

OU's Growing Enrollment Prompts New Student Housing

by Irena Granaas

Oakland University administrators, staff and students broke ground April 16 on a \$30 million, 500-bed student housing facility, on a site located on Meadow Brook Drive just east of the Ann V. Nicholson Student Apartments.

The facility is slated for completion in 2014. OU President Gary Russi and Mary Beth Snyder, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management, were among those who spoke at the historic groundbreaking.

Also on hand to take their turns at the podium and wield ceremonial shovels were Michael Kramer, chair, OU Board of Trustees; Jim Zentmeyer, director, University Housing, and Graeme Harper, dean, Honors College.

Three OU students also took part in the ceremony: Samantha Wolf, president, Student Congress; Abuhassanali Young, student, University Housing, and Jessica Drogowski, student liaison, OU Board of Trustees.

"This housing expansion comes about as a result of a growing demand by the families we serve who want their sons and daughters to experience an Oakland University undergraduate education in its fullest sense by living side-by-side with other students in a residential community that values learning," Snyder said.

"Oakland responded to that need when our board of trustees approved the addition of 500 new beds on campus, bringing us to a total of 2,800 students who will be living on campus."

She said planning for new housing has been driven by two cardinal OU values: First, that teaching and learning at Oakland are not confined solely to the classroom; and second, a stu-



From left Graeme Harper, dean, Honors College, Michael Kramer, Gary Russi, Mary Beth Snyder and Jim Zentmeyer, director, University Housing, prepare to 'dig in' at the April 16 groundbreaking ceremony.

dent's personal development is a cumulative process that takes place over time and in different settings.

She quoted a student who wrote of her experience, and said it summed up what so many students experience living on campus.

"As a freshman, I lived in a dorm. There, I learned the importance of living in a community, cleaning your bathroom and going to bed eventually," the student said. "That year, I met the seven people I still call my closest friends and I likely always will. And I began to see all that Oakland has to offer its students."

Kramer said, "We wanted to make this a campus where our students live here, enjoy here, play here and do most of their activities here . . . This is a very exciting part of the expansion that is underway at Oakland University."

Kramer detailed some of the other projects approved by the board of trustees after the first of the year in addition to the \$30

million student housing complex dedicated April 16:

- An \$8 million improvement to the lower playing field and the facilities for the athletic field;
- \$23 million for a 1,240-space parking structure.

Other improvements he cited are a new headquarters for facilities and ground maintenance, a road extension of Liberty Drive, which is expected to improve traffic flow coming to and from the campus, a 172,000-square-foot Human Health building, completed last fall. The university also broke ground in the fall on a 127,000-square-foot engineering center.

Oakland also broke ground April 19 on a \$6.5 million bell tower, to be named the Elliott Carillon Tower, a 1,240-space parking structure, a new recreation and athletic complex, and new headquarters for facility and grounds maintenance.

"As you can see, this is a very exciting time to be at Oakland University," Kramer added. "With all of these projects and hopefully future projects, we're going to

take what has been a world-class university, increase its visibility and make it even better."

Russi called the groundbreaking a significant milestone for the university.

"By investing in student programs and student experiences, such as this new housing complex, we are creating a total campus community, a community that I believe students will remember as their home and as the foundation for their success," he said.

Oakland began in 1957, when founders Alfred and Matilda Dodge Wilson donated their 1,500-acre estate along with \$2 million to Michigan State University to establish a satellite school. The site was renamed Oakland University in 1963 in time for graduation of its first class of 125. Today's enrollment is nearly 20,000 students.

Employers Invited To Find Qualified Staff at Job Fair

Macomb Community College is inviting employers to participate in the college's Career Services Job Fair on Tuesday, April 30, 4-6 p.m. at the Sports and Expo Center at MCC's South Campus in Warren.

The fair is open to former and current students, as well as the community at no charge, offering employers an opportunity to meet a diverse group of qualified applicants and to conduct "on-the-spot" preliminary informational interviews.

Employers report that this event provides an excellent forum to promote job and career opportunities within their organizations. Job seeker attendance has exceeded 1,000 in the past.

Employers planning to attend will need to go to the website, macombcareerlink.experience.com for instructions and fees, which include a table, hospitality room and light dinner. The site contains registration instructions on the Employer Guide to MacombCareerLink. Since space is limited, all registrations will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis.

The fee is required and employers will not be considered for participation until their full payment is received.

Several payment options are offered, including via credit card, check or money order. Payment by credit card is available through MacombCareerLink. If paying by check or money order, it should be made payable to Macomb Community College and send to Macomb Community College, Attention: Career Services SS147, 41500 E. 12 Mile Rd., Warren, MI 48088.

Comcast Sponsors Local Charity Drives

Throughout the week of April 22 and culminating on Saturday, April 27, approximately 3,000 local Comcast Cable employees, their families and friends will "make change happen" as they lend a hand at several community organizations to commemorate the company's 12th Comcast Cares Day.

"We're honored to partner with so many great Michigan organizations on a variety of projects to improve our community during our 12th Comcast Cares Day," said Tim Collins, regional senior vice president for Comcast Cable. "The hard work of the volunteers who will be donating their time to help make such a big difference in the lives of others is inspiring, and I am thankful to all of our participants who are helping to make Comcast Cares Day a success."

Comcast Cares Day is the nation's largest single-day corporate volunteer effort, and Comcast Cable's and NBCUniversal's signature day of service. This

year, more than 70,000 Comcast volunteers are expected to participate in over 600 projects across the country.

Here are some of the local events being sponsored by Comcast:

- Monday, April 22
 - American Red Cross (Plymouth) – blood drive at Comcast Plymouth Call Center.
- Tuesday, April 23
 - Big Brothers Big Sisters

(Southfield) – food packaging that will be donated to Forgotten Harvest Food Bank.

Saturday, April 27

- Kids Against Hunger (Plymouth and Sterling Heights) – food packaging at multiple Comcast facilities that will be donated locally to the Gleaners of Macomb County and Plymouth United Way. Visit comcastinthecomunity.com for more information about the event.

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