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*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!*

## 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 benefitted 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.



Maria Willett

### 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.



Thomas A. Tanghe

MPA alumnus, **Tom 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



Kelly Kozlowski

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.

The Association of Nonprofit Professionals hosted **Donna Murray-Brown**, President and CEO Michigan Nonprofit Association.



Donna Murray-Brown

The Midwest Chapter of American College of Healthcare Executives presented MPA healthcare administration students with a \$3000 scholarship to attend their annual conference in Chicago. Five MPA students attended this year.

Five students in our program were honored for their achievements. These awards included: The 2015 Michigan Chronicle Women of Excellence Honor, The Oakland University MPA Prize for Academic Excellence, The MIPRIMA 2014 Scholarship, and The NASPAA Student Competition Award.



The Art Experience Board of Directors with MPA Students, Amy Olind and Sara Weinberg.



The MPA alumni scholarship winners included Wendy Hicks, Roxana Trifan and Mark Gilbert.



ANP Officers and Members: Catherine Simons, Suzanne Rossi, Sara Weinberg, Joan Floyd and Nancy Isken.



Conference attendees: Brittany Adams, Caitlyn Hakim, Shayna Stratton, Enida Metaj and Sefka Biogradlija, Student Alliance of Health Care Leaders.

