

**COMMENDATION OF ALFRED G. WILSON AWARD
TO DYLAN MATTHEW PILLIVANT**

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 Dylan Matthew Pillivant, recipient of the 2025 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 2025 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, Dylan Matthew Pillivant entered Oakland University as a student from Utica High School in Utica, MI to pursue a major in Biology in the College of Arts Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pillivant demonstrated academic excellence by maintaining a 3.98 grade point average while serving as co-founder of the Feline Physicians Foundation, a project aimed to increase medical literacy for children; author of *"Feline Physicians,"* a children's book that introduces toddlers to careers in medicine; serving as a volunteer at the Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit, MI, helping to empower children facing medical challenges; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pillivant demonstrated widespread campus leadership by serving as the president of United 2 Heal, a student organization that worked with several community partners to deliver much needed medical supplies to underserved communities abroad; serving as co-founder and treasurer of the Minority Association of Premedical Students (MAPS), working tirelessly to support mentorship, academic success, and healthcare advocacy for underrepresented students; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pillivant dedicated himself to service by serving as a Peer Mentor with the Gender and Sexuality Center, helping to foster a sense of belonging and supportive environment for LGBTQ+ students; volunteering with the Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic in Pontiac, MI, where he made a difference by leading the Jardiance Patient Assistance Program, helping hundreds of patients in financial need access vital health treatments; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pillivant has been selected as the 2025 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. Pillivant for his unwavering commitment to campus life at Oakland University; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends Dylan Matthew Pillivant 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.

Submitted to the University President
on April 1, 2025 by

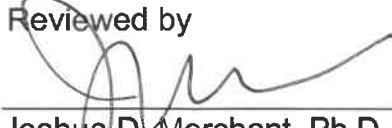


Glenn McIntosh
Senior Vice President for Student Affairs &
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Recommended on 4/4, 2025
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Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.
President

Reviewed by


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Secretary to the Board of Trustees