

**Oakland University and the
Older Persons' Commission Partnership
Signing Ceremony
OPC, 650 Letica Drive, Rochester
January 16, 2007, 11:15 a.m.**

Marye Miller:

[Welcome and opening remarks]

I am now pleased to introduce Virinder Moudgil, Oakland University's vice president for Academic Affairs and Provost.

During his 30-year career at Oakland, Dr. Moudgil has received several million dollars in external grant awards and his work has been extensively published in scientific journals.

His research on the regulation of the tumor suppressor protein, p53, in cancer cells was considered a groundbreaking discovery in cancer research.

Please help me give a warm welcome to Dr. Moudgil.

Virinder Moudgil:

Thank you, Marye (Mary). I am delighted to be here today as we formalize the Oakland University/Older Persons' Commission partnership in lifelong learning.

Each time (?) I visit the OPC I am struck by the vigor and vitality of its members. I am delighted OU can be a part of this energetic community.

Oakland University is very proud of its mission, which in part includes public service and community outreach.

Through this partnership, Oakland faculty and staff will be sharing their time and expertise with the OPC and its members through lectures and discussions.

Our goal is to contribute to the enrichment of community life and resources -- from the latest research findings, to the arts and popular culture.

Our calendar of upcoming events is impressive.

Scheduled during the next few months is a lecture exploring the guilty pleasure of Dan Brown's *The Davinci Code*, a post-performance talk about *MacBeth*, playing at Meadow Brook Theatre, a discussion about Autism, the fastest growing developmental disability, several internationally focused programs and a French class.

The OU/OPC partnership's calendar of events through this spring is found in our brochure. Please take one on your way out.

I would now like to introduce the president of Oakland University, Gary Russi.

Dr. Russi, OU's president for the last decade, has guided the university through phenomenal growth and success.

Under his leadership, enrollment has grown to more than 18,000 students and the university is recognized as one of the country's 82 doctoral/research universities by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

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Dr. Russi:

- Thank you, Virinder.
- I am pleased to formalize a partnership that has occurred informally for thirty years, originating with OU gerontology students who first interned at the OPC.
- This is a world-class facility focused on providing the senior population with activities to exercise not only the body, but the mind.
- Currently, Oakland has more than 550 alumni – eligible for membership at the OPC who are living in the area.

- This means that after graduating from Oakland, remaining in the community, and moving through their careers, our alumni can still remain connected to the university through programs at the OPC.
- That really brings education full-circle.
- Since forming a partnership with Rochester in 2003, Oakland and the city have collaborated on a variety of reciprocal business and academic ventures.
- This is a great example of how that relationship continues to evolve.

- I am impressed with the OPC, its services and its facility, and the benefits it brings to the community.

- I am honored to formalize our partnership today.

- Marye, (Mary) will you please join me?

Dr. Russi and Marye sign the partnership agreement.

Dr. Moudgil:

- Thank you, President Russi. Let's have lunch before enjoying our first lecture in a series of many more to come in the life of our new partnership.

Lunch is served.

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