

**Agendum  
Oakland University  
Board of Trustees Formal Session  
August 8, 2022**

**APPROVAL OF HONORARY DEGREE FOR EWA MATUSZEWSKI  
A Recommendation**

1. **Division and Department:** Academic Affairs, Office of the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.

2. **Introduction:** In accordance with Article IX of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees, honorary degrees may be awarded by the Board of Trustees in recognition of distinguished accomplishment and service within the scope of the arts and letters, sciences, professions, and public service as recognized and supported by the University. The awarding of honorary degrees reaffirms Oakland University's scholarly, creative, and humanitarian values and ties the University to the community at large.

Ewa Matuszewski is the CEO and co-founder of MedNetOne Health Solutions, a healthcare management organization with more than three decades of experience serving the needs of over 900 primary and specialty care private practice physicians, mid-level providers, behavioral health specialists and chiropractors.

Based in Rochester, Michigan, MedNetOne describes itself as a "patient care organization" that champions efforts in primary care that are frequently ahead of their time. MedNetOne recently collaborated with the Judson Center, a human service agency offering autism programming, behavioral health services and child and family services, to provide clinical oversight and staffing for a new, integrated primary care clinic based in Warren, Michigan. Since the opening of the Judson Center Family Health Clinic, a MedNetOne physician and other health professionals have been integrating primary care services with mental healthcare to serve people of all ages in the community, including children from low-income backgrounds.

In addition to their involvement with the Judson Center, MedNetOne also partners with a variety of broad-based primary care initiatives, including the Patient-Centered Medical Home, the Patient Centered Medical Home Neighborhood and the High Intensity Care Management (HICM) model for the frail, elderly and homebound population.

MedNetOne was named to the "Largest Michigan Physician Organizations" list by *Crain's Detroit Business* in 2019. MedNetOne's Community Care Travel Team received the Eagle Award from the Greater Detroit Area Health Council in 2010. For her commitment to patient care and her leadership in advocating for integrated medical and behavioral healthcare, Ms. Matuszewski was recognized as a 2019 *Crain's* Health Care Hero. Prior to this distinction, she was also named a Champion of the New Economy in 2011 by *DBusiness Magazine*.

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In addition to her role with MedNetOne, Ms. Matuszewski serves the community in a multitude of roles: as a practice mentor with the American Academy of Family Physicians' Practice Enhancement Forum, a guest lecturer at the Doctors' Hospital Family Medicine Residency Program, member of the Michigan Primary Care Consortium and co-chair of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Physician Group Incentive Program (PGIP) Patient Centered Medical Home Committee. She is also a founding member of the Michigan Stanford Chronic Disease Self-Management Program Master Trainers Organization, American Medical Group Association and the Michigan Primary Care Consortium.

Ewa is also a notable leader at Oakland University. She is a longtime supporter of the School of Health Sciences and currently serves on its Board of Advocacy and Resource Development where she shares her knowledge and insights in helping to move the school forward. She played an instrumental role in launching the inaugural Healthology Symposium in 2017, and has been a major supporter in bringing this event back to campus in 2018 and 2019.

In addition to her leadership, Ms. Matuszewski has also contributed philanthropically to Oakland University. Her gifts have helped to create special programming around the School of Health Sciences' Healthology Symposium.

3. **Previous Board Action:** The Board of Trustees periodically awards honorary degrees at its Formal Sessions.
4. **Budget Implications:** None.
5. **Educational Implications:** The awarding of honorary degrees is an established tradition in academe, by which the University reaffirms its scholarly, creative, and humanitarian values and its ties to the wider community.
6. **Personnel Implications:** None.
7. **University Reviews/Approvals:** The Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost has recommended approval of the recipient to receive an Honorary Degree.
8. **Recommendation:**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees awards the honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities *Honoris Causa* to Ewa Matuszewski.

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9. Attachments: None.

Submitted to the President  
on 8/3, 2022 by



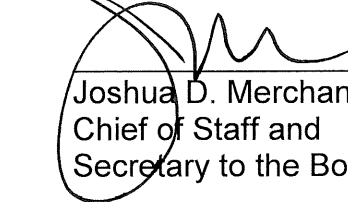
Britt Rios-Ellis, M.S., Ph.D.  
Executive Vice President for  
Academic Affairs and Provost

Recommended on 8/3, 2022  
to the Board for Approval by



Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.  
President

Reviewed by



Joshua D. Merchant, Ph.D.  
Chief of Staff and  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees