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ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SEHS Alumnae Drive Away with "Teacher of the Year" Awards

Two SEHS graduates, now top teachers, were both recently honored as "Teacher of the Year" within their school districts. Economics teacher Katie Gustafson graduated from SEHS with an Education Specialist degree and now teaches at Farmington High School. Language Arts teacher Christina Fifield from East Middle School earned a masters degree in Secondary English Instruction from OU.

Along with this honor came a paid lease of a brand new vehicle from Suburban Collection of Troy. Both honorees exclaimed how surprised and overwhelmed with gratitude they were to receive this award.

Congratulations Katie and Christina!

IN THE NEWS

Reading Month Comes to a Close

The Lowry Center for Early Childhood Education extends a big thank you to the nearly 150 family members, friends and SEHS colleagues who participated in "March is Reading Month" by reading in one of the six Lowry classrooms.



Every reader has a photograph displayed on the wall atop a bright green background. Please come take a look in Lowry's main lobby and hallway to see both your own photo and those of the other readers that have participated.

TDES is in the News!

SEHS students and faculty were featured in a recent edition of Channel 4's "Generation Under Fire" segment; highlighting the opinions that future teachers have about guns in the classroom and how to safely handle emergency situations.



TDES associate professor Mark Olson welcomed the cameras into his classroom for this segment, while graduate assistant Courtney Jacobs and STEP student Richard Knepp were both featured in the segment stating that these events have not altered their decision to pursue the field of teaching as their goal is to help kids and bring them together.

View the full segment [here](#).

Lowry Center Provides Hands-On Learning

On March 27, the Lowry Center held their 6th annual Family Math and Science Night; hosted by OU students taking EC 3324 (Science and Math: Curriculum and Assessment) guided by instructor Margaret Mudge. This event is funded by the Pamela Grossman Memorial Endowment. Over 70 children and their families participated in hands-on math and science activities. A fun and educational night was had by all involved!



UPCOMING EVENTS

World Autism Awareness Day - April 2

This Monday, join the Oakland University Center for Autism in celebration of World Autism Awareness Day from noon–1 p.m. in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms.

The event is open and free for all OU students, faculty and staff. It is entirely focused on sharing information about autism related support services available on campus for the OU community of staff, faculty, and students. The event will include a light lunch on a first-come, first-served basis, an expert panel, and giveaways.

The lunch event will focus on how "OU Celebrates World Autism Awareness Day", formerly "Light It Up Blue." The panel experts include Sarah Guadalupe, Director of Disability Support Services, Jan Graetz, Jessica Korneder, and Kristin Rohrbeck.

For more information, view the [flyer](#) or visit oakland.edu/hdcs.



Seminar on Discussing LGBTQIA Identities with Literature - April 9

The Reading and Language Arts department and the ERL will be hosting a seminar, "Selecting and Using Children's Literature to Discuss LGBTQIA Identities" on April 9 from 6–8 p.m. in Pawley Hall, room 350.

Attend this seminar to learn methods for starting conversations with children about gender and LGBTQIA identities through the selection and discussion of children's literature. Dr. Kristin McIlhagga, assistant professor of children's literature, will share information on locating and carefully selecting literature. Dr. Jill Hermann-Wilmarth, professor of socio-cultural studies, teaching, learning and educational studies at Western Michigan University, will share her research and educational experiences in leading elementary-classroom conversations about gender and LGBTQIA identities. Attendees will have the opportunity to explore a variety of books and engage in small and large group discussions. All are welcome to attend.

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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.

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: jmschmalz@oakland.edu.

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