

Campus enhancement projects
February 13, 2013

To the campus community,

The Oakland University Board of Trustees approved a \$65 million investment in campus expansion and improvement projects at yesterday's board meeting.

It is our hope that these projects, scheduled for completion by the fall of 2014, will elevate Oakland University to new levels of student engagement, vibrant campus life and academic excellence.

Among projects included in Tuesday's board action were:

- construction of a nearly \$30 million student housing complex;
- dramatic enhancement of outdoor recreation and athletic fields;
- construction of a 1,240-space parking structure, and;
- construction of new headquarters for facility and grounds maintenance operations.

For additional details about these projects and to see schematic renderings of each, view the [web article](#) we've posted. To see the location of each project on campus, view the [locator map](#) presented during yesterday's board meeting.

The new facilities – combined with the completion of the Human Health Building last August, groundbreaking for our Engineering Center in October and recent approval of plans for the Hugh and Nancy Elliott Carillon Tower – promise to make 2014 a watershed year in Oakland University's history.

We can take great pride in the fact that the stature of Oakland University within the academic community continues to rise steadily. There is no question this comes as a result of the exceptional teaching, research and scholarship of our faculty; the tremendous support we receive from dedicated staff members; and the commitment of increasingly talented students to excel in their studies and community engagement activities.

Clearly, the construction of new facilities on campus will not, in and of itself, raise the stature of Oakland University. In making this investment, however, we're striving to create an academic environment that complements, supports and further inspires the great work already being done here.

Once again, I'd like to thank you for all that you do for Oakland.

Sincerely,
Gary