

## Honors College students awarded national Jo Anne J. Trow scholarships

Oakland University students Ahmad M. Awada and Anastacia Maurer are part of a select group of students to be awarded a 2016 Jo Anne Trow Scholarship from **Alpha Lambda Delta**, a national honor society for first-year college students.

Each year, Alpha Lambda Delta awards 36 Trow scholarships to outstanding students from across the country. Recipients are selected based on grade point average (which must be 3.5 or better), academic records, participation in Alpha Lambda Delta activities, campus and community service activities, and a personal statement.

Awada, who hails from Dearborn Heights, is president of OU's Alpha Lambda Delta chapter, as well as a member of OU's Pre-Medical Society and American Red Cross Club. He also serves as a Supplemental Instructor for OU's Tutoring Center and is a member of the Honors College. His major is biomedical sciences, with a minor in mathematics.

"I am honored to represent Oakland University and our chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta on campus as a recipient of the prestigious Trow scholarship," said Awada, who received a \$1,000 award. "It will allow me to continue my education at Oakland by easing the financial burden and encouraging me to continue to work hard."

Maurer is a double major in History and German Language and Literature. Along with her role as historian of OU's Alpha Lambda Delta chapter, the Chesterfield native is president of the fencing club at Oakland. She serves as a campus tour guide for OU's Office of Undergraduate Admissions and this fall will be a teaching assistant for the Honors College freshman colloquium, "Making Discoveries." She received an award of \$6,000.

"I have been blessed with a very supportive network of family, friends, advisers and professors who have all encouraged me to work hard and dream big, and I could not have won this scholarship without their help," Maurer said.

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### About the Jo Anne J. Trow Scholarship

The Jo Anne J. Trow Scholarship was started in 1988, in honor of a past National President of Alpha Lambda Delta. The award was originally established to give chapters of Alpha Lambda Delta an annual opportunity to reward an outstanding sophomore member with a small stipend. The scholarships currently offer five

\$6,000 awards, five \$3,000 awards, five \$2,000 awards and twenty-one \$1,000 awards. A former Vice President for Student Services at Oregon State University, Trow served National Alpha Lambda Delta as a District Advisor from 1974 to 1979, as National Secretary from 1980 to 1983, as President-elect from 1984 to 1985, and as National President from 1985 to 1988. During her presidency, the Society's governing body, the National Council, was restructured to provide more streamlined operations.

### About Alpha Lambda Delta

Alpha Lambda Delta is a National Honor Society that recognizes students' academic success during their first year at a college or university. Founded in 1924, Alpha Lambda Delta has over a million lifetime members and is present on more than 275 campuses nationwide. Alpha Lambda Delta's mission is to "encourage superior academic achievement, to promote intelligent living and a continued high standard of learning, and to assist students in recognizing and developing meaningful goals for their unique roles in society."



**Ahmad M. Awada**



**Anastacia Maurer**