

From the Office of the
President

Points of Pride

Colleagues,

There are so many wonderful stories unfolding on our campus at any given time that it is difficult for any of us to stay on top of them all. I want you to learn about this great news so that you, too, can be inspired.

Starting today and continuing each week, I will share snapshots of exciting, intriguing and uplifting University news. As you look through these, remember that most of what takes place at OU would not be possible if it were not for your contributions. Thank you for all you do, and I hope you enjoy these glimpses into the many points of pride we share.

Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.
President

FRESH EYES

You may know that the **Eye Research Institute** has for decades been highly respected both nationally and internationally for the groundbreaking discoveries and innovations of its resident scholars.



Did you know, however, that ERI faculty have a long history of inviting undergraduate students to contribute to their very important work?

This year's 17th Annual Summer Undergraduate Program in Eye Research (SUPER) will soon come to a close. It seems an appropriate time to check out this [short video](#), which will give you just one example of the incredible undergraduate research opportunities that ERI faculty are providing OU students.

A JUMP UP

It is not often that our society pairs athletes and top scholars in the same category. That's not necessarily fair, particularly when you are talking about Oakland University student-athletes.

This [Detroit Free Press article](#) spotlights outstanding national recognition that our **Volleyball Team** recently garnered for the work players are doing in the classroom. Their accomplishments exemplify the excellent academic work of Golden Grizzlies in all of our athletic programs.

DANCING IN THEIR SEATS

With more than 50 years of success under its belt, Oakland University's **Project Upward Bound** is one of the longest continually funded programs in the country. This kind of success attracts attention and, more importantly, top-notch support.

Students in this year's Summer Academy here on campus were treated to a visit and talk from Motown legend Martha Reeves, who encouraged them to keep their studies a top priority and to always set goals that they can strive to achieve.



There's more about Reeves' visit in this [News at OU article](#).

*Is there a point of pride you feel is worth sharing with the campus community?
If so, please [submit your idea](#) for consideration.*

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