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Oakland University
Board of Trustees Formal Session
May 7, 2014

COMMENDATION OF ALFRED G. WILSON AWARD TO TRPKO SHAWN BLAZEVSKI

Recommendation

- 1. <u>Division and Department:</u> Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
- 2. <u>Introduction:</u> 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 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 Trpko Shawn Blazevski, recipient of the 2014 Alfred G. Wilson Award.
- **3.** <u>Previous Board Action:</u> The Board of Trustees recognizes the Alfred G. Wilson Award recipient for his outstanding achievements.
- 4. <u>Budget Implications:</u> None.
- **5.** <u>Educational Implications:</u> 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. <u>University Reviews/Approvals:</u> The 2014 Wilson and Human Relations Awards Committee reviews and interviews Alfred G. Wilson Award candidates and recommends nominees for final approval to the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management and the President.
- **8.** Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

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WHEREAS, Trpko Shawn Blazevski entered Oakland University as a freshman from Adlai E. Stevenson High School in Sterling Heights, Michigan to pursue a major in Information Technology in the School of Engineering and Computer Science and a Communication degree minor in the College of Arts and Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blazevski demonstrated academic excellence by maintaining a 3.95 grade point average; achieving Dean's List status from 2010 until 2013; by receiving the Academic Achievement Award; serving as a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society and the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society; by leading a class team in a Software Engineering project competition emphasizing Java programming and Systems Analysis using the Root Cause Analysis process to determine the best solutions to solve customer business problems; by serving as class project lead in Human Computer Interaction, developing a Miles-Per-Gallon smart phone application using a powerful wireframe software; and by being recognized by his professors for his diligence and significant dedication to learning; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blazevski demonstrated widespread campus leadership as co-founder and vice-president of the Oakland University Cyber Security Club, actively growing its membership from zero to over 250 in one semester; as host of the CyberOU's Cyber Security Summit featuring keynote speakers Daniel Lohrmann, State of Michigan Chief Security Officer, and Rodney Davenport, State of Michigan Chief Technology Officer; as a member of the Association for Information Systems and the Association for Computing Machinery; as a software industrialization intern at Continental Automotive, a tier one supplier in Auburn Hills, MI; and as a Sales Consultant at Office Max; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blazevski dedicated himself to community service using his Senior Capstone Design Competition to develop a creative application entitled Memcomb, which captures events with memories consisting of text, pictures, audio and video to produce a "Memory Book" that is used to assist seniors and others who experience memory loss; by helping to raise over \$1,000 for Clarkston SCAMP, a summer day camp for children and young adults with special needs; and by participating in the Golden Key International Honour Society Rake and Run event in which he went out to various senior citizens homes and raked their lawns at random; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Blazevski has been selected as the 2014 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. Blazevski for his unwavering commitment to campus life at Oakland University; and, be it further

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

9. Attachments: None.

Submitted to the University President on 2014 by

Glenn McIntosh

Interim Vice President for Student Affairs

and Enrollment Management

Recommended on April 17, 2014 to the Board for approval by

Betty J. Youngblood

Interim President

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COMMENDATION OF MATILDA R. WILSON AWARD TO CAYMEN MAY NOVAK

Recommendation

- 1. <u>Division and Department:</u> Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.
- 2. <u>Introduction:</u> 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 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 Cayman May Novak, recipient of the 2014 Matilda R. Wilson Award.
- **3.** <u>Previous Board Action:</u> The Board of Trustees recognizes the Matilda R. Wilson Award recipient for her outstanding achievements.
- 4. Budget Implications: None.
- **5.** <u>Educational Implications:</u> 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. <u>Personnel Implications:</u> None.
- 7. <u>University Reviews/Approvals:</u> The 2014 Wilson and Human Relations Awards Committee reviews and interviews Matilda R. Wilson Award candidates and recommends nominees for final approval to the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management and the President.
- **8.** Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

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WHEREAS, Caymen May Novak entered Oakland University as a freshman from Romeo High School in Romeo, Michigan to pursue a Mechanical Engineering degree in the College of Engineering and Computer Science; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Novak demonstrated academic excellence by maintaining a 3.94 grade point average as an Honors College student and a track and field team student-athlete; achieving Dean's List status from 2010 until 2014; being a Dean's Scholar and a Presidential Scholar; receiving the Provost Undergraduate Research Award; serving as one of 11 undergraduate students selected nationwide to take part in the Automotive and Energy Research and Industrial Mentorship program sponsored by the National Science Foundation and Department of Defense; serving as an International Research Intern at Beijing Jiaotong University in China to investigate water droplet removal on gas diffusion layer of fuel cells; working as a Tribology Lab Research Intern; serving as a Chrysler Vehicle Lay Out Quality Engineering Intern; working as a Fuel Cell Lab Research Assistant; serving as a teaching assistant for Vibrations and Controls class; working as a math, engineering, physics and biology tutor; serving as an "Imagineers" Engineering instructor; and publishing work in engineering journals and conference papers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Novak demonstrated widespread campus leadership in her roles as president of the Society of Women Engineers, as a member of Alpha Lambda Delta National Honors Society and Golden Key International Honour Society; as recording secretary of the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society; as a member of the Juggling Club, and as a member of the Judo Club; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Novak demonstrated community service through her volunteer work at Crittenton Hospital; as an Academic Peer mentor; as an Orientation Group Leader; and as a Science and Engineering Day tour guide; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Novak has been selected as the 2014 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 Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to Ms. Novak for her unwavering commitment to campus life at Oakland University; and, be it further

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RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees commends Caymen May Novak for the quality of her leadership and extends to her its best wishes for continued success in all her future endeavors.

9. Attachments: None.

Submitted to the University President on 15 April , 2014 by

Glenn McIntosh

Interim Vice President for Student Affairs

and Enrollment Management

Recommended on April

, 2014

to the Board for approval by

Belty J. Youngbloodd

Interim President

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COMMENDATION OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD TO CHRISTOPHER DALTON KEEMER

Recommendation

- 1. <u>Division and Department:</u> Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.
- 2. <u>Introduction:</u> The Human Relations Award was established in 1990 to recognize a graduating senior who has made an outstanding contribution to intergroup understanding and conflict resolution at Oakland University.
- **3.** <u>Previous Board Action:</u> The Board of Trustees recognizes the Human Relations Award recipient for his outstanding achievements.
- 4. Budget Implications: None.
- **5.** <u>Educational Implications:</u> The Human Relations Award recipient exemplifies superior academic and co-curricular achievement by a graduating senior. The recipient's 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. <u>University Reviews/Approvals:</u> The 2014 Wilson and Human Relations Awards Committee reviews and interviews Human Relations Award candidates and recommends nominees for final approval to the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management and the President.
- **8.** Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Christopher Dalton Keemer entered Oakland University as a transfer student from Wayne County Community College District in Detroit, Michigan to pursue a Psychology degree from the College of Arts and Sciences; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Keemer demonstrated academic excellence by maintaining a 3.20 grade point average and receiving the Certificate of Merit at Oakland University and Phi Chi International Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keemer demonstrated widespread campus leadership by serving in the following roles: co-founder and vice president of Active Minds, a student organization that empowers students to openly discuss and address mental health issues and plays a key role in educating the campus community to help reduce the misunderstandings associated with mental health concerns; member of the Psi Chi Club; member of the Neurology Club; research assistant for the Self-esteem and Conformity Study; and research assistant for the Micro-aggression research. He is credited with exhibiting the highest degree of passion toward a wide range of issues connected with mental health advocacy and education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keemer dedicated himself to community service by serving honorably as a volunteer for OUCARES to help children with autism; for the Oakland University Counseling Center where he played a key role by helping to recruit students for the Alcohol Screening Program; and for the Depression and Anxiety Screening Day Program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keemer has been selected as the 2014 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. Keemer for his unwavering commitment to campus life at Oakland University; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees commends Christopher Dalton Keemer 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.

Submitted to the University President on 15 April 2014 by

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Interim Vice President for Student Affairs

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Recommended on _

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to the Board for approval by

Betty J. Youngblood Interim President