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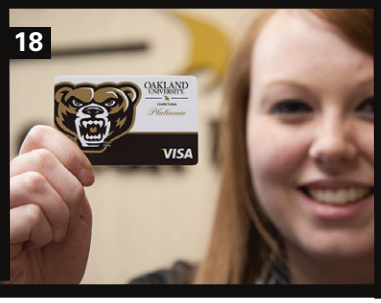
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Special homecoming

By Betty J. Youngblood, Ph.D., CAS '65, interim president



Interim President Betty J. Youngblood, Ph.D., with former OU President Donald O'Dowd, Ph.D., and Jan, his wife.

I had the great pleasure and privilege last fall to meet with former OU President Donald O'Dowd. He was back in town for a visit and was gracious enough to meet with a number of OU leaders, faculty members, friends and admirers.

For me, it was like a very special homecoming. Don O'Dowd and I first met in 1962 when I began my undergraduate studies at what was then Michigan State University – Oakland (MSU-O). Professor O'Dowd was already a respected faculty member and administrator at MSU-O. Later on, several years after I had graduated, Professor O'Dowd became the first president of the newly independent Oakland University. He and his wife, Jan, would later have a campus building named after them.

Fortunately for all OU students since, we were blessed from the beginning with a leader who had a clear vision for excellence at this university.

"My orientation as a president was to create an environment where students can learn and faculty can teach and do research," Professor O'Dowd said to me. "That's what a university is about. There are all kinds of other things that universities do that are interesting. But the basic thing is learning and teaching. If you can create a setting where those things can happen, everything else will take care of itself."

In the intervening years, we know there has been much change at OU. Our campus has been transformed and continues to evolve. Our student population has reached record levels. Faculty members continue to promote excellence and academic rigor through outstanding teaching, cutting-edge research and unparalleled support of students.

What has not changed, however, is the premise upon which Professor O'Dowd led this university: that the university exists to enrich its students and empower its faculty to help students reach greater heights. The quality of the teaching and learning transaction remains paramount.

As your interim president, I can tell you that these guiding principles continue to be extremely powerful at OU. With a year of great promise and great progress ahead, we are confident that, even with all the exciting changes, OU will continue to be a university that you can be proud to call your own. Go, Oakland!



Eye Research Institute professors emeriti of Biomedical Sciences Michael Riley, Ph.D., and Barry Winkler, Ph.D., visit with retired professor of English Brian Murphy, Ph.D., a former Honors College director.

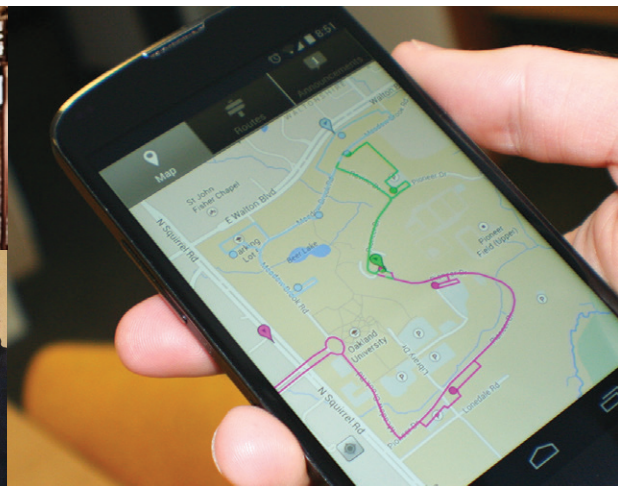
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Read the transcript of an Oral History Interview with Dr. O'Dowd, Sept. 17, 1999, OU Library Chronicles at **oakland.edu/LibraryChronicles-Odowd**

News







Women faculty in engineering

Oakland University is ranked fourth in the country for the percentage of women tenured/tenure-track faculty in engineering. According to recent data from the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE), Oakland University is among national leaders in categories related to women faculty in engineering and the number of undergraduate computer science degrees awarded to students.

The ASEE's latest "By the Numbers" survey ranked Oakland fourth out of 246 schools with 29.6 percent in fall 2012. To offer perspective, the survey showed that in fall 2012 the national percentage of women tenured/tenure-track faculty in engineering was only about 14 percent.

Oakland also was listed 42nd out of 171 schools for the number of undergraduate computer science degrees awarded within an engineering program. Tied with Princeton University, OU awarded 52 such degrees during the 2011-12 academic year.

OU, Chevron in partnership

Building on its sustainability efforts, Oakland University is partnering with Chevron Energy Solutions to install a combined heat and power (CHP) co-generation system designed to reduce campus utility costs, provide necessary infrastructure upgrades and support educational resources.

The 4,600-kilowatt natural gas turbine co-generation system, to be located in OU's Central Heating Plant, will supply hot water and electricity to campus. The public-private partnership will allow OU to retain ownership of the project while a private entity, Chevron Energy Solutions, builds the system.

With no capital cost to OU, a projected 15-year capital lease will be used to finance a $12 million outlay by Chevron. When the project is finished, OU will join six other Michigan universities with co-generation systems. Completion is slated for the end of 2015.

For information on sustainability efforts at OU, view the Facilities Management website at **oakland.edu/facilities**. To learn more about OU's Clean Energy Research Center, visit **oakland.edu/cerc**.

Provost's composition on CD

The Azica recording label has released "Opposites Attract," the latest composition by James Lentini, D.M.A., OU senior vice president for academic affairs and provost. The internationally acclaimed Rawlins Piano Trio from the University of South Dakota performs Dr. Lentini's work on its fifth CD, *Attracting Opposites: New Music for Piano Trio*. The CD draws its title from Dr. Lentini's composition.

An accomplished composer and guitarist, Dr. Lentini built "Opposites Attract" around contrasting musical ideas and styles of composition. The piece features two movements, "Alpha Meets Omega" and "Dance of the Yin-Yang."

Dr. Lentini's musical influences and interests, including tonal and nontonal music, lyrical melodies, rhythmic vitality and blended characteristics of classical, jazz and other idioms, are present throughout.

Distributed by Naxos, *Attracting Opposites: New Music for Piano Trio* is available on Amazon and at Barnes & Noble.

Bear Bus Locator app available

Riders at any stop on the campuswide Bear Bus system can now download a free mobile app or send a text to learn the estimated arrival time for the next shuttle. The app provides real-time GPS tracking of the Bear Bus system's six shuttle vehicles. TransLoc Transit Visualization software highlights three shuttle routes on a campus map of shuttle locations. A free, web-based version of the software also is available.

For riders who do not use smart phones, the tracking system will respond to text message requests for the estimated arrival time of the next shuttle at any stop. In addition, all app users receive updates and special announcements that will help them plan their shuttle usage.

For information on bus stop locations, schedules and more, visit the website at **oakland.edu/bearbus** or contact a representative at bearbus@oakland.edu.

Student diplomats win top honors

Oakland University's Model United Nations team recently took first place in competition, with several members earning individual awards for their performances. In all, 13 OU students traveled to Cleveland for the Lake Erie International Model UN Conference to match wits with students from colleges and universities nationwide.

Participants were judged based on how well they represented the interests of





different countries on actual United Nations committees and organizations. Two OU students, Scott Farida and Sam Hyrns, earned "superior" ratings at the event. Other schools at the conference included Case Western Reserve University, Tiffin University, St. Bonaventure University, Mercyhurst University and Youngstown State University.

Music professor plays the Met

Assistant Professor of Music Miles Brown, Ph.D., has begun a yearlong residency with New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art with fellow members of Alarm Will Sound, the celebrated new-music sinfonietta ensemble. The ensemble's bassist for the last decade, Dr. Brown will accompany group members on an international journey of musical exploration as part of the 2013-14 Artist in Residency project.

Alarm Will Sound has attracted attention for expanding the boundaries of conventional classical and ensemble repertoires. The group focuses its creative energy on pieces inspired by the electronic musician and composer Aphex Twin and by the alternative rock band Radiohead, for example.

Prior to the residency with the Met, Alarm Will Sound appeared at Carnegie Hall, the Guggenheim Museum and the Whitney Museum of American Art, as well as numerous notable destinations overseas. To learn more about the group, visit alarmwillsound.com.

SAE race cars at North American International Auto Show

For the fourth year in a row, the Oakland University Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) student chapter displayed vehicles at the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center in Detroit.

The cars compete in the Formula SAE Collegiate Design Series, in which students design and manufacture a small formula-style race car for potential sale to the non-professional weekend autocross racer. Each student team designs, builds and tests its prototype against student teams from around the world.

Formula SAE "takes students beyond the classroom and allows them to apply textbook theories to real work experiences, in an extremely competitive, businesslike environment," says Brian Sangeorzan, Ph.D., professor of mechanical engineering and faculty adviser to the OU SAE student chapter.

Overall, Oakland ranks 36th out of more than 500 collegiate SAE chapters worldwide. The team also currently ranks ninth in the nation and second in the state. To learn more about Oakland's SAE chapter, email ousae@oakland.edu or visit the website at **grizzliesracing.com**.

Nurse Camp offers dose of experience

Middle school students can learn about the human body, explore careers in nursing, tour a hospital and practice wrapping sprained wrists at Oakland University's School of Nursing CAMP RN summer program.

CAMP RN is open to students in seventh through ninth grades this year from July 21 through Aug. 1 on OU's Rochester campus. Campers will learn about health care practices through classroom instruction, hands-on activities and two job-shadowing opportunities at local hospitals.

Participants will gain experience in nursing forensics, pharmacology, clinical calculations, nutrition, and health and wellness. They will also obtain CPR and First Aid certification. OU's School of Nursing uses this program to get students excited about the wide variety of nursing career opportunities. Seats fill quickly, as CAMP RN only accepts 50 participants for the 2014 summer program.

For more information or to register, contact Kristina Aaron at (248) 364-8775 or visit **oakland.edu/RNatOU**.

Forensics team members rank nationally

Several members of Oakland University's forensics team recently participated in a National Forensics Association tournament at Central Michigan University and won the chance to compete on the national stage. Senior Jeffrey Butts qualified for the national competition with a third-place ranking in poetry interpretation, while senior Steve Killius and freshman Max Sarvello advanced with first- and second-place finishes in prose interpretation. During the last two regional events, Oakland's forensics team competed well against highly rated institutions. The national competition is slated for April.

Criminal Justice students get real-world experience

It's been just over a year since Oakland University launched its interdisciplinary Criminal Justice Program at Oakland University's main campus and in Mount Clemens at the Anton/Frankel Center. More than 300 students enrolled in the program can tailor their studies to specific career areas such as law enforcement, courts, corrections and treatment, juvenile justice, information security and assurance and homeland security.

A specialized internship course provides students with an in-depth look into the various professions.

Internship in Criminal Justice (CRJ 430), taught by Kimberly Byrd, the program's coordinator of field and student support, exposes students to real-world experiences.

"I try to tailor the experience based on what the students want to do," she explains. "I have students in the courts working alongside judges, attorneys and probation officers; in police departments where they have field exposure to 911-dispatch, booking and the tether program; and in the sheriff's departments and jails. Other students are able to gain experience in the area of private sector security and substance abuse."



In Macomb County, these internships give students an opportunity to work directly with the Macomb County sheriff, judges and attorneys, in the courthouse and jail, and more.

Through a Capstone experience, one group of students had the honor of working side-by-side on a project with the U.S. Coast Guard. They identified potential threats through research and analysis of designated waterways, ferry systems and plants along state and local rivers. The research also included the impact of cyber security technology. The report is published every five years and, despite the government shutdown in 2013, the team worked together to meet its deadline.

"Some of these students have never had exposure to anything like this, so the internship is a wonderful learning experience," Byrd says. "It's great networking. The people they're coming in contact with know the inside world. They know where the openings are before the general public. They can write letters of recommendation and make calls to get students into those companies." ●

By Julie M. Trube, interim executive director, OU-Macomb County, and Rachel Zynel, contributing writer

SBA maintains prestigious dual accreditation

For the 20th year, OU's School of Business Administration (SBA) has successfully maintained dual business and accounting accreditations from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

Fewer than five percent of the world's business programs hold this elite distinction.

"Maintaining dual accreditation in our business and accounting programs is an external validation of the excellence and relevance of our curriculum," says SBA Dean Michael A. Mazzeo, Ph.D. "Successfully maintaining our accreditation is a testament to the business school's dedicated faculty and staff."

AACSB accreditation is the hallmark of excellence in business and accounting education, Dr. Mazzeo continues. Every five years, AACSB-accredited institutions complete a thorough review that is strategic and focused on delivering high-quality education, continuous improvement, market relevance and currency.

Robert D. Reid, AACSB International's executive vice president and chief accreditation officer, adds that "business schools not only must meet specific standards of excellence — their deans, faculty and professional staff must commit to continuous improvement to ensure that the institution will continue to deliver the highest quality of education to students."

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Established in 1959, the SBA now enrolls more than 2,500 undergraduate and graduate students in its business and accounting programs. More than 15,000 SBA alumni work at all levels of organizations throughout Michigan and around the world.

To learn more about OU's SBA and programs, visit **oakland.edu/sba**. ●



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Ravitz Foundation gift supports medical student projects *By Kevin Knapp*

Call it a dose of good medicine. Selected medical students will be the fortunate recipients of funding that will help them complete their mandatory scholarly projects, thanks to a generous gift made to the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine by one of the state's leading charitable foundations.

The Ravitz Foundation, a philanthropic organization with interests in health care and cancer research, has committed $575,000 to OUWB to fund the Capstone research projects for a number of deserving medical students over a four-year-period.

In addition, several Capstone-linked scholarships may be awarded to high-achieving students with projects that are deemed to show great promise. These awards, which may range from $1,000 to $23,000, are intended to help fourth-year medical students continue the research begun in their Capstone projects.

The Capstone is a faculty-mentored scholarly project that spans the four years of undergraduate medical education. A requirement for all OUWB medical students, it provides students with an opportunity to understand and appreciate the potential to promote better health through scholarly activity in a wide range of health-related settings.

"We consider the Capstone an important and distinctive component of the OUWB curriculum," explains Robert Folberg, M.D., founding dean and chief academic officer, OUWB School of Medicine. "We're so pleased that the Ravitz Foundation gift will provide direct support to our students as they contribute to the advancement of medicine and health care through these scholarly projects."

Burton Shifman, president of the Ravitz Foundation, says that Oakland University is recognized as a provider of value to more than just current students.

"It's been a source of opportunity to those who are continuing their education in later years," he says. "OU also adds a huge cultural component to Oakland County, with Meadow Brook Hall, the theater and the Meadow Brook Music Festival, for example. Plus, it has two world-class golf courses that are tremendous assets to the surrounding community.

"So we see the foundation's support of OU — and the medical school specifically — as helping the broader community, since OU is a positive force educationally, culturally and economically for all the people of the region."

The Ravitz Foundation gift is earmarked to support the work of those OUWB students whose research may lead to improvements in the health of disadvantaged people across Michigan.

Lawrence Handler, M.D., a trustee with the Ravitz Foundation, says that the board members were impressed both with the scope of the student projects and with the school's patient-centered focus.

"The foundation saw so many positive things going on with OU and its new medical school, we just had to get our support behind it," he explains. "We were impressed with Dean Folberg's enthusiasm for the med school and with what he is trying to accomplish in the community."

Another component to the Ravitz Foundation gift will help underwrite the Hadassah Hospital-Hebrew University Medical Exchange Program with OUWB. The exchange arrangement, which began in 2012, brought four Israeli students to the United States last fall to study with their OUWB peers. In return, OUWB plans to send its first set of exchange students to Hadassah Hospital sometime this academic year, Dean Folberg says.

"I have collaborated in research projects with Hadassah physicians and have taught at the hospital a few times," he says. "I have a long history with Hadassah Hospital, so establishing a medical student exchange program with them was a natural choice for me."

OUWB also has exchange partnerships with Emek Medical Center at Afula, Israel; Yonsei University College of Medicine in Seoul, South Korea; and the University of the West Indies at St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago, as part of its mission to promote diversity.

The student exchanges, Dean Folberg says, are "part of our medical school fabric," adding that the Ravitz Foundation gift will help to ensure that the tradition continues.

Robotics program looks forward to productive future *By Kevin Knapp*

Time was when robots were little more than fodder for sci-fi movie plots. Today, robotics and automated production methods are widely employed in industries ranging from automobile assembly to logistics and medical applications.

With the field of industrial robotics and automation projected to grow to a $37-billion industry by 2018, the opportunities are boundless for degreed professionals with a related engineering background. Yet, most universities with robotics programs tend to focus on the experimental side — such as mobile and humanoid robotics — rather than their more practical role in industrial automation.

At Oakland University, however, the focus is squarely on the applied science of robotics. By virtue of its location in southeast Michigan, OU is surrounded by some of the world's largest industrial companies, whose demand for automation and skilled engineers is increasing. Those fortuitous circumstances have created an opportunity for OU to accommodate the growing need for trained robotics engineers.

"Industry needs qualified engineers now, not just in the future," says Khalid Mirza, Ph.D., visiting assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering. "OU is in a perfect position to help fill the gap, so we need to be able to produce engineers who have the necessary skills to jump in and get up to speed quickly."

Dr. Mirza joined OU's School of Engineering and Computer Science (SECS) two years ago with the aim of building a four-year industrial robotics and automation degree program that would produce such highly qualified engineers. In seeking to create the most relevant curriculum for a modern robotics program, Dr. Mirza, who has many years of experience in industry as well as academia, solicited the input and the expertise of some of the industry's automation leaders.

One key contributor is ABB Robotics, a leading supplier of industrial robots, modular manufacturing systems and service, located in Auburn Hills, Mich. The company has given OU a cash gift of $50,000 in support of curriculum development and related student programs. In addition, ABB will provide internship opportunities for several OU students and lend its expert input to inform curriculum content which will ultimately produce valuable, work-ready graduates.



Michael Mahfet, MA '97, SECS '95, (left), head of ABB Robotics for North America, provides industry insights to Khalid Mirza, Ph.D., to help in developing relevant curriculum for OU's new robotics program.

"We're in the beginning stages of identifying future trends and thinking about how we can feed that data into the robotics curriculum for OU's program," says Michael Mahfet, MA '97, SECS '95, and head of ABB Robotics for North America. "The automation industry is changing so fast that it's important to have your finger on the pulse of what customers want."

For example, he says, one of today's top customer requests is for integrated vision with robotics. From ABB's close interaction with customers, he notes that it's specifically three-dimensional vision they want.

"You could waste a lot of effort training engineers on the wrong kind of vision technology," he explains."That's why having the input of companies like ABB is a strength for OU as it builds its program."

SECS Dean Louay Chamra, Ph.D., says that the involvement of ABB is one example of how OU looks to keep at the cutting edge of the engineering industry.

"There have been strong advances in manufacturing, both in southeast Michigan and across the United States, and industrial robotics has been at the heart of much of that development," he says. "By focusing on applied research and cooperating with those in the industry, OU's goal is to become the premier research center in this area. We want to put quality engineers in jobs and help industry solve their problems and challenges."

Currently, three members of ABB Robotics' executive team in Auburn Hills are OU alumni, Mahfet notes. "We might be a little biased, but we know OU is a highly regarded school in the engineering community. We're pleased to be able to play a part in advising the SECS on their new robotics curriculum. Ultimately, it's good for OU and it's good for companies like ours."

Sports


Cassie Pelloni


Alissa Valentine


Sean Lewis


Joey Tinnion


Abigail Haelewyn

Volleyball

The Oakland University volleyball team had a strong finish to its 2013 season, winning seven of its final eight regular season matches for a third-place finish and a berth in the Horizon League tournament in its inaugural season in the conference. The youthful Golden Grizzlies — 81 percent of the team's 1,419 kills were by freshmen or sophomores — finished 9-5 in Horizon League play and 15-15 overall, including non-conference wins over Syracuse and Rutgers. OU's 165 service aces on the year were the second most in school history, and its 1,307 assists and 418 block assists were the third highest totals in the program's history. Sophomore outside hitter Cassie Pelloni led the Golden Grizzlies with 339 kills and was named to the All-Horizon League team. Outside hitters Melissa Deatsch, who set an OU single-season record with a league-leading 53 aces, and rightside/setter Jessica Dood both were selected to the league's All-Freshman team. Junior outside hitter Taylor Humm had a team-high 355 digs on the year and was named to the Horizon League Academic All-League team. Senior setter Alissa Valentine finished her career with 1,861 assists, the fourth highest career total in school history.

Men's soccer

The Golden Grizzlies were 7-7-5 on the season and finished in third place in the Horizon League regular season with a 4-2-1 league record. OU won its first-ever Horizon League postseason match with a 2-1 home win over Valparaiso. Senior defender Nick Kristock, senior goalkeeper Sean Lewis, junior forward Joey Tinnion and sophomore midfielder Raphael Reynolds all were named to the All-Horizon League Second Team. Tinnion led Oakland in both points (18) and assists (4), and scored two second-half goals in OU's come-from-behind win over Detroit. Lewis had 63 saves on the season and a 1.09 goals against average. He was named the Horizon League Defensive Player of the Week three times. Kristock was the 2013 NCAA Division I Senior CLASS Award winner, while Tinnion was selected to the Capital One Academic All-District 5 team.

Women's soccer

Oakland was 10-9-2 overall under interim head coach Dave Morgan, the fourth consecutive season and the 14th time in school history that the team posted double-digit wins, and reached the Horizon League championship game in its first season in the league. Senior forward Meghan Reynolds and senior midfielder Abigail Haelewyn both were named to the All-Horizon League First Team, while forward Alice Palmer and midfielder Rachel DeLuca were selected to the league All-Newcomer team. Reynolds and junior forward Kyla Kellermann led the Golden Grizzlies in both goals (8) and points (20), while sophomore forward/midfielder Joan Sieja had a team-high eight assists, the second most in the Horizon League in 2013. Senior goalkeeper Payj O'Shea had 78 saves on the year and posted six shutouts, giving her 10 for her career to rank fourth in program history.

Cross country

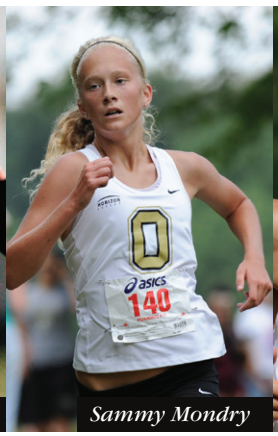
Oakland's women's team placed third and the men's team fourth at the 2013 Horizon League Championships. Freshmen Karli Keur and Sammy Mondry finished in ninth and 10th place, respectively, in the women's Horizon League Championships. Sophomore Michael Cox took ninth place at the men's league championship meet, with freshman Jacob Bowman finishing 10th. Mondry, who led all OU runners in six of the seven races in which she competed in 2013, was selected to the women's All-Horizon League Second Team. Bowman and Cox both were chosen to the men's All-Horizon League Second Team, and Bowman was named the Horizon League Freshman of the Year. Cox was the lone individual champion during the season, taking first place at the Golden Grizzly Open in August.

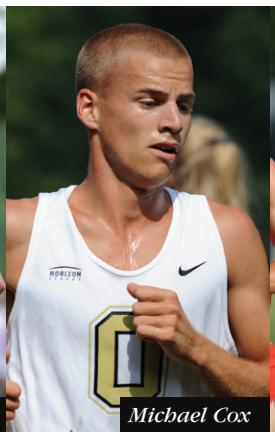
Sports notes

Huth bids farewell

After more than 30 years at Oakland University as a student-athlete, coach and administrator, Tracy Huth, director of OU Athletics since 2006, stepped down from the position January 31. Huth is the only member of the Hollie L. Lepley Hall of Honor to be enshrined as both a student-athlete and coach. He was named the NCAA II Swimmer of the Year three times during his undergraduate career at OU. He went on to coach the women's swimming and diving program, leading it to five straight NCAA II national championships from 1990-94 and was selected NCAA II Coach of the Year three times. During his tenure as director of Athletics, Huth was instrumental in developing such initiatives as the Varsity O club, the annual Tip-Off Breakfast and Grizzfest events, and oversaw the Golden Grizzlies' recent move from The Summit League to the Horizon League. Robby Stewart, Ph.D., professor of psychology and associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, is serving as the interim athletic director during the university's search for a new athletic director. Dr. Stewart has been faculty athletic representative for the past eight years.


Meghan Reynolds


Sammy Mondry


Michael Cox


Jacob Bowman


Tracy Huth


Nick Kristock

Kristock wins CLASS Award

In a nationwide vote of NCAA I men's soccer coaches, national soccer media and fans, Oakland's Nick Kristock was selected as the winner of the 2013 Senior CLASS Award as the most outstanding senior student-athlete in Division I men's soccer. The Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities. The award takes into consideration notable achievements in the areas of classroom, community, character and competition. Kristock, who earned his bachelor's degree last spring and is currently working on his master's degree, was named the 2013 Oakland University Student Leader of the Year and was the recipient of OU's prestigious Human Relations Award, the first student-athlete to ever win the award. He is president and founder of Gigs for Good, a nonprofit organization that funds Christian missionaries globally. He also founded Mission 50K, a service-based movement seeking to accrue 50,000 service/volunteer hours in a six-month span. He was captain of the 2013 men's soccer team and was named to the All-Horizon League Second Team.

Hollie L. Lepley Hall of Honor

Cross country runner Kristie (Kieffer) Slowke, SBA '04; soccer player Jason Perry, CAS '03; and swimmers Raffi Karapetian, CAS '99, Yoav Ritter, CAS '00, and Danielle (Ward) Gray, SEHS '04, comprised the 2014 class that was inducted into the Hollie L. Lepley Hall of Honor in January. Slowke, the only OU runner to qualify for the NCAA I Cross Country Championships, was a two-time Mid-Continent Conference cross country Athlete of the Year and won conference championships in both 2000 and 2003. A four-time All-Mid-Con selection, she is the first women's cross country runner inducted into the Hall of Honor. Perry, the first-ever OU Division I All-American in men's soccer, was named Mid-Con Defensive Player of the Year in 2003 and led the Golden Grizzlies to back-to-back NCAA tournament appearances in 2002 and 2003. He was named to the all-league team three times and was a two-time all-region selection. Karapetian was an NCAA II national champion in the 50-yard freestyle and still holds the second best time in the event in OU history. He was a member of three championship relay teams that helped Oakland win its final two Division II national titles. Ritter was the last OU individual national champion in NCAA II, winning the 200 butterfly at the 1997 national championship meet. He also won the 100 and 200 butterfly events at the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference (GLIAC) Championships in 1997 and at the Mid-Con Championships in 2000. Gray set nearly every single freestyle record in OU women's swimming history and still holds the top mark in the 100 freestyle. She was named the 2000 Mid-Con Newcomer of the Year, won eight Mid-Con titles during her career at Oakland and qualified for the NCAA Championships in both the 100 and 200 freestyle events. Three others were honored at the annual Homecoming weekend awards ceremony: Gina DeMartis, who worked in the Athletic department from 2005-13 before moving to University Development last fall, was the recipient of the George Wibby Award, while longtime OU Athletic department supporters Gary Brancaleone and Beth Benson received the Community Service Award.

Grizzly tracks

Oakland's student-athlete graduation rates continue to remain above 80 percent, according to the Graduation Success Rate (GSR) and the Federal Graduation Rate (FGR) released by the NCAA. The women's swimming and diving program produced the highest GSR for the Golden Grizzlies at 94 percent, while the women's basketball team increased to 92 percent and the men's basketball team upped its GSR to 82 percent ... Five OU student-athletes were named to their respective Horizon League Fall Academic All-League Teams: men's soccer players Nick Kristock and Joey Tinnion; women's soccer players Kyla Kellermann and Serena San Cartier; and volleyball player Taylor Humm. The minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) for academic all-league consideration is 3.20. All five OU selections had GPAs of 3.62 or better ... Jacke Healey has joined the Golden Grizzlies baseball staff as an assistant coach and will work primarily with hitters and infielders. He is a 2012 graduate of Youngstown (Ohio) State University where he was a two-time all-league shortstop and spent last season as an assistant coach at the University of Pittsburgh ... Claire Coates was hired as associate athletic trainer to the Oakland sports medicine staff. She is a 2009 graduate of the University of Michigan and earned her master's degree in 2011 from the University of Florida. Prior to joining OU, she was an athletic trainer at the Bollettieri Tennis Program in Bradenton, Fla. ... Taylor Blakely joined the Golden Grizzlies' marketing staff as coordinator of marketing and promotions. He previously worked in marketing for the athletic departments at Ohio University and High Point (N.C.)

Compiled by Fritz Reznor

Photos courtesy of OU Athletics Communications

Triple threat

Grizzlies' Travis Bader is a standout on the hardwood, in the classroom and in the community *By Fritz Reznor*

On Sunday, Feb. 2, 2014, Oakland University's Travis Bader made college basketball history when the senior guard sank his 458th career three-point field goal, breaking the previous NCAA I all-time record held by former Duke University star and current NBA player J.J. Redick.

The fall of this eight-year-old record did not go unnoticed. Since last summer, Bader's pursuit of the milestone has been featured in *USA Today*, the *Detroit Free Press*, the *Detroit News*, and online editions of ESPN, NBC Sports and *Sports Illustrated*, among others.

As the 2013 NCAA I leader in three-pointers — or "triples," in basketball vernacular — Bader was among the nation's top shooters this past season, leading all Division I players in three-point field goals and ranking second in free throw percentage at the mid-point of the season.

The Okemos, Mich., native was named a Mid-Major All-American as a junior and was tabbed a 2014 Preseason Mid-Major All-American. Last summer, he was invited to the Kevin Durant NIKE Skills Academy in Washington, D.C., as one of the top 20 wing players in college basketball.

Beyond the basket

But the accolades aren't limited to his performance on the court. A two-time Division I-AAA Athletic Directors' Association Scholar-Athlete, Bader earned his bachelor's degree in communication in just three years. He has a 3.51 GPA in graduate school and is on track to complete his master's degree in communication in April.

Furthermore, Bader is a candidate for the Senior CLASS Award for men's basketball and also for the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Allstate Good Works Team, which recognizes the sport's finest in areas of leadership and charitable achievement. He has donated his time to local schools as a math and reading tutor, and during the holidays he has served as a volunteer bell ringer for the Salvation Army.

How did a skinny kid with only one Division I basketball scholarship offer evolve into the greatest three-point shooter in NCAA history?

"He has as good a work ethic as I've ever seen," OU men's head basketball coach Greg Kampe says. "He doesn't miss a day in the gym. He has a great sense of understanding that consistent effort is what's important. And he understands the importance of an education. He's got that same work ethic in the classroom and that understanding of priorities."

Driven to succeed

Bader credits his parents, Richard and Kathy, for helping him become both the player and person he is today.



"I guess it was just how I was raised," he says. "My parents instilled the importance of having a good work ethic. I'm not the most athletic person, but they taught me that you can make up for that by being the hardest worker. I found that to be true in the classroom as well. You've got to have a strong work ethic — whether it's in basketball or academics — or you're not going to be successful.

"I just don't want to have any regrets when I'm done."

In what little free time he has, Bader enjoys visiting local schools — something that was impressed upon him growing up near East Lansing.

"When I was in elementary school, we'd have guys from Michigan State or Okemos High School stop by and spend time with us," he remembers. "Or I would go to the (Michigan State) Breslin Center to shoot baskets, and different MSU players, guys like Travis Walton and Drew



Neitzel, would come up and shoot with me. At the time, I thought that was the coolest thing in the world.

"Whether it's the team or just me, we go out and read to kids. Or help them with math or just play with them. Sometimes we have a chance to play in the gym. It's nice to be around kids and show them that you care."

Kampe is keenly aware of the void Bader will leave in the OU program after this season — and it has nothing to do with his 20-point scoring average.

"We're not concerned about getting the next scoring guard," he says. "We're concerned with getting the next shining example of what we want an athlete to be in our program — and that is what this kid is. He's the guy who's always in the gym and brings other players with him. He's the guy who sets an example of what you have to do to be successful and still carries a 3.5 grade point average.

"That's about the biggest compliment I can ever give."

Like an open triple, Travis Bader will gladly take it. ■



Hidden treasure

Painting found in Meadow Brook Hall restored by DIA *Story and photos by LeeAnn Brown*



A 340-year-old painting recently discovered hanging in OU's Meadow Brook Hall has been restored by the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA).

The *Infant Saint John with the Lamb* went on display in February in the European Paintings Gallery next to other Baroque paintings. Oakland University has loaned the painting to the DIA for five years.

Dr. Salvador Salort-Pons, head of the DIA's European Art Department, discovered the painting when he was giving a lecture at Meadow Brook Hall last February.

"I first saw the figure in the corner next to the piano," Dr. Salort-Pons said. "It was kind of dark, but the first thing I saw that caught my eye was the figure of the child."

Dr. Salort-Pons said the image of the child looked like signature work of Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, a famous Spanish Baroque painter in the 17th century.



Upon further scrutiny, he noticed the softness of the brushstrokes, a Murillo technique that would have been very hard to copy. He was sure — and the DIA later confirmed — that Meadow Brook Hall had been housing a Murillo original.

Madelyn Rzadkowolski, Meadow Brook Hall curator, said she knew the painting was one of the best in their collection, but no one knew just how special it was.

Wilsons' passion

Murillo worked in the predominantly Catholic city of Seville most of his life and gained much of his fame because of his religious paintings. The *Infant Saint John with the Lamb* was painted around 1670.

After multiple ownerships, the painting was sold in 1926 to OU founder Matilda Dodge Wilson and her husband, Alfred Wilson, by the John Levy Galleries in New York. The painting had been hanging on the drawing room wall since the Wilsons placed it there in 1929.

According to Rzadkowolski, the Wilsons purchased several paintings for their home, which was in the construction phase at that time. They loved some of the artwork so much that they planned whole rooms around particular pieces.

Dr. Salort-Pons was excited to discover an original painting, which had been out of the public art world for more than 70 years, hanging in plain sight.

Glory restored

Because of the relationship between Meadow Brook Hall and the DIA, Alfred Ackerman, head of conservation, and his team agreed to restore the painting.

They invited Oakland University students from several majors to attend the DIA twice, once in October and again in November, to observe the various conservation stages that the painting went through.

During their visits, students learned about the history of Murillo and his painting, observing the steps taken in restoration, and discussed their opinions on the conservation of this particular piece.

"Ackerman has been removing dirt and old varnishes in trying to rescue the original image," Dr. Salort-Pons said.

The painting is in overall good condition, but it has faded during the years, and some of the elements of the handmade paints have deteriorated.

Ackerman and his team also discovered that Murillo had first painted the child's right foot a little lower. It was hard to see before, but after several layers were cleaned up, the previous foot was quite visible.

Students got to debate whether the conservation should include covering the foot back up, as Murillo did, or leaving it so the public could see the many steps Murillo took in painting this piece.

Residents of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties can visit the DIA free of charge. ■

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Professors with putters

New golf school brings expertise, greater prestige to OU's links *By Rene Wisely*



Golf lovers, take note: the world-renowned golf instructor Rick Smith has created a new sweet spot in Michigan. Last spring, he opened the Rick Smith Golf Academy on the campus of Oakland University. The addition brings extra luster to OU's well-regarded Golf and Learning Center facilities.

Smith, ranked as one of the top 10 golf instructors in the world by *Golf Digest* magazine, is a familiar face around the university. He is the designer of its R&S Sharf Golf Course, hailed as a challenging course that rivals those in Europe with their classic golf architecture.

Owing to its twin treasures — the Sharf course and its neighboring Katke-Cousins Golf Course — Oakland University made an ideal setting to establish his sixth academy, Smith says.

"My team and I are very excited to have such a fantastic golf academy location, as Oakland University is a first-class facility," he says. "The management team and golf staff is top-notch, and we look forward to offering a truly world-class golf experience to golfers in the region, as well as visitors from all over the globe."

The school at OU is the latest addition to Smith's roster of academies, with others located in Bolton, Mass.; Bonita Springs, Fla.; Cape Cod, Mass.; Niagara Falls, Canada; and Treetops Resort in Gaylord, Mich.

Swinging time

At each academy, Smith assembles a team of elite instructors who offer customized programs for all golfers, from beginners to PGA Tour players. It's the same magic that Smith has offered to a litany of major champions, including Paul Azinger, John Daly, Lee Janzen, Phil Mickelson, Jack Nicklaus, Greg Norman and Vijay Singh.

"It's a huge advantage to local golfers to have such easy access to a Rick Smith Golf Academy," says Bret Hartman, academy director. "There is only a handful in the entire country, and people seek them out because of the tremendous difference it can make in their game."

Instructors stress fundamentals of the game, harness technology to help analyze a golf swing or custom fit clubs, and personalize instruction to improve a player's round.

"Besides the great facilities at OU, one thing that separates us from other instruction is our technology," Hartman points out. "We use TrackMan, which is computer software that works basically as golf radar."

He explains that the $27,000-software program helps measure a student's spin rate, club speed, "smash factor," carry, launch angle, club delivery and more. "Only a handful of places in the Midwest have TrackMan and know how to use it, so it's part of our cutting-edge instruction."

Game-changer

J.B. Davies, one of Hartman's students at the academy, is a believer. The Birmingham, Mich., resident took private lessons from Hartman for two and a half months and says he improved his game drastically.

He lowered his handicap (which is the measure of a golfer's competitiveness with other golfers) from three to one and tested his new and improved swing under pressure. But the defining proof came shortly thereafter, when he won the senior golf championship at the Birmingham Country Club, as well as the club championship open to players of all ages.

"I beat a 17-year-old on the last hole, which is a par 5, to take the title," Davies says. "I've been trying to win that forever! I came in second four times."

He followed that championship with a hole-in-one.

"What Bret has done for me is to reduce the anxiety in my swing," explains Davies, who has been golfing for about 22 years. "He helped me with my swing thoughts, teaching me how to see it more as a motion picture rather than think about my grip and all the other variables during the swing. It made a world of difference."

Picture perfect

Hartman films each lesson and posts it online, so Davies can see what he's doing right and what needs tweaking. Hartman narrates the videos and includes still photographs as well, showing him how to improve.

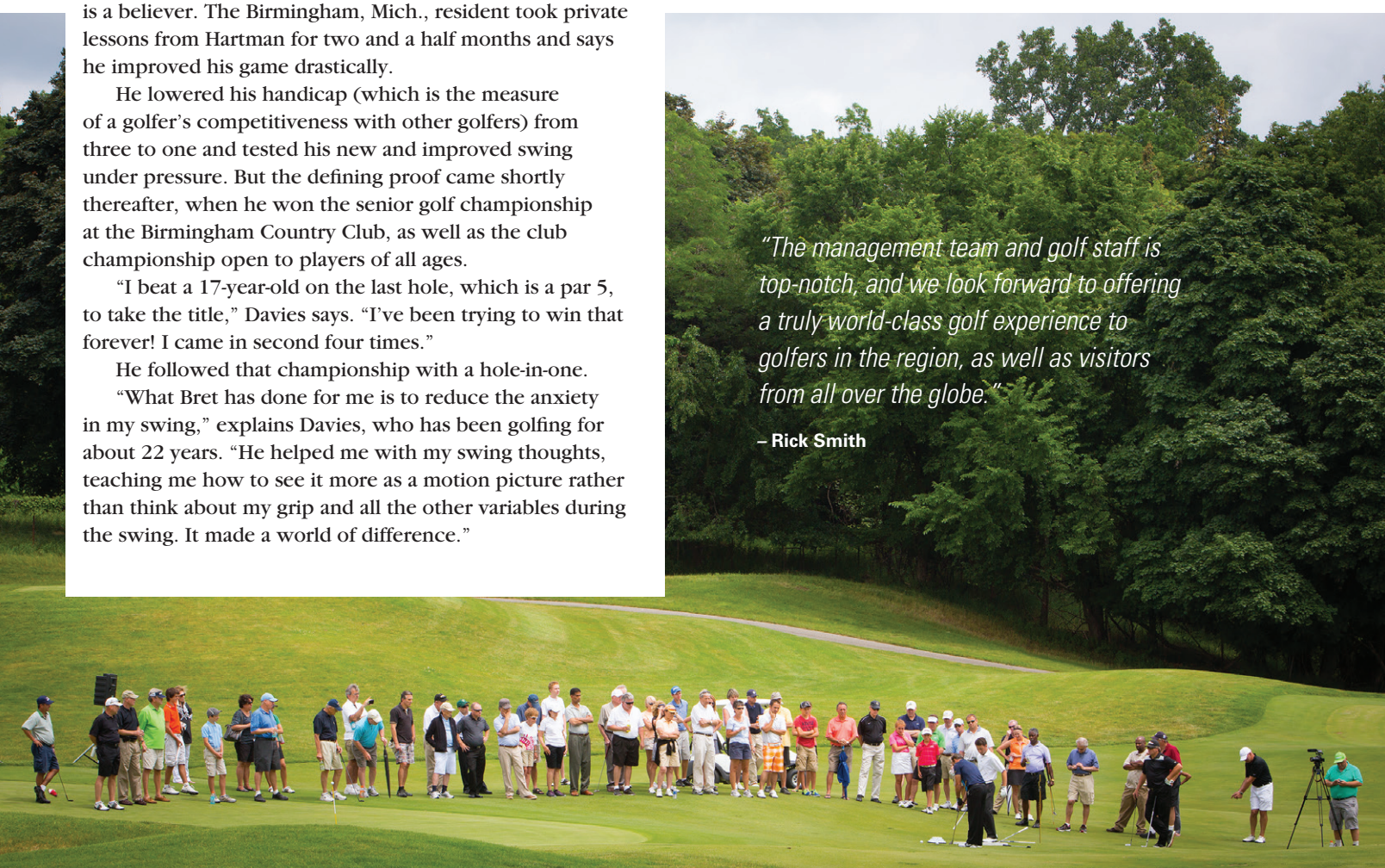
"He has this great way of communicating. I have an entire library of my lessons, so I can go back and review them anytime I want," he explained. "For 15 years, every time I had a lesson, I'd write what we did in the same book. But this is so much more efficient and helpful."

Davies buys blocks of private lessons, but the Rick Smith Golf Academy also offers camps as well as one-, two- or three-day workshops with fellow golfers.

"I've taken quite a few lessons over the years, and there is a difference with Bret," Davies added. "The Rick Smith Golf Academy is so grand, and you can enjoy two great golf courses here. In my view, that really sets Oakland apart."

For more information about the Rick Smith Golf Academy, visit www.ricksmith.com. For information on OU's Golf and Learning Center, visit **oakland.edu/golf/instruction**. ■

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Lifting literacy

OU center aims to improve literacy for state's at-risk students *By Eric Reikowski*



Detroit teacher Jan DeRossett, with first-grader Markita Gaines, is training to be a Reading Recovery leader.

Photo by Todd McInturf; courtesy of *The Detroit News* Archives

Imagine life without literacy. School, work and life are constant struggles for those who lack this fundamental skill to be successful and productive.

A study conducted last April by the U.S. Department of Education and the National Institute of Literacy reveals that 32 million adults in the United States cannot read. That's 14 percent of the population. Even more troubling: the current literacy rate is no better than it was 10 years ago.

OU's School of Education and Human Services is committed to changing that distressing statistic by boosting critical literacy skills at the elementary school level,

where positive outcomes are more likely to be achieved and sustained over time. Through its nationally recognized Reading Recovery Center, OU works with hundreds of Michigan education leaders to help underperforming first-graders gain the literacy skills for future academic success.

Developed by pioneering educator Marie M. Clay, Ph.D., of the University of Auckland in New Zealand, Reading Recovery is a research-based initiative that aims to identify and assist children who are struggling to read. With an emphasis on early intervention, the program has helped over 2 million at-risk children nationally return to normal reading levels.

"This is a major sustained intervention by Oakland in terms of supporting young children's literacy across the city of Detroit."

– Mary Lose, Ed.D.



Sustained intervention

The OU Reading Recovery Center's latest efforts include an intensive campaign focused on some of the state's most vulnerable students in the Detroit Public Schools (DPS). With support from a multimillion dollar federal grant funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the center is training 29 DPS teachers to implement Reading Recovery in their schools. The teachers are employed in 16 of the district's highest priority schools.

"This is a major sustained intervention by Oakland in terms of supporting young children's literacy across the city of Detroit," says Mary Lose, Ed.D., associate professor in OU's Department of Reading and Language Arts and director of the OU Reading Recovery Center. "These teachers not only teach the most at-risk first-grade students, but also an additional 25 to 30 students in small group interventions during the other part of their instructional day."

The teachers' newly acquired expertise goes beyond Reading Recovery for the children in grade one and has an impact on literacy success for children across grade levels, she adds.

DPS administrators say they believe that partnerships like the one with OU will play a leading role in boosting the district's efforts to reach students early and avoid remedial instruction in their later years.

"We're trying to catch students before problems arise," says Deborah Winston, Ph.D., executive director for the DPS Office of Literacy. "We've had Reading Recovery teachers in the district for 20 years, but reached a low point of having only three teachers in 2011. Through the grant funding and partnership with Oakland, we'll be able to grow the number to 37 teachers this school year."

Teaching the teachers

Currently, two DPS teachers, Jan DeRossett and Nicola Turner, are in training to become certified Reading Recovery teacher leaders. The pair was selected to take part in a rigorous yearlong program that involves one-on-one teaching sessions with first-graders who are in the lowest 15 to 20 percent of readers in their school.

The 30-minute lessons with the first-graders are taught each day for 12 to 20 weeks across the school year with the goal of boosting their reading performances to normal levels.

"Teaching reading is a complex concept, especially to learners who are the lowest achieving," Turner explains. "It requires skilled and highly qualified educators. I believe that Reading Recovery offers the best, most viable solution to closing the achievement gap early before a cycle of failure begins."

Under the guidance of Dr. Lose, trainees also participate in reading research and theory course work at OU and clinical work with teachers and students in schools throughout metro Detroit. Once certified, they will train more DPS teachers to implement Reading Recovery throughout the district to continue the cycle of improvement.

OU is one of only 19 universities in the U.S. to serve as a Reading Recovery University Training Center. Since its founding in 1991, the center has served more than 100,000 first-grade children throughout Michigan, and more than 1,200 Michigan teachers have been trained in Reading Recovery.

At present, there are 15 certified Reading Recovery teacher leaders throughout Michigan, including three teacher leader trainees studying this academic year with Dr. Lose at Oakland University.

"We're hoping to help set the pace for the rest of the state and for the country," Dr. Lose says. "Without an intensive early literacy intervention, the lowest-performing learners are guaranteed to fail. Studies have shown that investing in teacher training is the most important factor in helping improve student achievement."

For more information on Oakland's Reading Recovery Center, visit **oakland.edu/readingrecovery**. ■

Extra credit

OU-branded financial institution opens to serve students, faculty, alumni community *By Kevin Knapp*



For any company or corporation, establishing a brand in the marketplace is a necessary step in creating a distinct presence and developing a base of loyal customers.

For Oakland University, creating a singular identity is a key strategy in helping to distinguish it among the nation's institutions of higher learning and instilling a greater sense of school pride among its students and alumni.

Fortunately, there's a new ally in the effort to strengthen the "OU brand." The university is welcoming the creation of Oakland University Credit Union (OUCU) as a trade name identity for financial services.

OU's new campus-based credit union is affiliated with MSU Federal Credit Union (MSUFCU), the world's largest university-based credit institution. The arrangement is built on the more than 50-year relationship with the MSUFCU, dating back to the days when OU was known as Michigan State University — Oakland.

It's more than a simple name change, however. The MSUFCU is putting its money where its mouth is. The credit union has made a nearly $5 million financial commitment to OU over 10 years as part of this new partnership agreement.

Portions of this support have been earmarked for beneficial campus programs and initiatives, including:

- a $25,000 endowed student scholarship.
- a $25,000 Dean's Choice Grant Program.
- a variety of signature sponsorships.
- in-kind marketing.

In addition to opening a new OUCU branch in the Oakland Center, providing several automated teller machines (ATMs) on campus, offering financial education services and more, MSUFCU has converted its operations at its Auburn Hills, Mich., location at 3265 Five Points Drive as OUCU.

Going "all in"

"I think most students appreciate having their own dedicated credit union," says OUCU member Hannah Nelson, a sophomore from Sylvan Lake, Mich. "We like that it's our OU logo on the banking card."







To April Clobes, executive vice president and chief operating officer at MSUFCU, it's an example of how the credit union is going "all in" to support the OU community.

"We hope to grow along with the university and help it grow by having the university name on everything we do and by being involved on campus," she says. "It builds brand recognition and awareness. We believe that if we invest in our members and our community, then they'll consider us for their financial needs. They'll save money with our low rates, and it's good business for us."

Clobes points out that students, alumni, faculty, university staff and the families of each of those groups are eligible to become members. With 20,000 students on campus and another 80,000 alumni members living in or around Oakland County, she says there is a considerable OU-friendly population that could benefit from the new relationship.

For alumni members and students who live or travel in other parts of the country, access to banking services is not a problem.

"OUCU belongs to the Co-op Network, which has about 30,000 ATMs nationwide," she says. "Through our mobile app or website you can type in the zip code or street of wherever you are, and it will return a list of ATMs you can use nearby."

Money-minded

OUCU is also playing a role in educating members about money management. Students have the advantage of learning financial literacy and budgeting skills through seminars held by the credit union, or through the School of Business Administration's preparatory ACHIEVE program, in which the OUCU plays a contributing role.

"It's better to learn how to handle credit when you're younger," explains Clobes. "From our perspective, we know the students here are at a great university and must be responsible, so we will give them a credit card at our best rate. They demonstrate that they can handle it responsibly and establish a great credit history, so that when they buy a car or a house someday, they get the best rate possible."

She adds that credit union members saved $7.7 million in interest last year by refinancing their car loans.

Belonging to the credit union is one more way that OU students, faculty, staff and alumni can show their support for OU, Clobes says.

"As a member, you're helping us give support back to students here through the scholarships and various ways we support the university community. And, of course, it's a great way to show your OU pride."

For more on OUCU and the services it provides, visit oucreditunion.org.



Skaters Alexandra Paul and Mitchell Islam are studying political science at OU.

Students share an Olympic dream, years in the making

While the world watched with delight the recently concluded 2014 Winter Olympic Games, two Oakland University students were there, in the thick of competition in Sochi, Russia.

Mitchell Islam and Alexandra Paul, who represented Team Canada in the ice dancing category at the games, are both political science majors at OU. The duo came in 18th in the competition, with a combined score of 138.70.

Performing together since 2009, the pair has captured numerous accolades, including a silver medal at the 2010 World Junior Championships, a bronze medal at the 2011 Canadian Championships and a bronze medal at the 2013 Nebelhorn Trophy competition. They qualified for the Olympics after winning the bronze medal at the 2014 Canadian Championships in early January.

"When we heard our scores at nationals and knew we had made it, it was like a weight was lifted off my shoulders," says Islam. "All the hard work, the early mornings and the sacrifices I've made over the course of my career were worth it."

Natives of Barrie, Ontario, Islam and Paul moved to Michigan in 2012 to train with esteemed coaches Angelika Krylova and Pasquale Camerlengo at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills. Their Olympic dreams were years in the making as both started skating at an early age and have refined their skills through countless hours of practice. Their rigorous training schedule keeps them on the ice for three or more hours per day, five to six days a week, and they can also be found in the gym and in off-ice dance classes.

Both say that coming to the U.S. has helped them take the next step in their athletic career and that Oakland University has played a vital role in helping them balance school and skating.

"OU has been such an important part of my life since moving to the U.S.," Paul said. "I really enjoy having something to take my mind off of training. It is such an amazing thing for an athlete to be able to sit in a classroom and really be able to go to school, not just take a few courses online."

Islam and Paul are both pursuing their bachelor's degrees in political science. Islam describes OU as "very accommodating" and says his favorite part of the experience "has been taking politics classes in a different country, offering an increased perspective to my studies."

David Archbold, director of OU's International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO), believes the pair has added to the diversity and richness of the campus community.

"I remember my first meeting with them," he recalls. "They were both very excited about starting at Oakland University for their bachelor's degrees and also shared their passion for skating and their ultimate dream of skating for Canada in the Winter Olympics."

By Eric Reikowski

To help attract talented students to Oakland University, a growing corps of volunteers is involved in the Alumni Admissions Ambassador Program (AAAP). More than 350 alumni who reside in more than 20 different states are volunteer members. Below, we hear from two alumni who are helping to spread the good word about OU.

Richard Fenstermacher, CAS '93,

grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio, and now resides in Port Orchard, Wash. He says he participates in the AAAP so he and his wife can give back to OU. Fenstermacher says the AAAP helps the university by expanding its reach to other parts of the country.



Memorable AAAP moment

"Attending South Kitsap (Port Orchard, Wash.) High School's annual college fair and being able to reach more than 400 seniors each year."

How AAAP impacts my life

"My favorite part about being an ambassador is talking to students and parents about our school; it never gets old. I have a chance to stay connected with the university, even when I live on the other side of the country. I love explaining that we are Oakland University — no, not California — in Rochester — no, not New York."

Jennifer Hite, SHS '11,

has been in the AAAP since she graduated. She lives in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., and currently works at Trialon Corp., a technical staffing agency. She says her connection to OU remains strong, and studies regularly at the Kresge Library on campus.

How AAAP impacts my life

"I want to make a difference by revving people up about OU. My experience on campus has been nothing but positive. Now is the time to encourage others to come to OU. I'm always wearing my OU colors with pride. I'm so proud of OU and now it's becoming a bigger school and recognized all over the world."



Favorite part of being an ambassador

"I'm a huge advocate of sharing my experiences, so I like to tell students about the time I was undecided about my major. The interaction I had with the OU professors was great, and I also joined some organizations on campus."

For information on joining the AAAP, go to **oakland.edu/aaap** or contact Denae May at dmmay@oakland.edu or (248) 370-4749.

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OUAA board welcomes new members

To help continue providing support for the university and engagement opportunities for more than 90,000 alumni, the OUAA Board of Directors has elected four new members into its ranks:

- **Michael Gingell, SBA '93**, vice president, corporate development, at R.L. Polk & Company, and chairman of the board of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners
- **Brigette Officer-Hill, CAS '87**, chief judge for the State of Michigan in the 30th Judicial District
- **Charlie Wollborg, CAS '95**, chief troublemaker at Curve Detroit Marketing and Strategy and also curator for TEDxDetroit
- **Brenda Van Tull, SBA '85**, a human resources analyst for the City of Detroit

Two other board members have stepped into new leadership roles: **Adam Kochenderfer, CAS '02**, is secretary, and **Bryan Barnett, SBA '98**, is treasurer.

Sue Helderop, director of Alumni and Community Engagement, says, "Our board members are working hard to stay in step with the needs of the university and also find new and interesting ways for alumni to stay involved."

Board members' backgrounds and careers are very diverse, Helderop notes. "We want a board that truly represents our alumni body. It's an exciting mix of outlooks and perspectives, and everyone is passionate about and proud of OU. This is a great time to be involved."

Alumni can nominate themselves or can be nominated to serve on the OUAA board. The board's nomination committee selects the candidates, who are then elected by the current board members. Board members can serve up to two three-year terms.

Board members are not required to live near OU, but should be able to attend regular board and committee meetings.

Alumni interested in learning more about becoming a board member should visit **oualumni.com/OUAABoard**.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Return to campus for Fall Homecoming & Reunion Weekend

OU begins a new tradition in 2014, moving Homecoming Weekend from January to September. Save the date to return to campus on Sept. 19-20 to take part in the new Fall Homecoming Weekend.

"Moving Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, to fall gives us a great opportunity to expand our homecoming activities to include more athletics contests, reunion gatherings and family weekend events," says Sue Helderop, director of Alumni and Community Engagement. "Additionally, this fall will be a great time to showcase our changing campus."

Buildings slated to open this fall include a 500-bed residence hall complex that will be home to The Honors College, a new Engineering Center, and the Elliott Carillon Tower.

Fall Homecoming & Reunion Weekend activities will include:

- Class of 1964 50th reunion
- 20th annual Alumni Awards Banquet
- Soccer game and tailgate
- OUAA Family Festival
- Much, much more

More information will be coming soon. To view photos of Winter Homecoming Weekend, visit the Oakland University Alumni Association Facebook page.



From left: Jennifer Klieman; Michael Klieman, BGS '83, Homecoming honorary co-chair; OU Interim President Betty J. Youngblood, Ph.D., CAS '65; Michigan Secretary of State Ruth Johnson, SEHS '77, Homecoming honorary co-chair.



Outside the O'rena, it was below zero and winds were howling on Homecoming Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014. On the court, the heat was on as the Grizzlies roared back against the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). With a scant 00.8 of a second on the clock, nearly 3,000 people stood breathless as OU guard Duke Mondy gracefully landed a three-pointer to give the Grizzlies a 76-75 Homecoming win. Mondy posted 11 points, 6 steals and 5 assists in 29 minutes during the game.



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Farewell, Winter Homecoming

OU alumni, families and friends returned to campus Jan. 24-25 to celebrate OU's final Winter Homecoming Weekend. Despite the frigid winter weather, alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends came out in droves to celebrate OU.

"The last Winter Homecoming was spectacular for OU alumni to experience," says Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities and Homecoming Committee co-chair. "The sights, sounds and spirit of coming home to OU did not disappoint," she adds. "There was something for everyone, young and old, to connect with OU's campus life — academically, socially and culturally. It also gave alumni the opportunity to see the amazing physical growth of the campus. They will be able to see the finished construction at OU's inaugural fall homecoming this September."







Adam Jackson, SEHS '85, sang the national anthem prior to the Homecoming basketball game. Jackson is a singer, actor and songwriter now living in California.



The annual Guard the Grizz Car Smash provided Homecoming attendees with a fun way to keep warm amid the winter cold and snow. Grizz Gang members were invited to swing a sledgehammer at a clunker covered with rival UIC's colors.



Alumni enjoy Arts at OU series

Arts at OU is connecting alumni with the range of arts and talent that Oakland University has to offer. The program highlights collaborations with Oakland University Art Gallery, Music, Theatre and Dance, Cinema Studies and Meadow Brook Hall.

Director of Alumni and Community Engagement Sue Helderop says the Arts at OU series was created last fall "to promote OU's incredible range of arts as attractions in addition to the exciting athletics that draw alumni and friends to campus."

The 2013-14 series concludes on Wednesday, April 16, with the OU Symphony Orchestra's final concert of the season. The OU Symphony Chorus and Measure for Measure Men's Choral Society and the OSO will perform *Symphonic Fantasy on Die Frau ohne Schatten, TrV 234a* by Richard Strauss; and Carmina Burana by Carl Orff at Orchestra Hall in Detroit.

The series has included a dinner, discussion and screening of a Charlie Chaplin film at Meadow Brook Hall; a reception, tour and talk about the Gilda Snowden exhibition at the OU Art Gallery; and the exclusive Holiday Walk at Meadow Brook Hall.

Plans are in the works for a new lineup of compelling collaborations that will feature OU faculty, staff and students.

For complete details about the series, visit **oualumni.com/alumni/artsatou**.

Arts at OU is sponsored by the Oakland University Credit Union.


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- The Rhine
- Yangtze River and China
- Treasures of Northern Italy
- Holiday Markets (Paris and Moselle)

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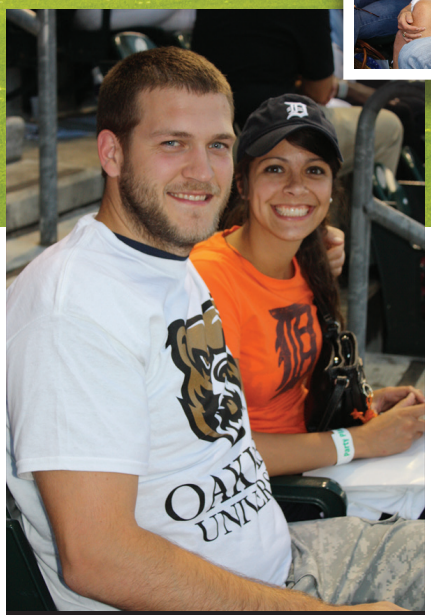
SAVE THE DATE *join fellow alums for summer fun.*



(Far left) OUAA Board Member Mary Jo Dawson, SEHS '92, hosts at OU Night at Comerica Park.



Mary Jane Mayne, SEHS '72, Mark Nicaj, SECS '99, Catherine Gillespie, SEHS '87, and Garry Gilbert, CAS '95 and '02.



Michael Brennan, CAS '11, and Lisa Brennan, SEHS '10 and '13.

OUAA Golf Challenge **Monday, July 14, 2014**
Play a round of golf on the R&S Sharf Golf Course while supporting the OUAA Scholarship Program. Participants who register before June 16 will receive the early-bird rate of $175 per player. Cost includes 18 holes of golf and cart on R&S Sharf Golf Course, boxed lunch, afterglow reception and player gift. Available sponsorship opportunities include hole, cart, lunch and player gift sponsors. Call (248) 370-4917 or email casimon2@oakland.edu for details. ●

OU Night at Comerica Park **Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2014**
Cheer on the Detroit Tigers at the 10th annual OU Night at Comerica Park. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with an all-you-can-eat buffet at the ballpark. At 7:05 p.m., find your seats for the first pitch of the game against the Pittsburgh Pirates. Join us on the charter bus from campus for hassle-free transportation to the game. Tickets go on sale on Opening Day, March 31. Visit **grizzlink.oualumni.com/events** to register. ●



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Career/Accomplishments



1960s

Thomas Volgy, Ph.D., CAS '67, (center) opened the discussion and screening of PBS's new *American Experience* special, "JFK," to a full house at the University of Arizona Center for Creative Photography in November 2013. Dr. Volgy is a professor at the University of Arizona School of Government and Public Policy and an executive director of the International Studies Association. Dr. Volgy was also a member of the Tucson City Council from 1977-87 and served as the city's mayor from 1987-91.

1970s

Paul G. Angott, SECS '70, is the founder and CEO of FirstSense Medical LLC, a Pontiac, Mich.-based company that seeks to use infrared thermal imaging to detect breast cancer earlier and more reliably than mammography. He has finished building the first prototype and is in negotiations with health care systems to begin human trials. A serial entrepreneur who has founded five companies, Angott holds 41 patents ranging from a clock thermostat and a wireless doorbell to a laser-guided unmanned mower for golf courses and ball fields.

Rheba A. (Glenn) Gwaltney, SEHS '71, retired in September 2012 after 40 years of service with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the Baltimore, Md., Washington, D.C., and Richmond, Va., Veterans Affairs offices.

Donald E. Levin, Ph.D., CAS '71, has been named dean of faculty at Detroit's Marygrove College. He served as chair of the Department of English and Modern Languages from 2007 through 2013, coordinator of the Master of Arts in English program, director of the Marygrove Honors Program, co-director of the most recent Higher Learning Commission reaccreditation project, and principal writer of the college's self-study. Dr. Levin received his Ph.D. in English Education in 1996 from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He is the author of a novel, *Crimes of Love*, and two books of poetry: *New Year's Tangerine* and *In Praise of Old Photographs*. His most recent novel, *The Baker's Men*, was published in early 2014.



Darien L. Martus, CAS '73, released his new solo piano and vocal CD, *We Are Mountains*, in October 2013. The songs were written in a single session and the piano tracks recorded as single takes on one afternoon. The vocals were also single takes recorded that same night. Martus hopes that his process renders a listening experience that reflects the real time involved in the creation of the songs and an immediate connection to their performance.

Tempa K. (Jones) Pagel, CAS '73, finished her second mystery novel, *They Danced by the Light of the Moon*, which was scheduled for release in February. Like her first mystery novel, *Here's the Church, Here's the Steeple*, it features Andy Gammon, a stay-at-home mom of two who loves history and who, along with her mother-in-law, Mayta, gets involved in historical mysteries. The format alternates between the past and the present with two different voices.

Thomas L. Sparks, CAS '70, was selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*© 2014 in administrative/regulatory law. He was also selected as a Super Lawyer for 2014 in health care. Sparks, an attorney at Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Dunlap in Lansing, Mich., was admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan. He is past chair of the Administrative Law Council of the State Bar of Michigan and past chair of the Ingham County Bar Association Health Law Section. Sparks is a frequent lecturer on the business and regulation of health care providers and served on the governor's prescription abuse data synthesis committee.

1980s

Peter J. Lucido, CAS '83, obtained a master's degree in business from Central Michigan University and a law degree from Detroit College of Law (now MSU Law School). Lucido started his own law firm, which is now one of the biggest in Macomb County, Michigan. Lucido also founded *Macomb Now Magazine*, an exclusive lifestyle magazine, which he continues to publish. Lucido has been involved in numerous charities and was honored to be inducted to the Macomb County Hall of Fame in 2003.



Peter J. Lucido

1990s

Andrea E. Moon, CAS '92, has original music featured on the 3D video game *Ohno Odyssey* during the menu and between game play levels. This game was launched in 2013 by Big John Games and Gamers Digital and is played on Nintendo 3DS.

Mark Schneider, CAS '94, was elected as the 2014 Royal Oak (Mich.) Chamber of Commerce president. He has been a member of the chamber for nine years and is also an honorary lifetime member. He chaired the chamber's community relations committee and was responsible for spearheading the revision of the chamber by-laws in 2010. Schneider is a shareholder at Gifford, Krass, Sprinkle, Anderson & Citkowski, P.C., an intellectual property firm located in Troy, Mich. He resides in Royal Oak with his wife and two children.



Mark Schneider

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– Karen Stratton, SON '85

Sky's the limit for high-achieving nursing grad

She graduated from high school at 17, got married at 18, and had her first child at 19. That quick succession of major life events may have slowed the rate of progress for **Karen Stratton, SON '85**, but it certainly didn't stop her from realizing her career dreams.

Today, with a string of credentials after her name — RN, MS, and Ph.D., among others — Stratton is the new vice president for women's and children's services at the University of Chicago Medicine. That impressive set of credentials all started with the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree she received from OU's School of Nursing.

It took Stratton nine years to get that first degree while concurrently raising her family, but the by-now mother of three was not dissuaded from taking her education to the next level.

"I could have started working sooner with an associate's degree, but I was given good advice at OU about getting a BSN," Stratton says. "They said it would offer more career options and opportunities for advancement, and that's what I wanted."

After working as manager of a pediatric intensive care unit in Chicago, she got a master's degree in nursing-pediatrics so she could both teach and continue working in hospital management. When her husband, an executive with the McDonald's Corporation, transferred to Denver, she enrolled in a doctoral program there.

"Many hospitals require their chief nursing officer and other senior managers to have a Ph.D. or doctor of nursing practice," she explains.

With that degree done and after another move, Stratton was well positioned to accept a joint appointment as a university instructor and director of professional development with a hospital system. She joined her current employer in 2012.

The new senior management position and her responsibilities as an assistant clinical professor at the University of Illinois don't leave much time for enjoying the spectacular view of the city skyline from the Strattons' empty nest apartment in a Michigan Avenue high-rise overlooking the Chicago River. However, the challenges of her career keep her fully motivated, she says. Current projects include overseeing the design and launch of a state-of-the-art women's care center.

"It's a really exciting project at this point in my career," she says. "I'm looking forward to seeing what we can create." ■

By Sandra Beckwith, a Fairport, N.Y.-based freelance writer.

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– Nino DiCosmo, CAS '90



Nino DiCosmo, CAS '90, accepts the 2006 OU Alumni Spirit Award.

CAS grad leverages critical skills to focus on the big picture

When he was a political science major at OU, his plan was to work for a while after graduating and then head off to law school.

But an early job he took at Electronic Data Systems radically changed the course for **Nino DiCosmo, CAS '90**, who found the fast-paced tech world was where he wanted to be. Soon his objective was to run a large technology company.

"Over time, you build a nice background and understand all the aspects of a business and move into the executive ranks," DiCosmo says. In early 2013, he became president and general manager of Tridium, a global enterprise software technology subsidiary of Honeywell Company that creates systems to control and automate "intelligent" buildings.

DiCosmo knows firsthand the benefits of a liberal arts education: how it teaches students to examine and articulate topics from multiple viewpoints, as well as hone presentation techniques that are ultimately useful in real-world business scenarios.

"Presentation skills come out of being able to do critical writing," says DiCosmo, now a member of OU's College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) advisory board. "The thing that the liberal arts education did for me was help develop a lot of reading, writing and critical thinking around what I'll call 'bigger picture' topics. Those skills are very helpful in what I do."

And, DiCosmo says, once you've tried your hand in the workforce awhile — even after becoming an executive — you can always return to school to supplement educational credentials, basically filling in the gaps. That's exactly what he did, earning a master's degree in information systems from Carnegie Mellon University and an MBA from the University of Michigan. In 2006, *Crain's Detroit Business* named DiCosmo to its "40 Under 40" list of high achievers.

For DiCosmo, having the opportunity to interact with his professors made a world of difference. He says OU students have ready access to tenured professors who are actively engaged in the classroom.

"I think that's very valuable," DiCosmo explains. "At bigger universities, you may not actually see the profs much because they are focused on research and publishing. The critical thinking, the discussion that goes on inside the classroom is on another level, which you miss if you never get to engage with those types of teachers." ■

By Cara Catallo, a freelance writer from Clarkston, Mich.

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2000s

Andrew D. Bashi, CAS '09, founded the Law Office of Andrew Bashi, based in Chicago. The firm concentrates on criminal defense, civil rights and open government litigation. Bashi is a recipient of the Patriot Award from the Bill of Rights Defense Committee for his civil liberties-related work in the Chicago area.

Brandon M. Calley, SBA '03, is responsible for sales operations at Elance Inc. He has more than a decade of experience building and managing teams in Software as a Service (SaaS). Before joining Elance, Calley established a sales team for Reputation.com and transitioned to director of enterprise sales. He also developed go-to-market strategies for two divisions of the Meltwater Group, an SaaS company where he was a managing director. Calley started his career with the Fortune 500 company Ricoh before focusing his energy on sales and strategy roles within the start-up community. He completed executive education programs with OU's business school, Oxford University and Stanford Graduate School of Business.

Loukas P. Kalliantasis, SBA '04, was selected as a Super Lawyer Rising Star in Michigan for estate and probate. Kalliantasis is a graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and is licensed to practice in Michigan and Illinois. He is treasurer of the board of directors for the Greater Lansing Estate Planning Council and has completed the probate and estate planning certificate program through the State Bar of Michigan and Institute of Continuing Legal Education.


Loukas P. Kalliantasis

William J. Kraly, SEHS '04, was named school director of The Chatfield School, a public academy in Lapeer, Mich. Kraly was also named vice president of Chatfield Management Corporation, a nonprofit education service provider.

Kristina M. Marshall, SEHS '03, was Winning Futures' first mentee in 1994. Today, she's the nonprofit's president and CEO. Winning Futures was named one of the Best-Managed Nonprofits of 2013 by *Crain's Detroit Business.* The Warren, Mich.-based nonprofit mentoring agency has more than doubled its annual revenue to $1.2 million, enabling it to increase the number of high school students receiving life skills, goal-setting and strategic planning mentorship. Last year, 1,100 students went through its programs.


Kristina M. Marshall

Lance H. Mier, CAS '06, was featured in an article published in the December 2013 issue of *Williamsburg's Next Door Neighbors*, a local interest magazine in Williamsburg, Va. Mier is the manager of entertainment operations and event producer for the Busch Gardens Williamsburg theme park, where he oversees the operations side of the shows and its actors, dancers and stage managers. On the production side, Mier and his colleagues develop creative ideas and strategies for various events. He moved to Williamsburg in 2006, one week after graduating from OU.


Lance H. Mier

Olivia M. Paglia, CAS '06, joined Plunkett Cooney as a member of its insurance law practice group. Paglia represents property and casualty insurance companies in coverage cases throughout the Midwest, handling policy disputes that include environmental contamination, construction defects and high-exposure product liability claims. Paglia previously worked as a law clerk to the Honorable Christopher M. Murray of the Michigan Court of Appeals and as a research attorney for the appellate court's research division. A member of the State Bar of Michigan, Paglia graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in 2009.

Kila C. Peeples-Hudson, CAS '02, joined Marx Layne & Company, a marketing, public relations and digital media agency, as an account executive. Hudson serves clients in the nonprofit, telecommunications and food service industries, focusing on media relations, stakeholder outreach and social media. She also leads the agency's film and video production department. Prior to joining Marx Layne & Company, Hudson was a multimedia journalist for WMYD-TV (My TV20) in Detroit, covering a variety of news beats in the city and surrounding communities. During her time in television, she interviewed numerous sports figures, politicians and CEOs.

Jacquelyn F. Wagner, CAS '03, was featured in a Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings concert in November 2013. Wagner has returned home from her career as a lead soprano in the Berlin Opera. She performed with her father, Corbin Wagner, a French horn player and retired member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. The performance featured works by Wagner, Mozart and Strauss.


Jacquelyn F. Wagner


Colleen Campbell

2010s

Colleen (Miller) Campbell, CAS '10, was recently promoted to Digital Public Relations Manager for Oakland University. She oversees the website and social media for OU.

Alex M. Grapentin, CAS '13, was awarded the 2013 Dean's Scholarship by the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law for his academic achievements.


Alex M. Grapentin

Mark S. Hakim, CAS '13, is in optometry school as a member of the class of 2017 at MCPHS University (formerly Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences) in Worcester, Mass. He is involved in the sport vision club.

Whitney N. Litzner, CAS '10, is a certified navigator at ACCESS Community Health and Research Center in Dearborn, Mich.

Andrew Michalak, SBA '13, was hired last fall as a staff tax member at Plante Moran, a regional accounting firm. Michalak has passed all four parts of the CPA exam and looks to become officially licensed in the coming year.

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Engagements & Weddings



Angela (Ruth) Haig, CAS '02, and Andrew Haig were married on June 15, 2013, at Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Lake Orion, Mich. They reside in Birmingham, Mich. She is a Crystal director and independent associate with Isagenix International and has accepted a position with Easter Seals.

College sweethearts **Matthew T. Monette, CAS '11**, and **Amanda M. (Hukkala) Monette, SECS '12**, were married on May 5, 2012.





John Rohlman, CAS '11, and **Nicole (Evancho) Rohlman, SBA '10**, were married on Sept. 20, 2013. They were college sweethearts and dated for five years. He was a Theta Chi and she was a Phi Sigma Sigma.

Deaths

1960s

Thomas J. Ouellette, CAS '64, on May 3, 2013

Russell Smyth, CAS '68, on Oct. 19, 2013

1970s

Karen E. Grant, SEHS '79 and **'74**, on Sept. 7, 2013

Helen S. Husid, SEHS '75, on Nov. 9, 2013

Roderick Z. James, SEHS '71, on Aug. 10, 2013

John T. Koehler, CAS '72 and **'70**, on Oct. 10, 2013

Karen M. (Johnson) Simmons, SEHS '70, on Feb. 13, 2013

1980s

Marilyn K. Cardeccia, SEHS '88, on Sept. 14, 2013

Catherine S. (Florida) Clark, CAS '82, on Oct. 23, 2013

Dennis S. Conley, CAS '86, on Nov. 7, 2013

Joyce A. (Oddo) Ferguson, SEHS '83, on Oct. 31, 2013

Gayle W. (Bause) Gozdor, CAS '85, on Aug. 15, 2013

Barbara E. Stone, SEHS '84, on Oct. 6, 2013

Jane E. Till, SEHS '85, on Oct. 28, 2013

Patrick G. Walsh, SBA '80 and **BGS '79**, on Oct. 12, 2013

1990s

Karen S. Clements, CAS '98, on Aug. 30, 2013

Jeffrey G. Goslin, SECS '96, on Sept. 19, 2013

2000s

Foster L. Cross, SEHS '08, on Oct. 5, 2013

Faculty Deaths

Sarah Gibson, Ph.D., on Jan. 17, 2014. Dr. Gibson joined the faculty in 1991 and served in the Department of Educational Leadership in the School of Education and Human Services until she retired in 2013.

Annette Osborne, Ph.D., on Dec. 10, 2013. Dr. Osborne joined the faculty in 1996 and served in the Department of Reading and Language Arts until she retired in 2012. Donations may be made to the Annette Osborne Memorial Fund at Oakland University.

Ronald Srodawa, Ph.D., on Jan. 1, 2014. Dr. Srodawa joined the faculty in 1982 and served in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering until he retired in 2007.



Former OU golfer is a rising star on PGA Tour

Pro golfer **Brian Stuard, SBA '05**, is arguably the most successful professional athlete with an Oakland University degree. And at the pace he's going, there likely will be no debate.

On the heels of his 2013 breakout season on the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) Tour when he won more than $1 million in prize money, the 31-year old Jackson, Mich., native started the 2014 PGA Tour season with three top 10 finishes, including a second place finish at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba in Mexico. Through mid-February, he ranked 12th on this year's PGA money list with a total of $1,228,108 in tour earnings. Including his rookie season of 2010, Stuard has amassed nearly $2.7 million in earnings in a little over two years on the PGA Tour.

Success is nothing new to Stuard. As an OU undergraduate, he won the 2005 Mid-Continent Conference Tournament individual championship and was named the Mid-Con Player of the Year. He was a three-time All-Mid-Con First Team selection, was named to the conference's All-Academic team three years, and holds no fewer than seven Oakland golf records, including most tournament wins in a season (four) and career (nine).

Stuard, who now lives in Coral Gables, Fla., has fond memories of his college years.

"I really enjoyed my time at Oakland," says Stuard, who returned to campus last fall to participate in a reunion event pitting former OU golfers against current Golden Grizzly team members. "There are a lot of new buildings now and some that are being built. It's an exciting time for the university.

"Oakland has a great setup for collegiate golf — a great practice range, a beautiful new clubhouse, and Katke Cousins is a great course, very demanding. It forces you to work to improve your game."

Third-year OU golf coach Russ Cunningham says Stuard has had a positive impact on Golden Grizzlies' athletics that is "immeasurable."

"Not only does he contribute financially, he gives back in ways that he doesn't realize," Cunningham says. "Brian's success on the PGA Tour gives our golf program instant credibility. It sends the message that if you have the goals and aspirations to become a professional in your chosen sport and are willing to put in the work, it's possible to do it at Oakland University." ■

By Fritz Reznor

OU Moment



The bells for the Elliott Carillon Tower now under construction at OU were cast at The Verdin Company's foundry in the Netherlands. The tower will feature a fully chromatic 49-bell carillon ranging from low C to high C. The largest bell weighs about 5,000 pounds and is 5 feet in diameter. Once completed, the tower will be 151 feet tall and will have a regular live playing schedule and quarterly chimes.



Name: Katie Jo Martin
Major: Nursing
Year: Junior
Hometown: Monroe, Mich.

Career plans?
After completing my BSN, I plan to join the Peace Corps. Following this, I intend to become a Nurse Practitioner specializing in pediatrics.

What do you like best about your major or area of study?
I love the nursing faculty and staff. Each and every teacher and staff member is extremely helpful and insightful. I also love that all my classes are in the new, state-of-the-art Human Health Building.

How does technology play a role in your education?
Technology plays a huge role in my education through the School of Nursing Lab, which provides students with hands-on experiences such as taking vital signs, wound care and administering IVs and injections. The simulations are very helpful as we perfect our skills before using them in the clinical setting.

How are you involved on campus?
I am a member of the Honors College, Alpha Lambda Delta, School of Nursing Dean's Circle and Student Nurses Association of Oakland University. I also participate in intramural volleyball and soccer.

How are you funding your education?
My education is funded through scholarships and support from my parents, allowing me to focus on my schooling. The scholarship from OU has lightened the financial burden for my parents and me. My scholarship was also renewable over the summer, which allowed me to complete some necessary Honors College classes during the summer.

If you could meet your scholarship donors, what would you say to them?
I would thank them for their outstanding generosity and let them know that their kindness has inspired me to give back to OU someday!

To learn about more **students like Katie** who your gift will impact, visit

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