Agendum
Oakland University
Board of Trustees Formal Session
April 24, 2026

COMMENDATION OF ALFRED G. WILSON AWARD TO MATHEW JAMES SEIDEL

Recommendation

1. **Division and Department:** Student Affairs.

2. **Introduction:** The Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson Awards are presented annually to two (2) deserving Oakland University seniors who have contributed as scholars, leaders and responsible citizens to the Oakland University community. First awarded in 1965, these honors were designated by Matilda R. Wilson, founder of Oakland University, and Durward B. Varner, Oakland's first chancellor, to recognize those students who not only have achieved academic excellence but also have made significant contributions to campus life and demonstrated interest in the social problems of our community and society. The resolution set forth below is submitted for consideration and approval in honor of Mathew James Seidel, recipient of the 2026 Alfred G. Wilson Award.

3. **Previous Board Action:** The Board of Trustees recognizes the Alfred G. Wilson Award recipient for their outstanding achievements.

4. **Budget Implications:** None.

5. **Educational Implications:** The Alfred G. Wilson Award recipient exemplifies superior academic and co-curricular achievement by an undergraduate student. Their accomplishments reflect the highest University standards of scholarship, leadership, and citizenship and serve as an outstanding example for the entire campus community.

6. **Personnel Implications:** None.

7. **University Reviews/Approvals:** The 2026 Wilson and Human Relations Awards Committee reviews and interviews Alfred G. Wilson Award candidates and recommends nominees for final approval to the Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and the President.

8. **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Mathew James Seidel entered Oakland University as a student from Clonlara School in Ann Arbor, MI to pursue a major in Liberal Studies with a minor in Biology in the College of Arts Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seidel demonstrated academic excellence by maintaining a 4.0 grade point average while serving as an undergraduate Research Assistant in the Eye Research Institute, participating in the SUPER program, contributing to peer-reviewed scientific manuscripts, including first-author work under review, presenting research at local, national, and international conferences, and earning a Provost Undergraduate Student Research Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seidel demonstrated distinguished campus leadership by serving as the Student Liaison to the Oakland University Board of Trustees, founding and leading the Michigan Coalition for Human Rights Oakland University Chapter, serving as Chair of the Student Life Lecture Board where he successfully planned and executed a large-scale campus lecture reaching over 1,000 attendees, and founding the Provost's Student Advisory Council to advance student voice in institutional decision-making; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seidel dedicated himself to sustained service and mentorship by volunteering for nearly a decade with South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless, mentoring students as a Supplemental Instruction Leader, and advancing education, advocacy, and community engagement through both campus and community-based initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seidel has been selected as the 2026 recipient of the Alfred G. Wilson Award given annually to a graduating senior who has maintained high academic standards, who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership capabilities and involvement in the Oakland University community, and who has expressed social concern; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to Mr. Seidel for his unwavering commitment to campus life at Oakland University; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends Mathew James Seidel for the quality of his leadership and extends to him its best wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors.

9. **Attachments:** None.

Submitted to the University President
on _____, 2026 by

Michael Wadsworth
Interim Vice President for Student Affairs

Recommended on 4/15, 2026
to the Board for approval by

Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.
President

Reviewed by

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

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COMMENDATION OF MATILDA R. WILSON AWARD TO DELANEY MARIE LOHR

A Recommendation

1. **Division and Department:** Student Affairs.

2. **Introduction:** The Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson Awards are presented annually to two (2) deserving Oakland University seniors who have contributed as scholars, leaders and responsible citizens to the Oakland University community. First awarded in 1965, these honors were designated by Matilda R. Wilson, founder of Oakland University, and Durward B. Varner, Oakland's first chancellor, to recognize those students who not only have achieved academic excellence but also have made significant contributions to campus life and demonstrated interest in the social problems of our community and society. The resolution set forth below is submitted for consideration and approval in honor of Delaney Marie Lohr, recipient of the 2026 Matilda R. Wilson Award.

3. **Previous Board Action:** The Board of Trustees recognizes the Matilda R. Wilson Award recipient for their outstanding achievements.

4. **Budget Implications:** None.

5. **Educational Implications:** The Matilda R. Wilson Award recipient exemplifies superior academic and co-curricular achievement by an undergraduate student. Their accomplishments reflect the highest University standards of scholarship, leadership, and citizenship and serve as an outstanding example for the entire campus community.

6. **Personnel Implications:** None.

7. **University Reviews/Approvals:** The 2026 Wilson and Human Relations Awards Committee reviews and interviews Matilda R. Wilson Award candidates and recommends nominees for final approval to the Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and the President.

8. **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

9. **Attachments:** None.

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COMMENDATION OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD TO LANCE MITCHELL MARKOWITZ

Recommendation

1. **Division and Department:** Student Affairs & Diversity.

2. **Introduction:** The Human Relations Award was established in 1990 to recognize a graduating senior who has made an outstanding contribution to intergroup understanding and conflict resolution at Oakland University. The resolution set forth below is submitted for consideration and approval in honor of Lance Mitchell Markowitz, recipient of the 2026 Human Relations Award.

3. **Previous Board Action:** The Board of Trustees recognizes the Human Relations Award recipient for her outstanding achievements.

4. **Budget Implications:** None.

5. **Educational Implications:** The Human Relations Award recipients demonstrate the importance of intercultural understanding and service to the University community. Students receiving this award have displayed significant leadership in advancing intergroup harmony. These contributions include conflict resolution within or among groups and an increased understanding of cultures, groups, and nations.

6. **Personnel Implications:** None.

7. **University Reviews/Approvals:** The 2026 Wilson and Human Relations Awards Committee reviews and interviews Human Relations Award candidates and recommends nominees for final approval to the Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and the President.

8. **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

9. **Attachments:** None.

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