

Agendum  
Oakland University  
Board of Trustees Formal Session  
April 7, 2010

**COMMENDATION OF ALFRED G. WILSON AWARD  
TO MR. WASEEM SAMAAAN**

**Recommendation**

1. **Division and Department:** Student Affairs.
2. **Introduction:** The Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson Awards are presented annually to an Oakland University senior male and female who have contributed as scholars, leaders and responsible citizens to the Oakland University community. First awarded in 1965, these honors were designated by Matilda R. Wilson, founder of Oakland University, and Durward B. Varner, Oakland's first chancellor, to recognize those students who not only have achieved academic excellence, but who also have made significant contributions to campus life and demonstrated interest in the social problems of our community and society. The resolution set forth below is submitted for consideration and approval in honor of Mr. Waseem Samaan, recipient of the 2010 Alfred G. Wilson Award.
3. **Previous Board Action:** The Board of Trustees recognizes the Alfred G. Wilson Award recipient for his outstanding achievements.
4. **Budget Implications:** None.
5. **Educational Implications:** The Alfred G. Wilson Award recipient exemplifies superior academic and co-curricular achievement by a male undergraduate. His 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 2010 Wilson and Human Relations Awards Committee reviews and interviews Alfred G. Wilson Award candidates and recommends nominees to the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management and the President for final approval.
8. **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Mr. Waseem Samaan entered Oakland University as a freshman from Sterling Heights High School in Sterling Heights, Michigan to pursue an Accounting degree in the School of Business Administration; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Samaan demonstrated academic excellence by maintaining a 3.87 grade point average; achieving dean's list status from 2006 until 2008; and has personally enhanced his classroom learning with numerous academic achievements, including serving as a Junior Scholar, Senior Scholar, and Global Scholar in China where he researched the automotive market and conducted case studies, served as a supplemental instructor for financial accounting, as an intermediate accounting tutor and School of Business Peer Advisor, expanded his skills through internship opportunities at KPMG (Audit), Faurecia (Purchasing), and O'Keefe and Associates (Consulting); and is noted by his instructors for his diligence and significant dedication to learning; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Samaan demonstrated leadership by serving as vice president of the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA); Finance Committee chair of the Oakland Accounting Students Information Society (OASIS); treasurer of Beta Alpha Psi; a member of Beta Gamma Sigma and student member of Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants; and a member of the prestigious Golden Key International Honour Society; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Samaan dedicated himself to community service by volunteering at St. John Fischer with the Church Youth Group, receiving for his commitment and accomplishments the Michigan Merit Award, the Talented Scholar Award, the Arab-American Award, the Chaldean Award, the School of Business Alumni Scholarship, the Festival of Writing Award, the Oakland University National Association of Black Accountants Scholarship, The Central Region Ernst & Young NABA Scholarship, Student Life Improvement Award, the School of Business Administration Top Student Paul Lorenz Scholarship and the Accounting and Finance Board Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Samaan has been selected as the 2010 recipient of the Alfred G. Wilson Award given annually to a graduating senior who has maintained high academic standards, who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership capabilities and involvement in the Oakland University community, and who has expressed social concern; now, therefore, be it

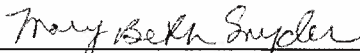
RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to Mr. Waseem Samaan for his unwavering commitment to campus life at Oakland University; and, be it further

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


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9. Attachments: None.

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on March 15, 2010 by

  
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Mary Beth Snyder  
Vice President for Student Affairs  
and Enrollment Management

Recommended on 3/29, 2010  
to the Board for approval by

  
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Gary D. Russi  
President

**COMMENDATION OF MATILDA R. WILSON AWARD  
TO MS. TAWNEE SERENA MILKO**

**Recommendation**

1. **Division and Department:** Student Affairs.
2. **Introduction:** The Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson Awards are presented annually to an Oakland University senior male and female who have contributed as scholars, leaders and responsible citizens to the Oakland University community. First awarded in 1965, these honors were designated by Matilda R. Wilson, founder of Oakland University, and Durward B. Varner, Oakland's first chancellor, to recognize those students who not only have achieved academic excellence, but who also have made significant contributions to campus life and demonstrated interest in the social problems of our community and society. The resolution set forth below is submitted for consideration and approval in honor of Ms. Tawnee Serena Milko, recipient of the 2010 Matilda R. Wilson Award.
3. **Previous Board Action:** The Board of Trustees recognizes the Matilda R. Wilson Award recipient for her outstanding achievements.
4. **Budget Implications:** None.
5. **Educational Implications:** The Matilda R. Wilson Award recipient exemplifies superior academic and co-curricular achievement by a female undergraduate. Her 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 2010 Wilson and Human Relations Awards Committee reviews and interviews Matilda R. Wilson Award candidates and recommends nominees to the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management and the President for final approval.
8. **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Ms. Tawnee Serena Milko entered Oakland University as a freshman from Marian High School in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan to pursue a major in biology in the Department of Biological Sciences; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Milko demonstrated academic excellence by maintaining a 3.86 grade point average and becoming an Honor's College student leader; achieving Dean's list status from 2006 until 2009; receiving the Provost's Undergraduate Research Award concentrating on habitat loss and algae; as recipient of the Presidential Scholarship, the Oakland University Talented Scholar Award, the National Merit Finalist Scholarship and the UMBS Lowe Family Student Scholarship; as the only student to have her Honor's College thesis accepted without completing the required thesis course; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Milko has demonstrated leadership serving as a Student Liaison to the Oakland University Board of Trustees; The Honor's College Student Association President; an Honor's College Council student representative; a member of The Honor's College Scholarship Committee; a Presidential Scholarship student advisor; a Sustaining Our Planet Earth (S.O.P.E.) ambassador; an Environmental Coalition inaugural board member; an "Honor's College Echos Newsletter" inaugural editorial board member; and a member of the Golden Key National Honour Society; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Milko was active in the community receiving the V.I.P. Program Award for 100+ service hours; participating in the Clinton River Watershed Festival and the Cranbrook Science Academy Maple Sugar Festival; serving as a Crittenton Hospital Emergency Room volunteer, an OU campus clean-up volunteer, and an international student volunteer in New Zealand by planting trees, building trails, and restoring the ancient Cliffside burial grounds of a native Maori tribe; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Milko has been selected as the 2010 recipient of the Matilda R. Wilson Award given annually to a graduating senior who has maintained high academic standards, who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership capabilities and involvement in the Oakland University community, and who has expressed social concern; now, therefore, be it

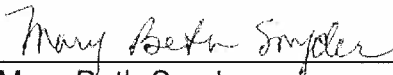
RESOLVED, that the Oakland University Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to Ms. Tawnee Serena Milko for her unwavering commitment to campus life at Oakland University; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends Ms. Tawnee Serena Milko for the quality of her leadership and extends to her its best wishes for continued success in all of her future endeavors.


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9. Attachments: None.

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**COMMENDATION OF HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD TO  
MR. NORRIS NATHANIEL CHASE**

**Recommendation**

1. **Division and Department:** Student Affairs.
2. **Introduction:** The Human Relations Award is presented annually to a graduating senior who has significantly contributed to the improvement of intergroup relations on Oakland University's campus. The annual award was established on February 1, 1990 in recognition of the need to foster diversity and harmony, and in recognition of the institutional priority of these goals. Recipients must demonstrate commitment to social justice and multicultural understanding. The resolution set forth below is submitted for consideration and approval in honor of Mr. Norris Nathaniel Chase, recipient of the 2010 Human Relations Award.
3. **Previous Board Action:** The Board of Trustees recognizes Human Relations Award recipients for their outstanding achievements.
4. **Budget Implications:** None.
5. **Educational Implications:** Human Relations Award recipients demonstrate the importance of intercultural understanding and service to the University community. Students receiving this award have shown their strong commitment to bringing together diverse groups to achieve a better campus climate particularly in the area of race relations.
6. **Personnel Implications:** None.
7. **University Reviews/Approvals:** The 2010 Wilson and Human Relations Awards Committee reviews and interviews Human Relations Award candidates and recommends nominees to the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management and the President for final approval.
8. **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Mr. Norris Nathaniel Chase entered Oakland University as a freshman from Finney High School in Detroit, Michigan to pursue a business management degree in the School of Business Administration, and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Chase has distinguished himself as an untiring and conscientious student leader committed to increasing unity and understanding among diverse groups of students; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chase demonstrated outstanding leadership capabilities and positively and unselfishly contributed to making a difference in the lives of his peers; served as a resident assistant, as night watch desk worker, and as residence hall council events coordinator where he was responsible for programming and advertising events for over 600 students; served as peer mentor for Project Upward Bound Summer Academy serving 30 students in an academic residential program; served as peer mentor for the Center for Multicultural Initiatives promoting academic success and civility to program participants. As co-founder and president of Revive Experience Dream Change Our World (R.E.D.C.O.W.) which received the 2008-2009 New Student Organization of The Year Award, he recruited and engaged 25 charter members, and was the recipient of the 2009 Keeper of the Dream Scholarship Award, demonstrating his dedication to promoting racial understanding; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chase has been selected as the 2010 recipient of the Human Relations Award given annually to a graduating senior who has made an outstanding contribution to intergroup understanding and conflict resolution in the Oakland University community; now, therefore, be it

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

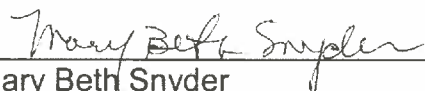
RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees commends Mr. Norris Nathaniel Chase for the quality of his leadership and extends to him its best wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors.




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9. Attachments: None.

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