

**VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION
OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Tuesday, November 6, 2018
POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

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6 Candidates for COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES for TWO 6-year terms

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<p>PAUL CURTIS 226 W. Bloomfield, Royal Oak, MI 48073</p>	<p>After more than 10 years of teaching philosophy, ethics and logic as an adjunct, after every one of my five children taking at least some classes at OCC and after having been a community college student myself many years ago, I know what a gem Oakland Community College is for our community. When I taught, about once a year, a student from another country would ask me quietly on the side, "why does America make it so difficult for people to get an education?" As a realtor, I watch young people struggle with life stunting levels of student debt. We all know that our region thrives when our people are reaching the highest level of education and training they can achieve. We must make it possible for everyone to be able to finish at least two years of college debt free. We must strengthen the trade and job training programs since four year degrees aren't for everyone, and we must make everyone in Oakland County aware of the incredible opportunities that await them at OCC.</p>	<p>1) Debt free college is possible. I'll work with the state and the county to find the best way to help students complete either two years that can transfer to a 4 year school, or complete one of the many vocational programs available without forcing students into life stunting debt. Our economy suffers because so many are unable to get any higher learning, and so many that do attend college, do so by debt that stops them from buying their first home or opening their first business. Financial institutions benefit while our region is held back from progress.</p> <p>2) The trades certifications need to mean something in the job market. I'll work with employers and unions alike to strengthen those programs so our graduates are sought after resources in the development of our region and state.</p> <p>3) Community is our middle name, but too many either don't know what we have or don't understand how great it is. I'll work tirelessly to reach out to schools beginning with 8th graders on up to market OCC.</p>
<p>PAMALA M. DAVIS 308 N. Rochester Rd., Apt. 5, Clawson, MI 48017</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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<p>DANARIUS MONROE HEMPHILL 4013 Foxpointe Dr., West Bloomfield, MI 48323</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	
<p>CHRISTINE MARIE O'SULLIVAN 851 W. Gardenia Ave., Madison Heights, MI 48071</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	
<p>MARGARET E. PERRY 831 W. Farnum Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48067</p>	<p>As Director of Operations at Community Housing Network, I have experience in risk management, creating balanced budgets, and working with an underserved population. My current role requires that I look to the future and anticipate what will be needed for the organization and its employees.</p> <p>As a recent graduate of Leadership Oakland, I have a deep understanding of the challenges facing Oakland County and feel a responsibility to engage and give back to the community.</p> <p>As a mother of two sons, I am passionate about creating affordable education that will prepare and challenge students to reach their full potential.</p> <p>I have a strong record of working hard, providing creative solutions and getting positive results while respecting and encouraging all perspectives.</p>	<p>1.College Readiness: In order for a student to be considered college ready, skills, behaviors and knowledge must be acquired before leaving high school. Students, on average, that are enrolled in OCC fall below the State and National average in college readiness. OCC needs to work more closely with our K-12 educational system to better prepare our students for college.</p> <p>2.Employment Readiness: Employment readiness requires adaptability and a commitment to lifelong learning, along with mastery of academic, technical and workplace knowledge. OCC needs to assess its degree and certification programs to ensure we are offering programs that meet the needs of our regional businesses, particularly in Oakland County.</p> <p>3.Financial Accountability: Although OCC is one of the lowest cost institutions in the State of Michigan, taxpayers of Oakland County subsidize the organization with a millage. Increasing its revenue through increased enrollment, as well as reducing costs, will benefit everyone.</p>

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<p>BOB STORC 819 Leinster Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48309</p>	<p>I have resided in Oakland County for my entire adult life. I have a BSME (Mechanical Engineering) from General Motors Institute and an MSES (Engineering Science) from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. I have mentored many student interns and have managed high-technology organizations. I am running to help promote "technical skills education" to meet job hiring "fits" for Oakland County businesses. These skills are not just engineering, but fit manufacturing, education, skilled trades, etc.</p> <p>My sense is that we do not do enough to help lead students into education that will provide them with careers. My combination of mentoring and a technical background can be applied to help guide opportunities for good-paying, satisfying jobs that do not require a 4 year degree.</p> <p>Also, I am self-funding my campaign.</p>	<p>Priority 1: Help develop technical career path educational opportunities. I would work to develop career paths from high school, OCC and business to create good paying, satisfying jobs.</p> <p>Priority 2: Work to change practices of keeping instructors in part-time, adjunct positions which do not provide benefits and a career path. Clearly professors must be accountable, but they must also have security that if they do a good job, their career path is solid.</p> <p>Priority 3: Grow the education business. Investigate providing additional education opportunities for senior citizens and others. One model is elected lectures similar to the One-Day-University programs. These classes could provide additional revenue for OCC (and professors), greater facility utilization and help offset costs to keep school affordable.</p>

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