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who volunteers at Providence Hospital. He plans to attend the University of Michigan this fall.

Marisa Matthes, an eighth grader at Power Middle School, with a 4-point GPA, a member of the drama club and a student tutor who volunteers with Rouge River projects. She plays on a community softball team.

Emily Morris, a freshman at Farmington High, student council senator, pom pom squad member and certified Red Cross blood drive volunteer. She also volunteers at the Farmington Library and was middle school student council president at Our Lady of Sorrows.

Sean Murphy, a senior at Farmington High, member of student council for four years, National Honor Society for three years and was vice president this year; on the soccer, tennis and swim teams and was Homecoming King. He plans to attend the University of Michigan this fall.

Cynthia Okechukwu, a Dunckel Middle School eighth grader, currently in France. Her mother accepted her award. Cynthia is an honor roll student who invented a mail box for handicapped people. She plays violin and earned a scholarship to the Blue Lake Fine Arts summer camp.

Brittany Pajowski, a Dunckel eighth grader, an honor roll student who participates in basketball and tennis.

and has been in a number of theater performances at school and in the community.

Wleta Weeks, a sophomore at Harrison, honor roll student and winner of French and math awards. She plays in the marching band and volunteers with the community shelter assistance program. She will attend a two-week summer program dealing with the field of medicine at the University of Michigan.

Each honored staff member received a tribute written by his nominating student. They are Joe Boda, Dunckel; Catherine Cordle, East; Darcy Crociata, Power; Darlene Eghert-Oliver, East; Jennifer Goshorn, Farmington; Pamela Green, Flanders; Erin Harold, Power; and Rick Jones, North Farmington.

Other educators remembered by their students were Steve Koponen, Dunckel; Kathleen Malanor, North; Cori McLaughlin, Farmington; Rick Morsehead, Warner; Linda Perkins, Warner; Sheryl Perlmutter, Farmington; Jim Ragland, Power; and Dyanne Sanders, Warner.

Also honored were teachers Susan Schultz, Harrison; Tom Seremak, Farmington Alternative; Marie Smid, East; Norman Staniszewski, North; Jim Sutherland, Dunckel; Mike Teachman, Harrison; Joyce Tomlinson, Harrison; and Pat Turea, Harrison.

On June 12, Oakland voters will elect two people from a field of six to the Board of Trustees of Oakland Community College.

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Six years ago, when she was first elected as a trustee at Oakland Community College, the board was a contentious body, according to Pamela M. Davis. There was a lot of division," she said, "and a lot of politics."

Fortunately that factionalism is a thing of the past, said Davis. Trustees are still strong-willed individuals, she said. "But we work together, and each of us puts the best interests of OCC first."

While Davis doesn't try to claim credit for the unity, she insists she has been a factor in the board's cohesiveness. "I'm a team player," Davis said, "and I get along with people, including the other board members."

With the OCC election less than two weeks away, Davis is asking voters to return her to the board on the basis of her performance. "I've done a good job,"

she said, "and I want to continue the work the board has started."

To illustrate, Davis points to the CREST (Combined Regional Emergency Services Training) Center currently under construction at the Auburn Hills campus of OCC. When complete, CREST will feature a small, mock town — similar to Hogan's Alley at the FBI Academy — complete with businesses, residences and functional traffic lights and utilities.

"It will be the best training facility in the region," she said, "attracting police and EMS personnel from Michigan as well as neighboring states. The board worked together to get it started, and we'll have to work together to bring it to fruition."

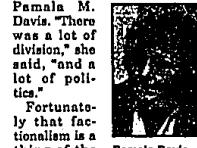
Davis was referring to the board's continued efforts to raise about \$5 million — in grants as well as corporate and private contributions — to complete the project for which ground was broken last fall.

There are similar challenges facing the board in other fields such as computer technology, health sciences, construction technology and culinary arts, Davis said. "My major qualifications (and reason voters should return her to the board) are experience, commitment to the college and the ability to work well with others to make a difference."

David said she is not particularly worried about enrollment at OCC. It's down (by about 6,000 students since 1992), but that's a reflection of a booming economy, she said, when people work rather than going to school.

OCC could do a better job marketing, she said. "We're too shy about our excellence."

Other candidates for the OCC board are Richard J. Achurist, Carol L. Crew, Athena Dumars-Lawrence, Marjorie Nantian Mugerian and John A. Wangler.



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