



Students, faculty and staff are settling into a busy semester while enjoying crisp autumn temperatures amid a dazzling display of fall foliage across campus. Check out the latest [campus news](#) and [calendar of events](#)!

### **Group Lunches**

The group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:oupioneerclub@oakland.edu) or call (248) 370-4325.

### **All-University Fund Drive**

With the theme "Your Gift Opens Doors," the Oakland University community kicked off this year's All-University Fund Drive (AUFDD) earlier this month at the annual AUFDD Launch Party.

The event drew \$90,088 in contributions from 126 donors. Both amounts were the highest-ever for an AUFD kick-off event. The drive runs through Friday, Dec. 9, aiming to raise more than \$475,000.

University employees and retirees can “open doors” at Oakland and beyond by directing gifts to the program of their choice, or making a gift to the area of greatest need, the OU Fund. Donors can also create a named scholarship with a contribution starting at just \$1,000.

OU President George W. Hynd will match every employee and retiree gift by 50%, up to a \$2,500 match.

This year’s AUFD co-chairs include Robert Gaylor, retired Associate Professor, Kresge Library and Pat Nicosia, retired Director of Budget and Financial Planning.

For more information regarding the AUFD, or to make a gift, visit the AUFD website at [isupportOU.com/AUFD](https://supportOU.com/AUFD) or contact Annual Giving at (248) 370-4504 or [giving@oakland.edu](mailto:giving@oakland.edu).

### **Newsworthy**

*The Princeton Review* recently named OU’s School of Business Administration among the nation’s best business schools. [Click here](#) to read the full story.

### **Campus Update**

President Hynd is now providing the campus community with electronic updates on University operations and other topics of interest. To read President’s Hynd’s first communication of this kind, [click here](#).

## **GRIZZ Facts**

Are you interested in OU's first year retention rates? [Click here](#) to learn more. Do you wonder how many students are enrolled at the University? [Click here](#) to find out. To read archived GRIZZ facts from the Office of Institutional Research, [click here](#).

## **Pioneer Profile**

By Gerry Coon

*Gerry Palmer Coon served as administrative assistant and adjunct faculty member in the School of Education and Human Services from 1971 to 1991. She retired after eleven years as co-editor of Rochester OPC's (Older Persons' Commission) quarterly publication, Vintage Views, and is a member of the Pioneer Club.*

Pioneer Profile is a feature that appears monthly in the Pioneer Club eNewsletter. If you are interested in being profiled or sharing suggestions on fellow retirees to showcase, please provide your contact information and details to us at [oupioneerclub@oakland.edu](mailto:oupioneerclub@oakland.edu).

## **Upcoming Events**

The AronBerkner Duo

Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Varner Recital Hall

Complimentary

[Click here for more info!](#)

World Music Concert with Paschal Yao Younge

Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Varner Recital Hall

All seats \$8

[Click here for more info!](#)

Oakland Symphony Orchestra

Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Varner Recital Hall

Tickets \$20

[Click here for more info!](#)

History Comes Alive Lecture Series

"Medieval Adventurism, Crusade and the Quest for Political Power: The Case of Bohemond of Antioch" By James Naus

Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Gold Rooms B & C, Oakland Center

Admission is free, but reservations are requested

To reserve your space, call (248) 370-3511 or email [jkessler@oakland.edu](mailto:jkessler@oakland.edu)

[Click here for more info!](#)

The House of Bernarda Alba

Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Varner Studio Theatre

Tickets \$15

[Click here for more info!](#)

American Songbook Series #4: The Songs of Jimmy Van Heusen

Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Varner Lab Theatre

Complimentary

[Click here for more info!](#)

Heidi Grant Murphy, soprano and Kevin Murphy, piano  
Chamber Music Society of Detroit at Oakland University  
Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Varner Recital Hall

Tickets \$30

[Click here for more info!](#)

'Tis Pity She's a Whore (Company Class)

Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Varner Lab Theatre

Pay what you wish at the door

[Click here for more info!](#)

Oakland Jazz Singers and the Oakland Jazz Quartet

Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Varner Recital Hall

All seats \$8

[Click here for more info!](#)

University Chorus and Oakland Chorale

Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

St. Irenaeus Catholic Church (771 Old Perch Road, Rochester Hills)

All seats \$8

[Click here for more info!](#)

Oakland University Chamber Ensembles Concert

Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Varner Recital Hall

Complimentary

[Click here for more info!](#)

Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band

Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Varner Recital Hall

All seats \$8

[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.