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FROM THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

From OPS Project Manager Jasmine Bailey:

Ni Hao, SEHS ("Ni Hao" means "Hello" in Mandarin Chinese).

I had the wonderful opportunity to visit Beijing, China with two faculty members from Teacher Development and Educational Studies, Dr. Anica Bowe and Dr. Emery Petchauer. In my role as a member of the Outreach and Program Services (OPS) team, I assist students with the application process for several programs in SEHS.

SEHS has partnered with Beijing Channel Consulting (BCC) International Education. BCC recruits teaching students from China to come to Oakland University and complete a Master of Arts in Teaching degree. They teach Mandarin Chinese to students throughout Oakland and Macomb County. BCC provides training to the students each March and requested our faculty and a staff member attend their training session.

Anica and Emery taught classes on classroom management and diversity, American pedagogy, instructional design, assessment, graduate level writing, and American school culture. Classes were work-shop style in form with the goal of orienting the incoming cohort from China towards the big ideas surrounding effective teaching in USA schools.

I went through the application process and walked candidates through the online application and documentation. There will possibly be six candidates from China that will attend the Master of Arts in Teaching program in the fall 2015 semester. The ultimate goal will be to increase the number of candidates to enter the MAT program through BCC in the future. SEHS connected in a personal way by coming to where these candidates are located. International borders did not stop us from providing personalized service and scholarship.

Our partner host, BCC was gracious to take us to various sites on Saturday and Sunday. We were able to visit the Great Wall and Forbidden City among the site seeing. Adventurous Anica and I went bike riding on the scenic route and took **several photos** (<https://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/SEHS/Newsletters/Beijing.pdf>).

The local people were warm and inviting as we walked (and rode) throughout the city. One of the lessons I learned was not to assume anything and to enjoy the experience. This may seem simple, but until I walked the streets of Beijing, I had no idea what the people and culture were like. It was truly amazing to feel a sense of belonging in a country 6,000 miles away from home!

As SEHS continues to develop partnerships with districts, schools, and leaders in the community, let's continue to keep our minds open to enjoy the experiences that come with connecting with different people, places, and cultures. When our partners come to visit Oakland University, may they experience the same sense of belonging.



ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Bob Fink has Poem Published

Bob Fink from the department of Counseling, has recently has a poem published in the February issue of *Infochange*, a publication of the Association of Humanistic Counseling. The poem is titled, *Creativity And Madness In Van Gogh's Bedroom*.

Congratulations to Bob!



IN THE NEWS

Literacy Night at Auburn Elementary is Huge Success

On Thursday, March 26, Auburn Elementary hosted Literacy Night. The theme of the event was Magic! Students and their parents gathered in the school for reading related activities, book reading with the OU Basketball team and the Grizz, and a magic show to end the night.

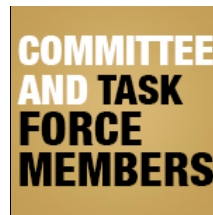
The event was a major success. A large thank you to all the SEHS faculty/staff who supported the event, including Barb Begin-Campbell, Liz Guzniczak, Ron Cramer, Dave Strubler, David Secord, Tanya Christ, and Leigh Dzwik.



SEHS Committee and Task Force Members

Several members of the faculty and staff have volunteered to serve on a goal committee or task force in order to provide broad campus representation as well as expertise in specific areas.

The following are SEHS faculty/staff who will be acting as committee and task force members: Cindy Carver, DOL; Emery Petchauer, TDES; Suzanne Klein, DOL (chair); Shannan McNair, HDCS; David Secord, School and Field Services; Mark Doman, DOL; Lisa Hawley, CNS; Dennis Wade, Pawley Lean Institute; and Tom Giberson, DOL.



New Directions in Teacher Education

Tracy Samilton from Michigan Public Radio recently interviewed Marcia Hudson and Nancy Brown at Auburn Elementary. The results from this interview will soon be part of a story on new directions in teacher education.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Elliott Tower to be Lit Blue for Autism Awareness Day, April 2, 2015

April 2nd is World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD). OU will be joining Autism Speaks, the world's largest autism advocacy organization, who created the Light It Up Blue campaign, by lighting up the Elliot Tower in blue on April 2.

Autism Speaks Light It Up Blue is a global initiative to help raise awareness and to celebrate the unique talents and skills of persons with autism on WAAD. Last year, 7 continents, 101 countries, 1,300 cities and 8,400 landmarks, including Christ the Redeemer in Brazil, The Nelson Mandela bridge in South Africa, Kindom Tower in Saudi Arabia, the Tokyo Tower in Japan, and the International Space Station participated in The Light It Up Blue project.

Please show your support by wearing blue on April 2, and if possible, join fellow colleagues, students, and autism supporters around the Elliot Tower at 7pm for music, balloons, guest speakers, and more!



CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CHAUNDA SCOTT - DOL

JESSICA KORNER - HDCS

JUNE WUOPIO - PSA

PAUL WEINBERG - TDES

SARAH SCHRAFFENBERGER - LOWRY

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

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



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