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University recognized for its contributions and service

Representatives from Oakland University were recognized last night at the Pontiac School Board meeting for the contributions and service the university has provided to Pontiac school students through the Wade H. McCree, Jr. Incentive Scholarship Program.

"Oakland University is very honored to receive this recognition of our partnership with the Pontiac School District," said Dr. Mary Beth Snyder, OU's vice president for Student Affairs. "The teachers and administrators of the two high schools have worked with us during the past ten years to prepare their McCree scholarship students for college success. We're exceedingly proud of the results thus far and hope for even more Pontiac McCree students at Oakland in the coming years."

To qualify for this scholarship, a student must earn at least a 21 on the ACT, a 3.0 GPA in core classes, and take at least 20 college-preparatory classes. The majority of students for this program are selected in the ninth grade; however, qualified students can be added in both the tenth and eleventh grades.

The purpose of the McCree Scholarship Program is to provide the assurance that students meeting specific criteria will be awarded a full-tuition scholarship to Oakland University when they graduate from high school.

Once students are inducted into the program, OU provides academic, social and cultural enhancements for them while they are in high school. The program offers students encouragement, enrichment and opportunity. Activities on-campus range from fine arts programs and career seminars to ACT preparation and on-campus, live-in summer programs, with the cost of the programs paid by OU.

It is a statewide program with branches at the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University and Oakland University.

In the past three years, Oakland has added a Trustee Scholarship to the McCree Scholarship, which has raised the value of the financial package to approximately \$24,000.

Oakland University is a comprehensive state-supported institute of higher education located in suburban Oakland County, Michigan. OU offers undergraduate programs in 74 areas and graduate programs in 59 areas. Dedicated to preparing learners for the 21st century workplace and society, the university is organized into the College of Arts and Sciences and the schools of Business Administration, Education and Human Services, Engineering and Computer Science, Health Sciences, and Nursing.

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