PRESIDENT PESCOVITZ’S REMARKS

• Welcome to our annual Faculty Recognition event, an especially significant moment when we acknowledge and honor exceptional achievements of our faculty members.

• I am so grateful that we can take the time to gather and recognize the amazing work of our colleagues.

  o These individuals are setting the standard of excellence at Oakland University.

  o These individuals are role models for their commitment, passion and achievements.

  o It is the work and leadership of these individuals that drive our university to continue to excel and
always pursue excellence in teaching, research and scholarship, and community engagement.

- It is the work of these distinguished faculty members that is distinguishing Oakland University.

- Since March of 2020, we have invented a “virtual campus community.” We did what was necessary to make sure our campus was safe and healthy….but now, as we return to an in-person community, we are reminded of the deep personal connection and common purpose we shared.

- Please take a moment to appreciate the people of our campus community…

  - …the people who support our great university….

  - …the people who reflect the highest ideals of Oakland University… the values of integrity, respect, compassion, inclusivity,
collaboration, curiosity, creativity and stewardship.

- The faculty who we honor and recognize today represent intellectual diversity, teaching excellence, and research brilliance that has a significant impact on our communities...

- Their unique talents and contributions represent the backbone of Oakland’s great academic tradition.

- Those we recognize today give us many reasons to be so optimistic about our future.

- On behalf of Oakland University, I extend my gratitude for your dedication and inspiring all of us to reach higher.

- We are so deeply appreciative of your talents, and we rightly recognize you today.