18 Honored at Annual Retirees and Employees Recognition Banquet

On April 21, 2013, during the Spring meeting of the OU Board of Trustees, the employees who have served at “the Oaks” for 20 years or more were recognized, and retiring employees were honored:

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Miss Sabrina Cotton, left, Lionel Scott, center, and Collins Alexander (right) share a humorous story from Mr. Scott’s 23 years of service.
Mrs. Lillian J. Green (pictured with Dr. Dulan) served in a variety of capacities in the Registrar's Office for over 38 years.

Both Dr. Mervyn A. Warren (pictured at left with Drs. Pollard and Dulan), Dean of the School of Religion and Theology, and Dr. Kathleen Dobbins (pictured below), Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, have each served Oakwood for 45 years.
Faculty Research Symposium 2013  
by Paulette Johnson, Director of Library Services

Oakwood University faculty and invited guests presented outstanding scientific papers and posters on a variety of topics at the Faculty Research Symposium on April 23, 2013, at the McKee Business and Technology Complex. This annual event is sponsored by the Department of Faculty Development and Research headed by Vice President Dr. Prudence Pollard. Dr. Howard Weems began the day's proceedings with a devotional about research as the pursuit of truth.

Dr. David Trimm demonstrated that while the majority of SDA Church leadership continues to be dominated by males, ordination to ministry as a qualification for leadership is now often accompanied by advanced academic and professional degrees. Dr. Ciro Sepulveda's stimulating response left the audience pondering whether or not this trend results in church growth.

Oakwood alums Dr. Frank Mullins and Dr.
Sydney Freeman represented their alma mater proudly. Dr. Frank Mullins reported on the relationship between family-owned companies that deliberately promote employee's long-term commitment to the company through the use of commitment human resource systems, and those that are managed by institutional investors and place higher priority on shareholders' profits. Professor Ruth Gunn's response reminded us of the demise of corporations and the ruin of personal lives and savings that result when corporations fail to put their workers and customers ahead of profits.

Dr. Sydney Freeman inspired faculty to engage in scholarly writing as a regular part of their daily routine while balancing work and family life. He challenged faculty to write for one-half hour daily and to learn to say "no." Dr. Trevor Fraser's response, calling for the institution's support in this area, was enthusiastically endorsed by faculty.

The importance of physical health at all stages of life were highlighted in the Health and Wellness Study II for Oakwood University students by Dr. Maxine Garvey. One finding is that Oakwood student's obesity rate of 30% mirrors that of the U.S. population.

Information about and results of the Adventist Health Study 2/African American Cohort were discussed by Dr. Tricia Penniecook, from Loma Linda University School of Public Health, who underscored the prevalence of 'lifestyle' diseases among African-Americans and the necessity of early interventions through
education, and behavior changes (exercise, vegetarian diet, etc.). Dr. Karen Anderson's response outlined strategies the health community could use to rebuild trust among African-Americans so that they are more likely to participate in research studies that require giving personal information.

Drs. George Ashley, Octavio Ramirez and Malcolm Cort explored "what it means to students to be a Christian." Drs. Pauline Sawyers, Ingrid Enniss and Deril Wood identified what some faculty do when they integrate faith and learning in the classroom. Dr. Rachel Williams-Smith advocated the legitimate use of autoethnographic research to study her experience of leaving an isolated Adventist subculture and adapting to mainstream American life. Drs. Finbar Benjamin and Octavio Ramirez offered preliminary findings from the General Conference 21st Century Retention Study that seeks to understand why recent graduates of SDA colleges and universities retain or sever ties with the SDA church.

Oakwood's LifeCore 2013 study, headed by Dr. Prudence Pollard and graduating senior, Joshua Nwosu, examined student spirituality and commitment at Oakwood.

In addition to these papers, Dean Hyacinth Burton, Drs. Eva Starner and Havovi Patel presented posters on the use of course management systems at HBCUs; the stressors and coping mechanisms of married female physicians, and the use of simulation technology to enhance nursing education curriculum. Additional posters by students in the departments of Chemistry and Psychology were also displayed.

Throughout the day faculty, staff, students, members of the Board of Trustees and administrators listened with interest, asked probing questions, and made salient comments that enriched the learning community.
One important event that coincided with the symposium was the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Department of Archives, Statistics and Research and Oakwood University. This agreement identifies Oakwood University as a research partner that is eligible for GC grant funds.

Feedback from attendees indicated satisfaction and pride with the high level of scholarship exhibited by Oakwood faculty and students.

OU Athletics Department Honors Players
by Alton Conwell, OU Women’s Basketball Coach

The Annual Athletics Department Banquet was held on April 21, 2013, at the Bradford-Cleveland-Brooks Leadership Center.
Coach Bucknor and the Lady Ambassadors Volleyball Team.

Honors were given to our players, particularly our seniors, for their academic and athletic achievements. The event was a time of fun, entertainment and recognition.

Coach Cartwright, Dean Knight

Women's Basketball Coach Alton Conwell (left) and Erica Pelote.
(left to right) Men's Ambassadors Coach Tony McGinnis, Ryan Joseph, and Assistant Coach Simon Jacob, Sr.

The Aeolians of Oakwood University will be participating in Huntsville's annual Panoply Arts Festival in downtown Huntsville.

Panoply is the region's largest Arts Festival, including Art Marketplace, performances on multiple stages, a global village, facepainting, hands-on arts projects for children, and festive food vendors.

The Aeolians are scheduled to perform on the "Global Village Stage" on Sunday, April 28, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.
For those of you who are wondering how OU placed in The Home Depot's Retool Your School grant program, here's an update from The Home Depot:
THE VOTING PERIOD HAS ENDED

Check back with us on May 3 as we reveal the 2013 grant recipients.

2013 Retool Your School Advisory Judges

Laz Alonso  
Actor

Dr. Lerri Baskerville  
CEO/President, NAFEO

Londell McMillan  
Entertainment Attorney & Publisher

Greg Moore  
Commissioner, SIAC

Keshia Knight Pulliam  
Actress

Duer Sharp  
Commissioner, SWAC

Join us at OU on Friday, May 3, (the time and place still to be determined) for the "Announcement Event." Stay tuned . . .

Student Accounts Financial Clearance

Oakwood University requires payment in full (100% of tuition and related fees) on or before the first day of the current semester.

The estimated bill will be calculated at 100% of tuition and fees and automated financial clearance will occur at the 100% mark. For Financial Clearance purposes Oakwood University will accept the payment of 70% of tuition and fees as a deposit with a mandatory payment plan to ensure 100% of the balance is paid before the end of the fiscal year (June 30 of each year).

Oakwood University offers two Installment Payment programs, available online, in which students can defer payment of a portion (remaining 30%) of their
tuition and fees, to be paid in monthly installments during the course of the semester.

Past due balances are not eligible for deferment and must be paid in full. The Installment Plan Contract is calculated AFTER financial aid and third party sponsorships are deducted with a non-refundable Installment Plan fee.

**Payment Plan Option 1:** Complete an Installment Plan Contract for the remaining balance of tuition and fees with Tuition Management Systems (TMS) at afford.com.

**Payment Plan Option 2:** Complete an Installment Plan Contract for the remaining balance of tuition and fees with SallieMae (AMS) at tuitionpay.com.

IT’S an Encore OAA DAY AT

6125 University Dr NW
Friday, May 10
Just say, “I’m with Oakwood!”

and 15% of your purchase will go to the Handls (OAA Home and School) Scholarship fund!
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