

Agendum  
Oakland University  
Board of Trustees Formal Session  
April 8, 2019

**COMMENDATION OF ALFRED G. WILSON AWARD  
TO ALEX VALDEZ CURRINGTON**

**Recommendation**

1. **Division and Department:** Student Affairs & Diversity.
2. **Introduction:** The Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson Awards are presented annually to an Oakland University senior male and female 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 Alex Valdez Currington, recipient of the 2019 Alfred G. Wilson Award.
3. **Previous Board Action:** The Board of Trustees recognizes the Alfred G. Wilson Award recipient for his outstanding achievements.
4. **Budget Implications:** None.
5. **Educational Implications:** The Alfred G. Wilson Award recipient exemplifies superior academic and co-curricular achievement by a male undergraduate. His 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 2019 Wilson and Human Relations Awards Committee reviews and interviews Alfred G. Wilson Award candidates and recommends nominees for final approval to the Vice President for Student Affairs & Chief Diversity Officer and the President.
8. **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

**Commendation of Alfred G. Wilson Award to Alex Valdez Currington  
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WHEREAS, Alex Valdez Currington entered Oakland University by way of Farmington High School in Farmington Hills, MI to pursue a major in Psychology in the College of Arts and Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Currington demonstrated academic excellence by maintaining a 3.88 grade point average; achieving Dean's List for each of his semesters at OU; being named a 2017 Keeper of the Dream recipient; and by being recognized by his professors for his diligence and significant dedication to learning; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Currington demonstrated widespread campus leadership as a Peer Mentor in the Center for Multicultural Initiatives; a leadership assistant in the School of Health Sciences; a research assistant in the Department of Psychology; the founding president of Actively Moving Forward, a student organization devoted to supporting bereaved students on campus; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Currington dedicated himself to service by working tirelessly with campus leaders in Academic Affairs and Student Affairs & Diversity to establish and implement the Student Bereavement Notification Policy, which was approved by Faculty Senate in April 2018; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Currington has been selected as the 2019 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. Currington for his unwavering commitment to campus life at Oakland University; and, be it further

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

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9. Attachments: None.

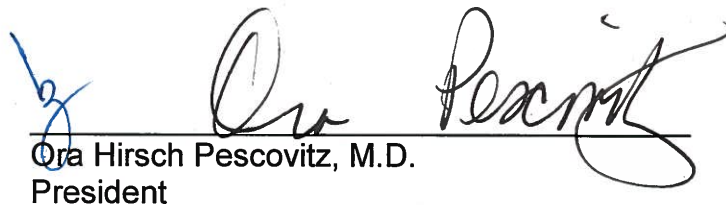
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**COMMENDATION OF MATILDA R. WILSON AWARD  
TO NATALIA BOYKO**

**Recommendation**

1. **Division and Department:** Student Affairs & Diversity.
2. **Introduction:** The Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson Awards are presented annually to an Oakland University senior male and female 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 Natalia Boyko, recipient of the 2019 Matilda R. Wilson Award.
3. **Previous Board Action:** The Board of Trustees recognizes the Matilda R. Wilson Award recipient for her outstanding achievements.
4. **Budget Implications:** None.
5. **Educational Implications:** The Matilda R. Wilson Award recipient exemplifies superior academic and co-curricular achievement by a female undergraduate. Her 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 2019 Wilson and Human Relations Awards Committee reviews and interviews Matilda R. Wilson Award candidates and recommends nominees for final approval to the Vice President for Student Affairs & Chief Diversity Officer and the President.
8. **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

**Commendation of Matilda R. Wilson Award to Natalia Boyko  
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WHEREAS, Natalia Boyko entered Oakland University as a student from Regina High School in Warren, MI to pursue a double major in Economics and International Relations in the College of Arts and Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boyko demonstrated academic excellence by maintaining a 3.95 grade point average; serving as president of the Ukrainian Student Organization and Women's Economic Society; being secretary of the Economics Students' Association; being a member of the Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, Delta Pi Honor Society, and Model United Nations team at OU; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boyko demonstrated widespread campus leadership as a study abroad adviser in the International Students and Scholars office; internships at the Think Tank Centre of Policy and Legal Reform in Kyiv, Ukraine and the Non-Governmental Organization Centre of Local Government Studies in Lviv, Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boyko has dedicated herself to community service by volunteering at the National Self-Defense Organization; being a scouting troop leader at the PLAST Ukrainian scouting organization; serving as a translator for the Swedish soccer team at the Eurofan Championship; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boyko has been selected as the 2019 recipient of the Matilda R. 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 Ms. Boyko for her unwavering commitment to campus life at Oakland University; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends Natalia Boyko for the quality of her leadership and extends to her its best wishes for continued success in all of her future endeavors.

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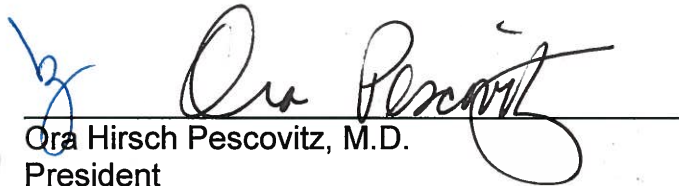
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**COMMENDATION OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD  
TO ASHLEY KATHLEEN CHILLIS**

**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 Ashley Kathleen Chillis, recipient of the 2019 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 2019 Wilson and Human Relations Awards Committee reviews and interviews Human Relations Award candidates and recommends nominees for final approval to the Vice President for Student Affairs & Chief Diversity Officer and the President.
8. **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

**Commendation of the Human Relations Award to Ashley Kathleen Chillis  
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WHEREAS, Ashley Kathleen Chillis entered Oakland University as a student from Cass Tech High School in Detroit, MI to pursue a major in Nursing in the School of Nursing; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chillis demonstrated academic excellence by maintaining a 3.2 grade point average; a 2017 Keeper of the Dream recipient; serving as a Lab Assistant in the Eye Research Institute under the guidance of Dr. Andrew Goldberg; and by being recognized by her professors for her diligence and significant dedication to learning; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chillis demonstrated widespread campus leadership by being the president of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. since her initiation in 2016; serving as treasurer of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC); member of the Black Nurses Association; serving as a Peer Mentor in the Center for Multicultural Initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chillis dedicated herself to serving the community through her sorority, where she was named, "Most Involved Member" by her peers; at several OU Days of Service; participating in a mission trip to Cusco, Peru through MEDLIFE OU; working diligently in University Housing in multiple capacities and in the Annual Giving office; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chillis has been selected as the 2019 recipient of the Human Relations Award given annually to a graduating senior who has made an outstanding contribution to intergroup understanding and conflict resolution in the Oakland University community; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends Ashley Kathleen Chillis for the quality of her leadership and extends to her its best wishes for continued success in all of her future endeavors.



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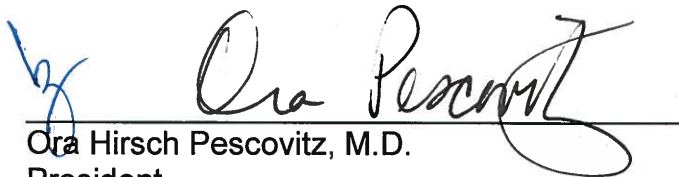
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