

RESOLUTION

Recognition of Osade Imalele

WHEREAS, Osade Imalele, a senior from Northville, was named the National Champion of Persuasive Speaking at the 2021 National Forensics Association Tournament; and,

WHEREAS, she credits the Forensics program for helping her find her voice and competitiveness, despite years of difficulty with public speaking, and refers to the experience as the “magic of Forensics”; and,

WHEREAS, she is a first-generation Nigerian American who is majoring in Marketing as well as Apparel, Textiles, and Merchandising and has been selected for a summer internship with Herman Miller as the first ever Creative Direction Intern in its history; and,

WHEREAS, the Eastern Michigan University Forensics Team finished fifth in the nation at the National Forensics Association Tournament, with 19 students presenting 73 speeches or performances during the event; and,

WHEREAS, Imalele’s championship and the team’s success extends the tradition of EMU Forensics, with a history of placing in the top ten nationally for more than 40 years, winning 11 national team championships and more than 40 state championships, and celebrating 72 student national champions including Judy Sturgis Hill in 1972 and current team coach Patrick Seick in 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents congratulates Osade Imalele and commends her for the honor and distinction she has brought to herself as well as Eastern Michigan University.

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