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From the office of the
President



Colleagues,

In our common search for motivation, many of us have learned that we must look within ourselves to find true incentive, yet we must look outwardly to find purpose. When that inner- outer personal balance is achieved, excellence, success and making a positive impact are not far behind.

There are examples in the OU community.

Take a moment to learn about the impressive achievements of OU's Honors College Dean, organizers of the Great Lakes Regional Student Success Conference and the exceptional academic accomplishments of student-athletes.

We appreciate their dedication, and honor them for embodying the values of higher education.

Ora Hirsh Pescovitz, M.D.
President

CULTIVATING CURIOSITY

Honors College Dean Graeme Harper has been named Vice Chair for the At Large Division of the Council on Undergraduate Research.

Already leading a working group in the Division on Quality Assurance and Assessment of undergraduate research, he will now also work with the Chair to advance the At Large Division of the national council for the next three years.

Dean Harper has been active with the Council on Undergraduate Research since 2014, and I commend his considerable effort to promote such a critical component of exemplary undergraduate education.



STRATEGIC STUDENT SUCCESS



For seven years now, the Oakland University Office of Student Success has planned an enlightening and impactful event in which distinguished experts share current findings and insights on fostering student success.

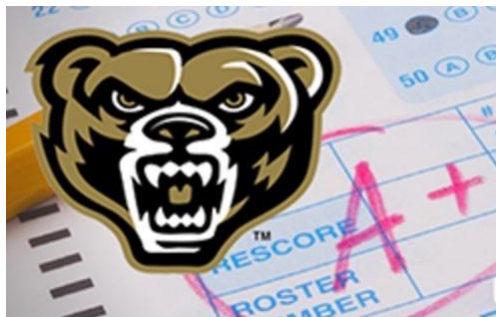
The [Great Lakes Regional Student Success Conference \(GLRSSC\)](#) – set for March 21-22 this year – hosts discussions on many topics including how to most effectively engage students in learning, utilize evolving technology to enhance instruction and support services, and promote growth and discovery outside the classroom.

The conference has grown to welcome more than 600 attendees from 75 higher education institutions and non-profit organizations from 15 states and Canada. In addition, the initiative has led to the creation of five new scholarships for conference

attendees. Kudos to everyone involved in making this increasingly heralded conference a reality.

WINNING WISDOM

As a result of exceptional work in the classroom during the fall 2018 term, 132 Oakland University student-athletes have been named to the Horizon League's Academic Honor Roll.



To be included, each of these individuals had to have participated in at least one sport in the past season, completed at least three semesters as a full-time student, and maintained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.2.

Considering that Oakland University is consistently among the most athletically competitive schools in the Horizon League, our student-athletes' academic success illustrates that we need not limit our pursuit of excellence to any single goal or endeavor. Congratulations to all of our scholars and champions.

Is there a point of pride you feel is worth sharing with the campus community?

If so, please [submit your idea](#) for consideration.

If you are interested in exploring past editions of this newsletter, we invite you to visit the [Points of Pride archive page](#).

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