

Agendum  
Oakland University  
Board of Trustees Formal Session  
April 12, 2024

**COMMENDATION OF THE DON AND JAN O'DOWD GRADUATE AWARD  
TO JUSTIN TAMPLIN  
A 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 Justin Tamplin, recipient of the 2024 Don and Jan O'Dowd Graduate Award.
3. **Previous Board Action:** The Board of Trustees recognizes the Don and Jan O'Dowd Graduate Award recipient for their outstanding achievements.
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.
8. **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Justin Tamplin entered Oakland University to pursue a Master of Accounting in the School of Business Administration; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Tamplin has demonstrated academic excellence by maintaining a 4.0 graduate grade point average; has earned both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in only four years; passed all four parts of the CPA exam on the first try while also taking 12 credits; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tamplin has demonstrated outstanding leadership at Oakland University as a graduate research assistant for the Department of Accounting and Finance; supporting other students by working with them to explain difficult subject matter to them; taking on the role of President for the inactive Master of Accounting Students (MASA) organization and leading them to host their first major event in February 2024; serves as the Oakland student ambassador for the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, served as President for the Oakland Accounting Student Information Society; and served as Treasurer and President of Marketing for Beta Gamma Sigma, an international honor society; and has shown leadership and service to the surrounding community by leading Beta Gamma Sigma members to volunteer in the Pontiac community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tamplin exemplifies the spirit of the Don and Jan O'Dowd Graduate Award through his academic excellence, leadership at Oakland University and in the wider community, and his passion to enter his field where following an internship, he has already secured a full-time job due to his outstanding collegiality, strong work ethic, responsible attitude and solid proficiency in accounting and business; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tamplin has been selected as the 2024 recipient of the Don and Jan O'Dowd 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 exhibits traits such as intellectual curiosity, enthusiasm, compassion, and dedication to their field of study; now, therefore, be it

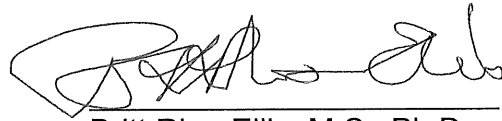
RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to Mr. Tamplin for his unwavering commitment to campus life at Oakland University and the surrounding community; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends Justin Tamplin for the quality of his leadership and extends to him its best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors.

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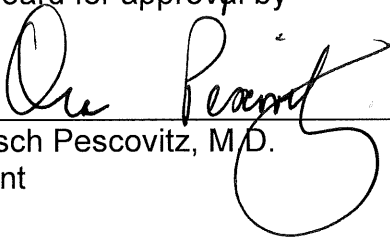
9. Attachments: None.

Submitted to the President  
on 4/9, 2024 by



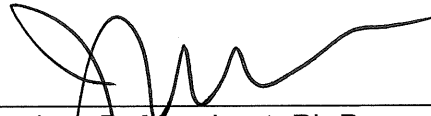
Britt Rios-Ellis, M.S., Ph.D.  
Executive Vice President for  
Academic Affairs and Provost

Recommended on 4/10, 2024  
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