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

*From Interim Dean Bob Maxfield:*

As we move into the summer academic terms, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank James Silvestri for his outstanding work as publisher/editor of our weekly newsletter. It is truly remarkable that he has been able to meet the weekly deadline with a quality publication every week since the beginning of the fall semester. Thanks also to all of you who have submitted articles and information. We have received lots of positive feedback from across the campus. We will give James a break at the end of the month, and the weekly schedule will resume in late August.



In this issue you will find a link to the Center for Michigan's follow up report from the Community Conversations conducted throughout the state. Thanks to those of you who participated in the two sessions conducted here at Pawley Hall earlier this year. I hope you find that your comments were reflected in in this "Citizen's Agenda".

Finally, we have included in this issue a delightful piece written by a certain "anonymous" Distinguished Professor (AKA Ron Kramer).

**SPECIAL FEATURE**

## How To Ruin A Damn Good Farm: The Real Oakland Story

By A Certain Anonymous Distinguished Professor of Education

### Chapter 1: The Farm Was Without Form And Void

Early Schemers Woody Varner, John Hannah, and Matilda Dodge Wilson have big idea. Need new university in Oakland County. But first must find generous benefactor. Alfred Wilson busy playing golf, riding horses. Decide check with Alfred's wife, Matilda. Matilda very generous person. Besides, Matilda rules checkbook. Woody and Hannah ask Matilda to midwife big new idea. Schemers accept generous gift 1,600-acre farm from Matilda and Alfred. Hutzpah schemers ask for two million dollars from generous midwife. Big farm worth many dollars. If farm sold in forty foot steps over next six decades maybe worth many billions. Schemers seek advice from Blue Ribbon Commission establish Oakland in 1957. New institution affiliated with big name university in East Lansing. But first schemers agree will never compete with mother of all football factories – Michigan State University.

### Chapter 2: Present At The Creation

Day 1: Early schemers convene weird group to set goals and define mission of new institution. Weird group make many wise decisions. Also make many foolish decisions.

Day 2: Choose name for new institution. Have many good ideas. Reject all good ideas and settle on –Michigan State University at Oakland.

Day 3: Decide build two buildings with Matilda's money. Commission decides on innovative names for buildings. Decide call buildings North and South Foundation Hall. Decision make weird minority commission members mad as hell. Minority had more creative name: East and West Foundation Hall. Creative idea rejected.

Day 4: Make first wise decision. Decide recruit best and brightest students for freshman class. And so good idea came to pass. Decision saved best and brightest from building cars for a living.

Day 5: Schemers make another wise decision. Decide build two parking spots for each student, staff, and faculty. Schemers think keep everyone happy forever.

Day 6: Decide set highest academic standards. Faculty prove high standards work well. Flunk many best and brightest first year or two. Scare hell out of remaining best and brightest.

Day 7: Appoint history professor George Matthews chief mythmaker. George creates first Oakland Story: Oakland Harvard of Midwest. Six weird professors believe story. Two early professors claimed schemers ruined damn good farm. Most early professors keep level head. Not believe either story.

### Chapter 3: The Arc Sets Sail On Long Journey

Early schemer, Woody Varner, appointed chancellor of MSU Oakland. Woody appoints Blue Ribbon Commission in first year of reign. Blue Ribbon Commission drink too much blue ribbon beverage. Decide make Harvard of Midwest myth credible. Decide all future presidents must pursue Harvard of the Midwest myth. Must look for multi-billionaire to fund myth. Must reach goal no later than 2,500.

## ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Ji-Eun Lee Presents at Spring Conference

Ji-Eun Lee, associate professor in TDES, presented at the 2014 Korean Society of Mathematical Education Spring **Conference** (<https://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/SEHS/TDES/Ji-Eun2.pdf>), which was held in Seoul, South Korea. The topic of her presentation was about prospective teachers' conceptions of mathematical concepts and their potential teaching strategies.

She also offered a **workshop** (<https://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/SEHS/TDES/Ji-Eun1.pdf>) titled, *Parent-child mathematical dialogue*, and a lesson demonstration for 4th grade teachers and students at Heung-Deok Elementary School in Geyonggi Provincial Office of Education, South Korea.

**Congratulations to Ji-Eun!**



## IN THE NEWS

## OU Well Represented at Michigan Division for Early Childhood Conference

On Friday, May 2, Oakland University was well-represented at the Michigan Division for Early Childhood (DEC) conference held at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

Darlene Groomes, associate professor, and Vaselyna Roy, graduate student, presented a session entitled, *Kindergarten Teachers' Perceptions on Inclusion of Students with ASD*.

Mary Mackrain, HDCS/EC doctoral student and consultant with the Michigan Department of Community Health, presented a session entitled, *Creating Bright Beginnings*, and also presented the closing keynote session entitled, *Building Their Bounce: Building Social-Emotional Resilience in Young Children*.

Julie Ricks-Doneen, associate professor, coordinated the Poster Session during the conference. Poster sessions by OU faculty and students included:

- Wendy Andrusak, EC doctoral student & faculty, Lambton College, Ontario  
*Investigation of a Mentorship Program*
- Sinsery Garder, EC doctoral student  
*Integrating Sensory Activities in the Daily Routine*
- Darlene Groomes, associate professor and Vaselyna Roy, graduate student  
*Promoting Helpful Training Opportunities to Effectively Practice Classroom Inclusion with Kindergarten Students with Autism*



## Community Conversations Follow Up Report

Earlier in the year, two Community Conversation sessions were conducted here in Pawley Hall. After collecting insight, concerns and ideas for Michigan's future from the numerous volunteers, the Center for Michigan has recently released the Citizen's Agenda for 2014: *Michigan Speaks: The Citizen's Agenda for the 2014 Elections*.

For more information on the Center for Michigan and to read a full copy of the report, view the complete [article \(https://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/Newsletters/Center%20For%20Michigan.pdf\)](https://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/Newsletters/Center%20For%20Michigan.pdf).

If you are interested in volunteering to help spread the word about the report findings, contact the Center for Michigan via [email \(mailto:engage@centerformichigan.net?subject=Citizen's%20Agenda%20for%202014\)](mailto:engage@centerformichigan.net?subject=Citizen's%20Agenda%20for%202014) or phone, at (734) 926-4286.



## Oakland University's Guiding Principles Open for Revision

Oakland University has established a presidential-level Council on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. The Council is co-chaired by Patricia Dolly, Senior Advisor to the President on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, and Adriene Lim, Dean of Kresge Library. As you may have heard, this relatively new Council has been quite proactive, implementing the University's first Campus Climate Survey in more than 5 years, facilitating Town Hall meetings to disseminate survey results and seek input from the OU community, and most recently sponsoring the highly successful Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Conference – Leveraging Diversity: Affirming and Empowering the Educational Community.

As the Council prepares to move forward, it is seeking your thoughts and comments regarding the continuing development of the Council's Guiding Principles that will eventually be used to inform future policies and practices. The Council takes seriously its charge to represent the diverse views of Oakland University, provide equitable access to all we have to offer, and fully include all community members. As such, you are strongly encouraged to review the current draft of the Guiding Principles, and provide your feedback to [Tim Larrabee \(mailto:larrabee@oakland.edu?subject=Guiding%20Principles\)](mailto:larrabee@oakland.edu?subject=Guiding%20Principles), the Council's SEHS Representative.

The Guiding Principles along with additional information can be found on the Council's [website \(http://www.oakland.edu/diversity\)](http://www.oakland.edu/diversity).

To assure your feedback is communicated to the Council, your response is requested by June 15, 2014.



## Empty Bowls Dinner is Major Success

During their first annual Empty Bowls Dinner, Auburn Elementary, the Avondale/OU Partnership school, was able to raise \$762.00 for Gleaners Food Bank. The Empty Bowls Dinner was held in conjunction with the Auburn Arts Festival on April 30, 2014.

Ms. Kelley Folger, art instructor and teacher leader, created a multitude of amazing learning experiences for Auburn students, both in grades K-5, as well as college level students and future Art Educators from Oakland University. The OU Partnership flag was co-created by patrons of the art festival, children and adults alike.

A special thanks goes to Linda Tyson, Professor of Art Education, as well as other esteemed OU Partners: Robert Maxfield, Nancy Brown, Suzanne Klein, Linda Bolak, Dave Strubler, Cindy Carver, Dawn Pickard, David Secord, as well as Avondale's Central Office Administration for their continued support.



#### **HAVEN Fundraiser Gala - June 6, 2014**

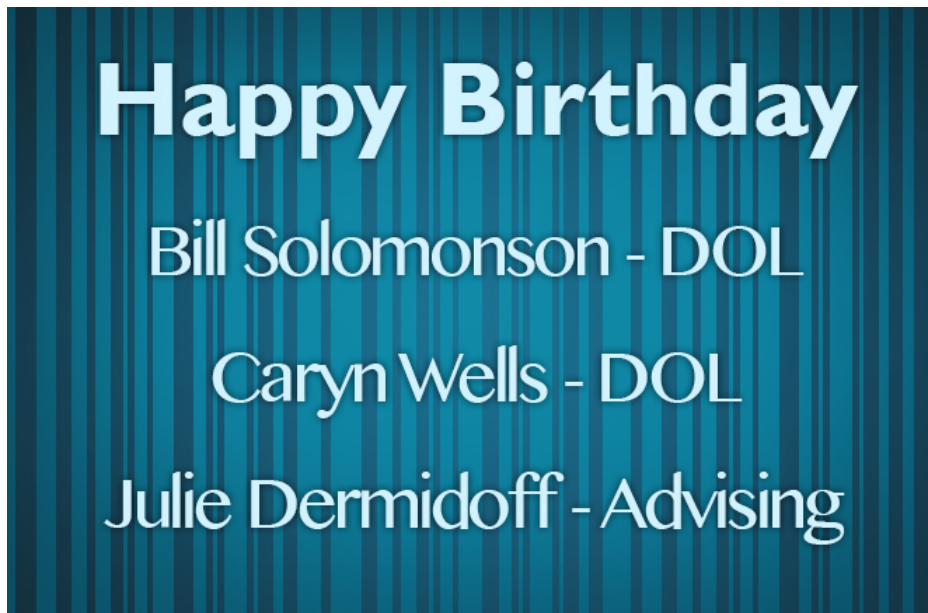
HAVEN is Oakland County's center for the treatment and prevention of domestic and sexual violence. Their annual fundraiser gala, Raise the Roof, to be held on Friday, June 6 at 6:30pm at The Detroit Troy Marriott, offers an opportunity to mix and mingle with local community leaders, while enjoying an evening out.

This signature event will honor HAVEN's history of serving victims of domestic and sexual violence, while kicking off the next chapter by celebrating the construction of HAVEN's new facility. Young professional and Afterglow pricing is available.

For additional information on HAVEN, its programs and services, or to purchase tickets, visit the [website \(http://www.haven-oakland.org/\)](http://www.haven-oakland.org/) or contact Carrie Copeland via [email \(mailto:events@haven-oakland.org?subject=HAVEN%20Fundraiser\)](mailto:events@haven-oakland.org?subject=HAVEN%20Fundraiser) or phone, at (248) 322-3706.



#### **CELEBRATIONS**



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#### **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.

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