Having spent most of my life being ‘accused’ of being a dreamer, it is encouraging to finally be positively acknowledged for being one,” Strubler said. “It is even more meaningful because it comes from Pontiac, my birthplace, and from Pastor Douglas Jones, for whose leadership I have the greatest respect.”

For more information on the award, [read the full article on the OU website](#).

Congratulations to all involved!

Kristine Griffor Receives 2020 Excellence in Literacy Leadership Award

Oakland University alumna Kristine Griffor, Ed.S., was recently named the recipient of the 2020 Excellence in Literacy Leadership Award presented by Reading Recovery teacher leaders. Griffor is the assistant superintendent for elementary instruction in the Troy School District.



She previously served as the director of curriculum in Warren Woods, during which she worked in partnership with OU to

implement Reading Recovery in the Warren Woods school district. Her studies at OU include a Master of Arts of Teaching Reading and Language Arts and an Educational Specialist Degree in School Administration.

Griffor will be presented with the award on Sunday, February 10, during the 2020 National Reading Recovery and K–6 Literacy Conference opening session at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio.

Congratulations, Kristine!

IN THE NEWS

Mary Lose Attends Literacy Summit

Dr. Mary Lose was one of the three university faculty in the U.S. with early literacy intervention expertise invited to represent the Reading Recovery Council of North America at a one-day Literacy Summit sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers.

The summit, *What Must Be Done to Improve Literacy Skills for All Kids*, was held Thursday, January 23 in Washington, D.C. and presented the results from “The Nation’s Report Card,” provided by the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). Discussions centered on the need to share, learn and scale best practices in order to increase literacy skills for students across the U.S. and with a focus on students whose reading ability is below their grade level.

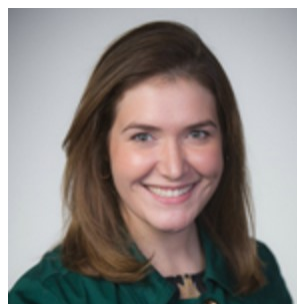


From left to right: Drs. Mary Lose (Oakland University) and Betsy Kaye (Texas Woman’s University)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Women in Leadership Spotlight with Kristin Rohrbeck — Tuesday, February 4

Join the Women’s Employee Resource Group (WERG) Emerging Leaders small group on Tuesday, February 4 for a Women in Leadership spotlight featuring Kristin Rohrbeck, director of OUCARES. During the session, Kristin will be sharing advice and tips from her own experiences in her time at Oakland University.



The session will take place from 12:10–12:50 p.m. in 234 Elliott Hall. Another session featuring Michelle D. Southward, director of Academic Advising and Student Success for the School of Health Sciences, will take place on Tuesday, April 2.

Those interested in attending can [register online](#). For more information, view the [event flyer](#).

Dr. Manabu Saito Presentation — Wednesday, February 5

On Wednesday, February 5, Dr. Manabu Saito, associate professor in the Department of Neuropsychiatry at the Hirosaki University Graduate School of Medicine, will be sharing her research results with the Oakland University community before returning to Japan. One of her studies includes Hirosaki City's five-year-old developmental check-up study, a city-wide health and developmental screening initiative.

The presentation will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the ERL's Special Collections and Award Books room, located in 350F Pawley Hall. If you are interested in attending, please [RSVP online](#).

Helping Your Students Fall in Love with Literacy: Bridging Phonics, Reading and Writing Through the Workshop — Wednesday, February 12

Join the ERL on Wednesday, February 12 from 5:30–7:30 p.m. for **Helping Your Students Fall in Love with Literacy: Bridging Phonics, Reading and Writing Through the Workshop**. Practicing teachers from surrounding school districts will assist Kate DiMeo, Phyllis Ness and Marcia Hudson in a presentation and panel discussion on bridging phonics instruction with the Reading/Writing Workshop. Kate and panelists will present information about the Lucy Calkins Unit of Study for Phonics and provide tips for managing literacy instruction from a practical perspective.

Everyone is welcome, but the event will be capped at 45, so please [register online](#). Feel free to share the invitation with your students, colleagues and anyone else who might have an interest.

BIRTHDAYS



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.

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