

# OAKLAND UNIVERSITY™

## School of Education and Human Services



*From SEHS Dean Jon Margerum-Leys*

As I wrote this introduction to our first newsletter of the year, it was a rainy day in Washington, where a crew of us gathered for a conference put on by the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (AACTE) and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). The timing, coming right after Homecoming weekend, seems appropriate. In the opening weeks of the academic year, we've gathered together for fall assembly, recognized and hosted the alumni, and honored our retirees. Next on our list is program development and improvement, coupled for many of us with accreditation efforts. This year is an opportunity to formally take stock of our assets and opportunities, to decide on new directions, and to stride onward. We have the resources we need, a strong sense of our purpose, and a positive institutional environment. I'm energized by the start that we've had and excited by the thought of the year to come. I hope that you are as well.

## NEW FACULTY

### Welcome to the Newest SEHS Faculty Members



Joining the School of Education and Human Services this year (from left to right) is Ashley Branson, Counseling; Danielle Ligoeki, Teacher Development and Educational Studies; Paul Morsink, Reading and Language Arts; and Tomoko Wakabayashi, Human Development and Child Studies. Be sure to give them a warm welcome to Pawley Hall!

## ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### OUCARES Receives NACPRO Special Award

OUCARES was honored to receive the NACPRO (National Association County Parks and Recreations Organization) Removing Barriers 2016 Special Award



for their partnership with Oakland County Parks. OUCARES was chosen from a pool of multiple other programs across the nation and recognized for working with the parks staff to allow OUCARES summer campers to engage in innovative activities at Independence Oaks Park. They were also recognized for developing an Autism training given to Oakland County parks staff as well as staff who work for other parks across the state of Michigan.



Stephanie Laubach, OUCARES Program Coordinator, was integral in helping develop the training. Kristin Rohrbeck, OUCARES Director accepted the award at the Oakland County Parks Commissioners board meeting.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OUCARES Evening Enrichment - October 13, 2016

OUCARES will host an evening enrichment, titled *Supporting Siblings of Children with ASD: What Families Can Do to Help Siblings Understand and Be Involved*, on October 13 in Lake Superior Room A of the Oakland Center. The event will be presented by Tiffanye Teagarden, LPC, LMFT, NCC.



During this presentation, Tiffanye will discuss the experience of having a sibling with ASD and how to build support within the family. Further discussion will include:

- possible challenges related to having a sibling with ASD
- how to provide support for a sibling with ASD
- balancing the needs of both siblings
- how needs and relationships may evolve over time

This event is designed for parents and caregivers of children with autism, as well as educators, therapists, social workers, or anyone interested in the familial relationships and autism. There is no cost to attend. Seating is limited.

Please RSVP by emailing [oucares@oakland.edu](mailto:oucares@oakland.edu) or calling (248) 370-2424.

### Trick or Treat in the Suite/Halloween Luncheon - October 28, 2016

SEHS will be holding a Halloween luncheon on October 28, 2016 in room 204PH. Come join your fellow employees for creepy food, conversations, and costumes (optional). The luncheon will be held from noon-1:00pm.

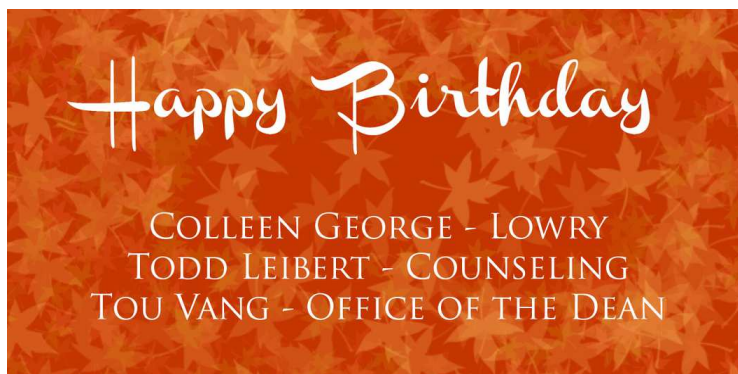


Directly before the luncheon, the Dean's Office will be hosting a trick or treat in the suite (11:30-noon). Stop by the Dean's Office (415PH and the 410PH hall way) on your way to the luncheon to pick up a few treats.

Your contribution of food is your ticket to the luncheon, so be sure to [sign up](#) to bring a dish to pass. The creepier, the better! If possible, please bring your contribution to 204PH at 11am while the luncheon is being set up.

If you have any questions, contact [James Silvestri](#).

## CELEBRATIONS



If you do not wish to have your birthday included, contact James Silvestri at [jmsilves@oakland.edu](mailto:jmsilves@oakland.edu)

#### **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: [jmsilves@oakland.edu](mailto:jmsilves@oakland.edu).

*If you have questions about the bulletin, email James Silvestri at [jmsilves@oakland.edu](mailto:jmsilves@oakland.edu).*

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