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## Students get journalism scoop at program

Oakland University journalism students gained some insight into what they can expect once they begin their careers as reporters during a recent panel discussion, "Journalism in the Real World," hosted by the **Oakland University Alumni Association**.

"The panel was really great. Even though I knew the moderator and three of the five panel members, I still learned quite a bit," said Jennifer Decker, assistant news editor for The Oakland Post. "It helps to hear real stories from the trenches about real life adversities as well as the instant goose bump stories. It reminded me all over again why I am a journalist."

The panel included a number of leading reporters from this area including Sally Tato, an OU alum and reporter for the Detroit Free Press; Joanne Gerstner, also an OU alum and reporter at the Detroit News; Holly Shreve-Gilbert, OU faculty member; Mike Lewis, reporter at WDIV, Channel 4; Frank DeFrank, OU alum and reporter for the Macomb Daily; and Garry Gilbert, executive editor for the Oakland Press, who served as the moderator.

"This was a really fun program to put together," said Adrienne Bass, director of Alumni Relations. "The reporters we worked with were anxious to come to campus and help the students learn a little more of what journalism is like, beyond the campus community. We hope to continue to provide this type of program for students in the future."

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