

## HOMECOMING WELCOME STATEMENT

Sept 8, 2020

- Welcome back Golden Grizzlies to 2020 Homecoming and Reunion Week.
  
- We hope your return to brings many wonderful memories of your time here, and we hope that during this week you will reaffirm your connection to OU and the ever-growing alumni community.
  
- Depending on when you last returned to campus, either in-person or virtually, you might be surprised at the ongoing development of your alma matter.
  - Take some time to get reacquainted with the campus, academic programs and the many ways Oakland is serving communities throughout the region.
  
- Whether you join us virtually or in-person, we appreciate you renewing what we hope has been one of your life-defining relationships.
  - And, we hope you recall your time at Oakland when you realized the rewards that come from the powerful combination of the pursuit of knowledge, hard work and a clear purpose.

- During Homecoming and Reunion Week, you'll find a range of special events, beginning with OU founder Matilda Dodge Wilson's 137<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration at Elliott Tower at noon on Monday, October 19.
  
- Also beginning Monday is the weeklong Grizz Adventure Online Scavenger Hunt.
  
- And, if possible, try to time to attend special faculty lectures, which are available at 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
  
- A complete listing of events can be found at <https://oakland.edu/homecoming/>
  
- Welcome back Golden Grizzlies.
  
- We hope you always think of Oakland University as your home.