Welcome back! Last year was great for the Oakland University master of public administration program. We will be building on that momentum in the fall 2015 semester. Below are some highlights of our program from the last year.

Enjoy!

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MPA PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS 2014-2015

Accreditation
The MPA program was NASPAA re-accredited until 2022. Special notice was given to us for student, alumni and community engagement plus social media interactions.

New Program
Our new 4+1 program allows undergraduates to earn both bachelor and master of public administration degrees in 5 years.

Outreach
The OU-Pontiac Service Learning Partnership was an active success. Interns, volunteers and student projects that benefited Pontiac citizens took place at:

• City of Pontiac, Mayor’s Office
• Art Experience
• Community Housing Network
• Pontiac Schools Board of Education
• Oakland County Sheriff’s Office
• Common Ground

Giving
Last year, generous MPA alumni provided scholarships to three grateful students.

Student Development
Maria Willett, MPA student and recent graduate (2015), was one of six women, and the only student, chosen to become a 2015 Michigan Political Leadership Program Fellow through Michigan State University.

MPA alumnus, Thomas A. Tanghe (CAS ’88 and ’90), city manager of Auburn Hills, received the 2015 Alumni Community Service Award. The Alumni Community Service Award recognizes distinctive service of a humanitarian nature or citizenship through community, public or OU service activities.

Current MPA student (2016), Kelly Kozlowski, CAS ’08 will receive the 2015 Outstanding Young Alumni Award.

A new student organization was started last year. The Association of Nonprofit Professionals (ANP) provides nonprofit service and network connections for OU students interested in nonprofit work. The organization obtained a membership in the Michigan Nonprofit Association, which further increases networking and professional development opportunities.


Conference attendees: Britney Adams, Caitlyn Haisen, Shanya Statler, Sinda Mele, and Sarika Bhargavan, Student Alliance of Health Care Leaders.

Students included Wendy Hicks, Roxana Trifan and Mark Gilbert.