

**AMWA at OUWB Branch Receives National Recognition**

The American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) at Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine has received recognition from the national organization for the second consecutive year.

The Heller Outstanding Branch award recognizes one branch annually that makes exceptional strides in its programming and activities to support women. Six OUWB AMWA members attended the 98th Annual Meeting in New York City to accept the award in March.

The branch launched in October 2011 with 15 students, which was 65 percent of the women in the OUWB charter class. The group has now grown to 38 members, a 150 percent growth from last year. This past aca-

demic year, the AMWA branch held 14 events including a monthly Dinner with a Doctor series and a Baked Goods Exchange.

The annual Causemetics drive donated 175 pounds of cosmetics and hygiene products to Alternatives for Girls in Detroit. AMWA at OUWB also engaged in collaborative efforts with the Radiology and Radiation Oncology Student Advocacy Group (RADSAG) to co-sponsor the Inaugural Women's Health Symposium and the Beaumont Group on Women in Medicine and Science (GWIMS) for a Networking and Mentorship dinner.

Amanda Xi, the Founding President of the organization is a University of Michigan engineering graduate from West Bloomfield. She was driven to

start the group out of her experience as a student in traditionally male-dominated field.

"Although the gender gap in medical schools is less pronounced, there's a glass ceiling that still hasn't been broken. Women's leadership in medicine is still very depressed," Xi explains.

"There are very few women occupying positions as deans or upper administration at hospitals. One of my passions is to inspire women to achieve leadership positions and work life balance."

As the group moves forward under the leadership of Fatima Fahs – the newly elected branch President – it aspires to direct more attention to local outreach, gender-specific healthcare, domestic violence and sexual assault.

**OUCARES symposium to explore medical, biomedical issues in autism**

The rate of children in the United States diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is rising rapidly – last year the Centers for Disease Control reported one in every 88 children are being diagnosed with ASD. Recent research is indicating that it is now 1 out of 55. In Michigan public schools there are more than 15,000 students diagnosed with some form of autism.

As part of its commitment to improve the quality of life for those affected with ASD, Oakland University's center for autism (OUCARES) will host its 5th Annual Quality of Life Autism Symposium, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 20-21, at the Auburn Hills Marriott Pontiac at Centerpoint hotel.

Titled "Medical and Biomedical Issues with Autism," the symposium is open to anyone interested in learning more about medical issues with autism, including parents, caregivers, pediatricians, doctors, dentists, nurses, physician assistants, physical thera-



**OUCARES 5th Annual Quality of Life Autism Symposium**

pists, students in the fields of autism or medicine, educators and autism advocates.

The symposium will address:

- \* The characteristics, causes and role of genetics in autism, and explain how the brain and immune system are affected in autism.
- \* Underlying biological issues that affect individuals with autism, and evaluate treatment options and interventions.
- \* How autism affects the brain and gastrointestinal system, as well as its effects on epilepsy and sleep disorders.

For more information on the symposium, e-mail to [oucares@oakland.edu](mailto:oucares@oakland.edu) or call (248) 370-2424.

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## **Camp RN@OU gives students a look at the nursing field**

Middle school students in seventh-through ninth-grade seeking a behind-the-curtain look at the nursing profession will find it at Camp RN@OU, hosted by Oakland University's School of Nursing.

Camp RN@OU is designed to introduce future health care professionals to the challenges and benefits of patient care in a clinical setting through job shadowing and simulation labs.

The School of Nursing is now taking applications for the two-week camp, which will be held July 15-26, 2013, on the OU campus. Space is limited.

"Middle school is the perfect time to engage future nursing professionals," said Kristina Aaron, director of the Camp RN@OU program. "Being captivated by a profession early, students can take the necessary math and science courses during high school to be better prepared for a nursing education."

Campers will get a taste of the nursing curriculum as they get classroom instruction in nursing forensics, pharmacology, and clinical calculations and nutrition; as well as earn CPR and First Aid certification. Additionally, campers will tour the campus, shadow nurses in a hospital setting and participate in other hands-on and technological activities to learn more about the human body.

"So much of nursing is done beyond the bedside. We want to give young people a broader understanding of nursing and the variety of areas where nurses can practice," said Kerri Schuiling, dean of the School of Nursing.

With the impending shortage of nurses and a wider variety of career choices

for students, The School of Nursing hopes to get students excited about the nursing profession. Seats fill up quickly as Camp RN only accepts 50 participants.

For more information or to register for one of the Camp RN@OU sessions, contact Kristina Aaron at (248) 364-8755 or [camprnou@gmail.com](mailto:camprnou@gmail.com), or visit [oakland.edu/RNatOU](http://oakland.edu/RNatOU).

## **Student-athletes pick up skills for the working world**

Coaches stress to their student-athletes that the student comes first, then the athlete.

But many collegiate players put their sport as their No. 1 priority, hindering their chances for success after college.

Kylie Schalz, a recent Oakland University grad and former infielder for the softball team, worked hard during school to score her internship for an engineering company in New York City this summer.

Before landing her internship, Schalz had several phone interviews, including one from Adidas in Germany, but was passed up because she was told she didn't have the proper background.

"It was a challenge for me to score an internship opportunity because I lacked experience in the field," Schalz said.

In contrast, Jordan Howenstine, a senior basketball player, is diving right into a job with Disney immediately after graduation.

Howenstine snagged a public relations internship with the Detroit Pistons, who worked around his own basketball and school schedule.

"The fact that they understood my priorities were my schooling and then basketball, but were willing to work around them, says a lot," Howenstine said.

When hiring, employers look for qualities such as experience and particular skills that pertain to the job.

Skills that employers like seeing on a resume include: working under pressure on deadline, learning teamwork and leadership, and balancing work and personal life. All are familiar to student-athletes.

Academic Adviser Evan Dermidoff said a college athlete with no field experience shouldn't hold back any employer who needs an intern.

"That's exactly what an internship is set up for — experience," he said. "Our student-athletes gain so much necessary skills that carry over in the workplace that there should be no excuses as to why they can't hire a student-athlete."

Dermidoff said student-athletes are goal oriented, prioritize their work assignments and have excellent time management due to their hectic schedules.

OU's Athletic Department staff encourages all athletes to join Career Athletes, which is similar to LinkedIn. Here, athletes create profiles, upload resumes, and create a network and connections to their particular fields.

"It's a great site that really helps athletes kick start their careers," Dermidoff said. "When athletes utilize their resources, they have just as much opportunity as anyone else when it comes to their success after college."

# State and National Headlines

## **Okla. Sees Substantial Benefits from Higher Education**

Oklahoma's higher education system generates economic returns that equal nearly five times the amount of funding it receives, according to a new report from the State Chamber of Oklahoma.

According to the report, the state sees \$4.72 in return for every dollar of state funding that public higher education receives.

Conducted for the State Chamber by the research firm Battelle Technology Partnership Practice, the study shows public higher education "brings highly substantial benefits for Oklahoma." The business lobbying group released the study Wednesday.

According to the report, the total economic output of the higher education system during the 2011 fiscal year was \$9.22 billion. That figure includes the creation of about 85,000 jobs.

*NewsOK*  
April 5, 2013

## **An Old Ally Sends Drove of Students to U.S.**

Which European country sends more students to U.S. universities than any other? Is it Britain, which shares a common language and a reverence for ancient collegiate campuses? Or Germany, whose great research universities did so much to shape U.S. higher education?

The answer, it turns out, is neither. Though Britain sent more than 9,000 students to the United States last year — more than ever before — and Germany sent about 9,300, both lagged behind Turkey, which has been sending more than 10,000 students a year to the United States since 2000.

The numbers have fluctuated, with a sharp falloff after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, when the United States was seen as a less desirable destination, and when Turkey was mired in its own economic crisis. But according to Open Doors, a census of international student movement issued by the Institute for International Education in New York, Turkey has long been the only European country to figure regularly in the top 10 sending nations, behind mainstays like China, India, Canada and Mexico. In 2012, Turkey sent nearly 12,000 students to the United States.

"Turkey's vision has always been looking to the West," said Zeynep Gurhan-Canli, a professor in the business faculty at Koc University on the outskirts of Istanbul. "We have always looked to Europe and the U.S.," she said.

*The New York Times*  
Tuesday, April 9, 2013

## **CO: Regents approve higher tuition rates at University of Colorado campuses**

This week the University of Colorado Board of Regents approved an 8.7 percent tuition increase for students attending the Boulder campus, along with a 6 percent increase for students attending the Denver and Colorado Springs campuses. The board also approved a 3.1 percent salary increase for the university's faculty and staff.

*The Denver Post*  
April 9, 2013

## **IA: Senate budget bill increases higher education funding**

The Iowa Senate passed a \$964 million budget package for state's higher education system Thursday, a move that would boost funding by \$103 million, or 12 percent, over the cur-

rent year's funding level. The state's three universities would be awarded 2.6 percent more over the current year, with the University of Northern Iowa receiving an additional \$4 million. Community college funding would increase by \$16 million. The final budget will be determined through negotiations between the two legislative chambers later in the session.

*Des Moines Register*  
April 18, 2013

## **ID: Board approves tuition increases at Idaho's public colleges and universities**

The Idaho State Board of Education voted this week to raise tuition for the upcoming academic year for students attending the state's public colleges and universities. Tuition will increase by 6.9 percent at Boise State University and 5 percent at the University of Idaho. Idaho State University and Lewis-Clark State Colleges will increase tuition by 4.5 and 4 percent, respectively. While the state budget boosted funding for public colleges and universities, funding levels are still below 2009 levels.

*The Associated Press*  
April 17, 2013

## **Canada Luring Students From U.S. With Lower Tuition Costs**

If college here in metro Detroit is breaking the bank, consider an international option and cross the border. WWJ's Kathryn Larson has more on why savvy education shoppers are putting Canadian universities on their short list.

It's an education with a view. At St. Clair College in Windsor, Vice President John Fairley's favorite spot is four stories above their fine arts center, overlooking the Detroit River.



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“The border is no longer a barrier for higher education. Just a river away, but the future could be endless for someone who needs a degree,” he said. “Fifteen percent of our inquiries for the fall are some of the people from the Michigan area.”

As tuition costs here in America continue to rise, Fairley said it’s apparent that students from the metro Detroit area are ready to dip their toes in an economical and affordable college option.

“When you’re looking at having an education, less than \$7,000. That’s, again, capable to take you everywhere. You can start at St. Clair College and go everywhere,” he said.

Alan Wildeman, President and Vice-Chancellor of nearby University of

Windsor, said an education with them could also take you everywhere for a similar price tag, and now with an international discount.

“So we are introducing a special fee for students from the U.S. who might want to come and study at the University of Windsor, and it is the U.S. Neighbor Fee,” he said.

Under the U.S. Neighbor Fee, the university will offer American students a tuition fee of \$5,000 per semester beginning Sept. 2013. Wildeman said American students can now save up to \$5,000 per semester compared to the international fees they were previously paying.

*CBS Detroit*  
May 2, 2013