The heat is on! As high temperatures continue to scorch much of the country, the campus community is keeping its cool while getting ready to welcome an enthusiastic group of incoming freshmen to the Golden Grizzly family this fall. Orientation and other first-year programs, designed to help students make a smooth transition to college and build a solid foundation for success at OU, are scheduled throughout the summer. Check out the latest campus news and calendar of events!

**Membership Has Its Privileges**
Did you know that when you retire from OU you are automatically a member of the Pioneer Club? There are no applications to fill out and no annual dues to pay - just fun and interesting social opportunities to keep you connected to the University.

OU is fortunate to have a supportive, engaged and generous group of retired faculty and staff. In appreciation of your dedicated service to the University, the Pioneer Club provides a variety of cultural, intellectual and recreational programs that encourage camaraderie and foster the Oakland spirit.

**Group Lunches**
The Pioneer Club meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. at Nick’s Country Oven in Rochester (Adams and Silverbell). These lunches are very casual, so please stop by when your schedule permits.

**Golden Opportunity**
Do you have a great idea for a future Pioneer Club event? The planning committee needs your help! The group meets on a monthly basis to discuss campus happenings as well as organize activities for Pioneer Club members. If you are interested in joining the planning committee or would like more information, email oupioneerclub@oakland.edu or call (248) 370-4325.

**Newsworthy**
The 2016 Forbes magazine rankings of America’s Top Colleges recently listed OU as one of the top 10 schools in Michigan, including both public and private colleges and universities. [Click here](#) to read the full story.

[Click here](#) for current news on students and faculty in the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance (MTD). To read an update on MTD alumni working in the arts, [click here](#).

**Campus Update**
Oakland University has appointed Kevin Arthur Ball, Ph.D., as dean of the School of Health Sciences effective August 15, 2016. To learn more about Dr. Ball, [click here](#).

David A. Stone, Ph.D., has been named associate vice president for research. [Click here](#) for more information on Dr. Stone’s new role as chief research officer of the University.

**Student Accolades**
A team of three Oakland University Business Scholars took First Place for Best Overall Performance in the 52nd International Collegiate Business Strategy Competition at California State University in Anaheim. To learn more, [click here](#).

OU voice student Robert Skylis was recently chosen best male voice at the National Student Auditions event at the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) National Conference in Chicago. [Click here](#) to read the full story.

**Upcoming Events**
Books, Bites and Bells
Pioneer Club Event
Tour of Kresge Library Archives followed by lunch and carillon concert
Friday, August 5th, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Complimentary
RSVP to 248.370.4389 or oupioneerclub@oakland.edu
Summer Carillon Concert Series
Friday, August 5th, 6:00 p.m.
Elliott Tower
Complimentary
Click here for more info!

Jazz in the Garden: Sheryl Martin
Thursday, August 18th, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Meadow Brook Estate
Tickets $27/members $30/non-members
Click here for more info!

Save the Date
Faculty and Staff Retiree Brunch
Homecoming and Reunion Weekend
Friday, September 23rd, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Click here for more info!

About the Pioneer Club
The purpose of the Oakland University Pioneer Club is to provide social and educational opportunities to OU retirees and their spouses. It is our hope that this group will serve as a way for you to reconnect with former colleagues as well as maintain a relationship with OU. As a retiree, you remain a valued member of the University community.

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