

**Agendum
Oakland University
Board of Trustees Formal Session
April 12, 2024**

**COMMENDATION OF ALFRED G. WILSON AWARD
TO KYLE DAVID SPENGLER**

Recommendation

1. Division and Department: Student Affairs & Diversity.

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 Kyle David Spengler, recipient of the 2024 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 2024 Wilson and Human Relations Awards Committee reviews and interviews Alfred G. Wilson Award candidates and recommends nominees for final approval to the Senior 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:

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WHEREAS, Kyle David Spengler entered Oakland University as a student from Clarkston High School in Clarkston, MI to pursue a major in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences in the School of Health Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Spengler demonstrated academic excellence by maintaining a 4.0 grade point average while co-leading a project in the ECLIPSE program to raise awareness regarding ovarian cancer throughout the Pontiac and Auburn Hills community; serving as a volunteer on the in-patient rehabilitation floor at Beaumont Hospital in Troy, MI; shadowing a critical care doctor at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, MI; and working as medical assistant at Pine Knob Urgent Care in Clarkston, MI; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Spengler demonstrated widespread campus leadership by serving as the founder and president of the Undergraduate Research Society, a student organization that successfully bridged the gap between OU students and faculty, creating invaluable platforms for sharing research opportunities for his peers and vastly improving the research culture on campus; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Spengler dedicated himself to service by volunteering with the WXOU radio station and establishing the "You Talk, We Listen" podcast, providing a unique platform for student voices and fostering a sense of community and understanding among the student body, and volunteering as a tutor for underprivileged K-6 children in Pontiac, MI through the Bound Together Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Spengler has been selected as the 2024 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

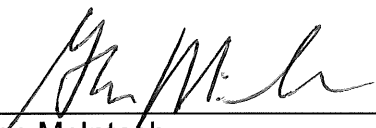
RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to Mr. Spengler for his unwavering commitment to campus life at Oakland University; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends Kyle David Spengler 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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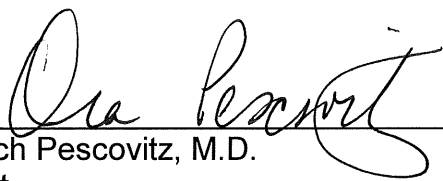
9. Attachments: None.

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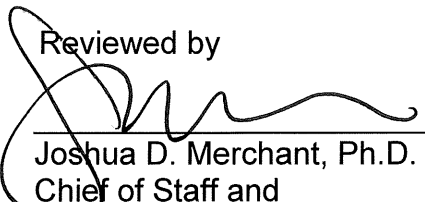


Glenn McIntosh
Senior Vice President for Student Affairs &
Chief Diversity Officer

Recommended on 4/3, 2024
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 DESTINY IMANI LASHAY WILLIAMS**

Recommendation

1. **Division and Department:** Student Affairs & Diversity.
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 Destiny Imani Lashay Williams, recipient of the 2024 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 2024 Wilson and Human Relations Awards Committee reviews and interviews Matilda R. Wilson Award candidates and recommends nominees for final approval to the Senior 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 Destiny Imani Lashay Williams
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WHEREAS, Destiny Imani Lashay Williams entered Oakland University as a student from Holt High School in Holt, MI to pursue a major in Public Relations and Strategic Communications in the College of Arts and Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams demonstrated academic excellence by maintaining a 3.57 grade point average; achieving Dean's List recognition for each of her semesters at OU; being awarded the 2022 Keeper of the Dream Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams demonstrated widespread campus leadership serving several pivotal student leadership roles, including the Vice President of Hamlin Hall's Community Council, a Resident Assistant in University Housing, an Orientation Group Leader and Orientation Assistant for the First Year Advising Center, a CORE Ambassador in the Center for Multicultural Initiatives, and the Director of Advocacy for Oakland University Student Congress, allowing her to mentor other students, promote leadership opportunities, and advocate for student involvement on campus; serving in various leadership roles for the Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Society, the Association of Black Students (ASB) and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams has passionately advocated for diversity and equitable involvement on campus by volunteering for the Center for Multicultural Initiatives, the Gender and Sexuality Center, and the Public Relations Student Society of American (PRSSA), and several social justice and advocacy organizations in the Metro Detroit and Lansing areas; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams has been selected as the 2024 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

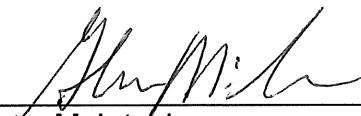
RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to Ms. Williams for her unwavering commitment to campus life at Oakland University; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends Destiny Imani Lashay Williams 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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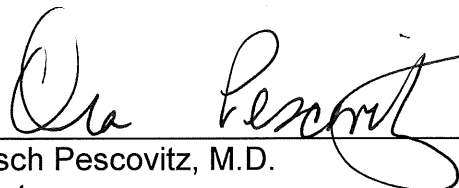
9. Attachments: None.

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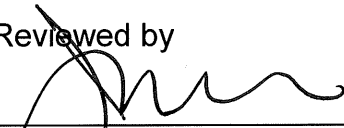
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**COMMENDATION OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD
TO AISHA ZANIB**

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 Aisha Zanib, recipient of the 2024 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 2024 Wilson and Human Relations Awards Committee reviews and interviews Human Relations Award candidates and recommends nominees for final approval to the Senior 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 Aisha Zanib
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WHEREAS, Aisha Zanib entered Oakland University as a student from Rochester Adams High School in Rochester Hills, MI to pursue a major in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences in the School of Health Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Zanib demonstrated academic excellence by maintaining a 3.93 grade point average; earning Deans and President's List recognition for 8 semesters; working as an Oncology Nursing Assistant at Corewell Health in Royal Oak, MI and a Medical Scribe at Rochester General Surgery in Rochester Hills, MI; and by being recognized by her professors for her diligence and significant dedication to learning; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Zanib demonstrated campus helping to establish the Undergraduate Research Society, serving as Vice President for two-consecutive years and assisting her peers in creating numerous research opportunities with faculty; working with Dr. Rebecca Malatesta in the Department of Psychology to create, "The 5 Mile Difference," a mentorship program for low-income students designed to highlight the stark statistical high school graduation rates and reading proficiency between two neighboring schools that are located 5 miles apart from each other; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Zanib dedicated herself to research by working on a three-year thesis project through the Honors College in the Biochemistry and Endocrinology Breast Cancer Lab, investigating the impacts of endocrine-disrupting compounds on breast cancer mechanisms, leading the publication of several abstracts and a recent manuscript; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Zanib demonstrated the characteristics of responsible citizenship by serving as President of the Asian and Pacific Islander Vote (APIA) of Michigan, a nonprofit organization that provides direct services to communities in Southeast Lower Michigan such as voter registration, resource distribution, mental health support, and youth leadership; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Zanib has been selected as the 2024 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. Zanib for her unwavering commitment to campus life at Oakland University; and, be it further

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

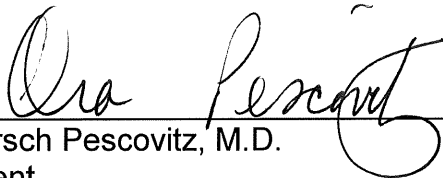
9. **Attachments:** None.

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