

Agendum
Oakland University
Board of Trustees Formal Session
April 20, 2023

**COMMENDATION OF THE DON AND JAN O'DOWD GRADUATE AWARD
TO CHLOE MEGAN JONES**
Recommendation

1. **Division and Department:** Academic Affairs and Graduate School.

2. **Introduction:** The Don and Jan O'Dowd Graduate Award is presented annually to a graduate student who has made outstanding contributions through exemplary leadership and/or service at Oakland University and/or the surrounding community. In particular, the student chosen must exemplify traits such as intellectual curiosity, enthusiasm, leadership, compassion, and dedication to their field of study. The resolution set forth below is submitted for consideration and approval in honor of Chloe Megan Jones, recipient of the 2023 Don and Jan O'Dowd Graduate Award.

3. **Previous Board Action:** None.

4. **Budget Implications:** None.

5. **Educational Implications:** The Don and Jan O'Dowd Graduate Award recipient exemplifies superior academic and co-curricular achievement by a graduate 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 Graduate Council reviews Don and Jan O'Dowd Graduate Award candidates and recommends a nominee for final approval to the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.

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

WHEREAS, Chloe Megan Jones entered Oakland University to pursue a Master of Education in Special Education with a concentration in Applied Behavior Analysis in the School of Education and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones has demonstrated academic excellence by maintaining a 4.0 grade point average; is a graduate research assistant for the Department of Human Development and Child Studies; has collaborated on and contributed to over fifteen research projects as well as eight NIH grant applications; published two peer-reviewed works; presented research at peer-reviewed regional conferences; and served as a co-author on three other manuscripts that are awaiting decisions; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones has demonstrated outstanding leadership at Oakland University through her graduate assistantship conducting research; supporting other students by working with them on areas for growth and improvement to explain difficult subject matter to them; and has shown leadership and service to the surrounding community by seeking out an opportunity to provide behavioral services to students engaging in problem behavior through a school-based collaboration with Hazel Park School District where she provides both on-site behavioral consultation to students with behavioral challenges and supports their teachers, as well as providing logistical support; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones exemplifies the spirit of the Don and Jan O’Dowd Graduate Award through her academic excellence, leadership at Oakland University and in the wider community, and her passion to enter this field to serve and advocate for the needs of those experiencing behavioral challenges; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones has been selected as the 2023 recipient of the Don and Jan O’Dowd Graduate Award given annually to a top graduate student who has made outstanding contributions through exemplary leadership and service at Oakland University and/or the surrounding community and exhibiting traits such as intellectual curiosity, enthusiasm, compassion, and dedication to their field of study; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends Chloe Megan Jones 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.

Submitted to the University President
on 4/14, 2023 by



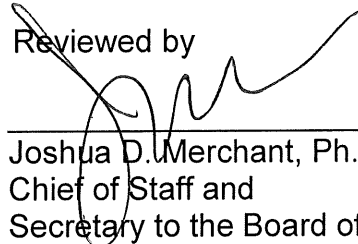
Britt Rios-Ellis, M.S., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs and Provost

Recommended on 4/16, 2023
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