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### **FROM THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES**

*From Development Project Manager Shelly Garretson:*

I would like to thank all who have congratulated me and wished me well in my new position as Development Project Manager.

I have been asked on several occasions what my new role and responsibilities entail and whether will I be soliciting funds. I will be responsible for planning alumni events and for developing community engagement initiatives, but I will not be directly asking for donations (so no need to run when you see me headed your way). I will be cultivating and strengthening relationships between alumni and the School of Education and Human Services, which will hopefully result in future philanthropy.

The development team recently returned from the CASE District V conference in Chicago, Illinois. This is a three-day conference that covers a wide range of topics in the field of development. We had the opportunity to learn from some very qualified and experienced presenters, and brought back some great ideas that we will be implementing soon, so stay tuned!

In last week's e-Bulletin, Holly Smith mentioned random acts of kindness and paying it forward. Sometimes this can be as simple as saying thank you or even sending a candy-gram. A candy-gram is a gift of candy that is given out with a special message from the sender. You can send someone a candy-gram as a thank you or "just because." These candy-grams are available at no cost and are located in the Faculty/Staff lounge in the 2nd drawer below the microwave. If you want to thank a co-worker or just brighten their day, deliver one to them.

If you have any questions/suggestions or would like to help, please contact me at [garretso@oakland.edu](mailto:garretso@oakland.edu).



### **ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

## SEHS Degree Ranked Among the Best

Oakland University's online Master of Education in Special Education degree ranked among the best in the article titled **The 30 Best Online Master in Special Education Degree Programs** (<http://www.thebestschools.org/rankings/30-best-online-master-special-education-degree-programs/>) by TheBestSchools.org.

TheBestSchools.org selected this program based on several weighted factors, including academic excellence, course offerings, faculty strengths, and reputation, including reputation for online degree programs.

TheBestSchools.org is a leading resource for prospective students seeking a college or university degree. Many schools in the United States reference our rankings including Auburn University, Boston University, Texas A&M University, Fordham University, and many more.

## IN THE NEWS

### Wilson and Human Relations Awards

Few Oakland University awards carry the prestige and importance of the Wilson and Human Relations Awards. This is a friendly reminder to nominate and/or encourage qualified students to apply for these awards.

The attached **flyer** (<https://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/SEHS/Newsletters/Wilson%20and%20Human%20Relations%20Awards%20Flier.pdf>) provides all the information needed in order to apply. If convenient, you are encourage you to print this flyer for advertisement in your area.

For additional information, contact the Dean of Students at (248) 370-3352.

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### Student Scholarships

The deadline for SEHS student scholarships is approaching in 3 weeks (February 6, 2015). Please remind your students that there is still time to **apply online** (<http://www.oakland.edu/sehs/scholarships/>).

Email **Dave Tindall** (<mailto:dmtindal@oakland.edu?subject=Student%20Scholarship%20Inquiry>) with any questions or concerns.



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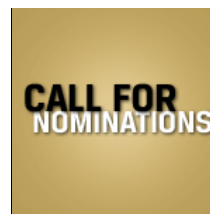
### Excellence in Mentoring Faculty Award - Call for Nominations

The SEHS Excellence in Mentoring Faculty Award will be presented to two full-time faculty members who have demonstrated excellence in mentoring in one of these three areas: teaching, scholarship, or service. The two full-time faculty mentors selected for this award will each receive an additional \$500 to support their contract faculty travel expenses in 2015-2016.

The deadline to apply for this award is Monday, January 26, 2015 by 5pm. The recipient(s) of this award will be announced in the SEHS newsletter on Friday, February 13, 2015. An open call for nominations via the SEHS list serve began on October 17, 2014 and will run through January 23, 2015.

For information regarding how full-time faculty members, part-time faculty members, and graduate students can nominate their full-time faculty mentor to receive a SEHS Excellence in Mentoring Faculty Award, view the **complete form** (<https://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/Newsletters/MENTORING%20AWARD%20SEHS3-4.docx>).

For additional information, contact **Dr. Chaunda L. Scott** (<mailto:cscott@oakland.edu?subject=Excellence%20in%20Mentoring>).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Lunch and Learn: The Facts About Wills and Trusts - January 26, 2015**

The Office of Planned Giving will be hosting an informational afternoon seminar on the facts about wills and trusts. This seminar will discuss ways to design a plan that will take care of your loved ones and reduce your stress at the same time. Attendees will also receive a free, updated guide to planning a will or trust.

Elizabeth Luckenbach is a partner in the Southfield office of Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss. She is a member of the Firm's Estate Planning / Probate and Litigation Practice Groups, with an emphasis in probate litigation, special needs planning and elder law.

Join for lunch and the informative seminar on Monday, January 26th, from 12-1p.m. at the Oakland Center in the Heritage Room. Seating is limited, so reservations are required. RSVP by January 22nd **online** ([http://isupportou.com/s/1001/04-giving/index.aspx?sid=1001&pgid=1291&gid=4&cid=2859&ecid=2859&post\\_id=0](http://isupportou.com/s/1001/04-giving/index.aspx?sid=1001&pgid=1291&gid=4&cid=2859&ecid=2859&post_id=0)) or at (248) 370-4403.

For additional information on the seminar, view the **complete flier** (<https://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/SEHS/Newsletters/January%20Invite.pdf>). For additional information about seminars hosted by the Office of Planned Giving, visit their **website** (<http://oakland.giftlegacy.com/>).

**African and African American Centered Research Symposium - February 5, 2015**

In celebration of Black History Month 2015, the new SEHS Black Faculty Network and the ERL will sponsor its first African and African American centered Research Symposium on Thursday February 5, 2015 at 5:30-7:00 pm in the ERL.

All SEHS faculty and students are invited to share their completed or in progress African and African American research at this symposium. If you or your students are interested in participating in this event, contact **Dr. Chaunda L. Scott** (<mailto:cscott@oakland.edu?subject=Research%20symposium>) by January 22, 2015.

**Diverse Voices Conference - February 14, 2015**

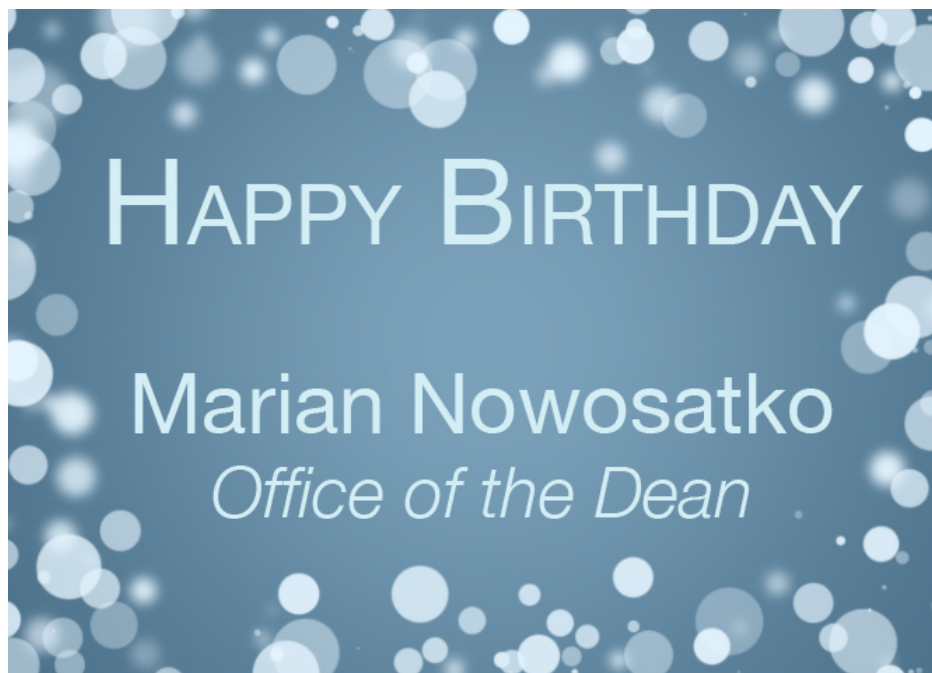
The Thirteenth Annual Diverse Voices Conference will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2015 from 10am -12:30pm at Meadow Brook Theater. The aim of the Diverse Voices Conference is to provide a supportive forum for OU students, faculty, staff and community members to speak out in support of valuing all aspects of human diversity. The conference theme is *The Role of Diversity Leadership in the 21st Century*.

The keynote speaker is Dr. Bertie M. Greer, Professor of Management from the University of Northern Kentucky. A panel comprised of a local business leader and Oakland University students from the departments of Human Resource Development and Counseling will also be a part of this conference.

Entertainment and refreshments will also be provided. Admission is free to this conference as it is a community event open to the public. Please invite your students to attend this conference.

For additional information, contact **Dr. Chaunda L. Scott** (<mailto:cscott@oakland.edu?subject=Diverse%20Voices%20Conference>).

**CELEBRATIONS**



If you do not wish to have your birthday announced, please contact James Silvestri at [jmsilves@oakland.edu](mailto:jmsilves@oakland.edu) (<mailto:jmsilves@oakland.edu?subject=Birthday%20exclusion>).

#### 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](mailto:sehs@oakland.edu) (<mailto:sehs@oakland.edu?subject=SEHS%20Bulletin>).

If you have questions about the bulletin, feel free to email James Silvestri at [jmsilves@oakland.edu](mailto:jmsilves@oakland.edu) (<mailto:jmsilves@oakland.edu?subject=SEHS%20Bulletin>).



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