Oakland University student Virginia Fielhauer is among a select group of students to be awarded a 2015 Jo Anne J. 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.

Fielhauer, a biology major and Honors College student from St. Clair, Mich., was awarded a scholarship in the amount of $2,000.

“I was the president of the chapter at OU last year, and our executive board was very successful in raising awareness of the organization on campus, as well as increasing attendance and participation in charity events and meetings,” Fielhauer said. “I was really surprised to learn that I won the scholarship. Any money going towards my education is very appreciated, but the most gratifying part was being able to apply with so many good things to say about Oakland’s chapter.”

The Jo Anne J. Trow Scholarship was started in 1988 to honor a past 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 $1,000 awards. Trow was Vice President for Student Services at Oregon State University. She served National Alpha Lambda Delta as a District Advisor from 1974 to 1979, as National Secretary from 1979 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.

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.”
OU chapter board members include from left, Elliott Hewson, Kazumi Malhan, Elizabeth Hendra, Ginny Fielhauer, Genna Wilber, Alexis Clark, Lisa Kassab, and advisers Karen Conn and David Tindall.