

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: **Oakland University Board of Trustees**

June 26, 2026



STUDENT SUCCESS IS OUR NORTH STAR



Bachelor's: 1526

Master's: 373

Doctoral: 39

M.D.: 123

HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP



Dean Graeme Harper

- **Appointed a Member of the Order of Australia**
- **The pre-eminent way Australians recognize the achievements and service of their fellow citizens**
- **Recognized for significant service to literature, education, and creative writing**

HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP



Dean Louay Chamra

- **Recognized by Crain's Detroit Business as 'Notable Leader' in architecture, engineering and construction**
- **Testament to his leadership in strengthening Oakland's industry partnerships, supporting student success, and advancing research and experiential learning opportunities**

HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP



Dr. Bradley Swanson

- **Selected as next dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, pending Board approval**
- **Joins OU from CMU – interim VP for research and innovation and professor of biology**
- **Distinguished record as a scholar, teacher, researcher, and academic leader, with a strong commitment to student success, faculty excellence, shared governance, and the value of a liberal arts and sciences education**

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE



- **Several current OU faculty members recognized in Research.com's 2026 "World's Best Scientists" rankings**
- **Honorees represent psychology, engineering, mathematics, physics, and biological sciences**
- **Reflects OU's growing research presence and continued investment in faculty scholarship**

EXPANDING WHAT'S POSSIBLE

- **Ishwar K. Sethi, School of Engineering and Computer Science**
- **Todd K. Shackelford, Department of Psychology**
- **Meir Shillor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics**
- **Andrei Slavin, Department of Physics**
- **Gopalan Srinivasan, Department of Physics**
- **Scott D. Tiegs, Department of Biological Sciences**
- **Jennifer Vonk, Department of Psychology**
- **Lisa L. M. Welling, Department of Psychology**
- **Virgil Zeigler-Hill, Department of Psychology**

OU'S DATA INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

- **Positions Oakland as a leader, not a follower.**
- **Responds to a clear strategic imperative to strengthen the computing needs behind OU's academic mission.**
- **Advances Strategic Vision 2030 by supporting education and research.**
- **Reflects disciplined stewardship with tremendous institutional opportunities and minimal risk.**

HONORING DENNIS MUCHMORE



- **Trustee, public servant, and civic leader whose 2018–2026 term marked his second period of service on OU’s Board**
- **Supported academic growth and major campus investments**
- **Championed public policy, civic engagement, and civil discourse**
- **Generously supported the Center for Civic Engagement and the Muchmore Presidential History Collection**
- **Advocated for fair higher education funding in Michigan**

HONORING CHAIR BRIAN CALLEY



- Served OU with distinction as Board Chair, Vice Chair, and Trustee, 2019-26
- Championed academic growth, including approval of new bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programs
- Supported major campus investments advancing student success, research, and community partnership
- Advocate for fair higher education funding in Michigan
- Dedicated supporter of OUCARES and individuals with autism

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