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## OU/Pontiac Partners hip

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Hello again from the OU/Pontiac Initiative. Here's another newsletter to share partnership activity and encourage ongoing communication within the network. If you would like to request an article about your group, business or organization in this e-blast and/or if you have any events, news items or requests, send them to [baldwin2@oakland.edu](mailto:baldwin2@oakland.edu).

Happy Reading!

## Grizz Night in downtown Pontiac, April 13, 6 p.m.-10 p.m.



Pontiac businesses are opening their doors to Oakland University students in the pilot event Grizz Night, April 13, 6 p.m.-10 p.m. For the newbies in the crowd, Oakland's mascot is a grizzly bear, hence the name (yes, the Grizz will attend for photo ops). Businesses have collaborated to create a fun experience for students. Some are opening their doors for a tour or collaboration activity, others are offering free food, drinks and activities such as a social media scavenger hunt and open mic night with poetry. Click [here](#) for a peek at the night's offerings.

Grizz Night was the vision of OU VISTA Branden Dyer, who helped plan Night on the Town in Olivet, MI while attending Olivet College. It will serve as a way for students to experience all Pontiac has to offer right in OU's backyard, including all of Pontiac's opportunities, culture, food, and fun! Pontiac families and OU faculty and staff are welcome to join students for Grizz Night and explore what Pontiac can offer. Grizz Night was recently featured in the Oakland Press. Read the article [here](#).

Grizz Night will be integrated into OU's annual welcome week activities beginning this fall. The event in the fall will showcase the Strand Theatre, SLOWS BBQ, an outdoor movie park and other businesses and venues. If your business would like to sponsor the event or would be willing to provide a student discount/promotion please contact OU's VISTAs: Branden Dyer , (517) 588-8418, [bdyer@oakland.edu](mailto:bdyer@oakland.edu) or Gabriela Sullen, (313) 802-4871 , [gsullen@oakland.edu](mailto:gsullen@oakland.edu).

## Pontiac Creative Arts Center celebrates national Arab-American heritage month

The Pontiac Creative Art Center (PCAC) invites the public to an artist reception to celebrate National Arab-American Heritage Month on Friday, April 15, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. As an opportunity to introduce visitors to a wider diversity of citizens and cultures-music, poetry and food will accompany the collection of artwork from Arab artists.

The Pontiac Creative Art Center is located at 47 Williams Street, at Lawrence Street, in Pontiac. Nearly 20 artists will be showing during the exhibition, including Haydar Alyasiry, Ilham Mahfouz, Jamila Alhaib, Manal Kadry, Sarah Alogaili and Angeline D'balentine.



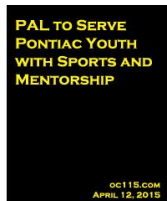
Performances include Poet Ibaa Ismail, Oud Musician Brian Boulus, Cello Musician Sarah Kefri and Rapper Omar Aburashed. Arab food and sweets, as well as soft drinks, will be offered.

Arab-Americans are artists, doctors, and teachers, as well as entrepreneurs, scientists, and bankers. The shows from April 15 until May 7 and presents a chance to recognize the achievements of the Arab-American community in and around Pontiac and the state.

Admission is free. Sales of the art will benefit the Pontiac Creative Art Center. Parking allowed at lot off W. Pike Street and street parking.

The Pontiac Creative Art Center is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization serving the North Oakland community area with art education, art programs, and exhibitions. Since 1965, the PCAC has been bringing the arts to Pontiac with funding in part by the Furlong Trust, The National Endowment for the Arts, and donations. Gallery hours are Wednesday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Thursday 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Friday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Saturday 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Call (248) 333-7849 or visit our [website](#) for more information.

## Oakland County Sheriff Police Athletic League (PAL) launches youth recreation in PontiacAL program



The Oakland County Sheriff Police Athletic League (PAL) is coming to Pontiac! Pontiac PAL was launched by Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard and various community partners to expand sports and recreation opportunities for Pontiac youth. Join us at the PAL Open House

Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., at Woodside Bible Church, 830 Auburn Ave., Pontiac.

Registrations for youth summer leagues including baseball, basketball, tee-ball and soccer will take place. There will be indoor/outdoor activities, family-friendly entertainment and giveaways. Lunch will be provided. Registration for volunteer coaches and volunteers will also be available.

The PAL Program strives to create a safe environment where law enforcement will support and inspire young people to reach their full potential, utilizing athletics and other programs geared to improving the lives of participants.

This event is in partnership with the Oakland County Sheriff PAL Program, Woodside Bible Church and the Healthy Pontiac, We Can coalition (HPWC). For more information see this [flyer](#) or visit their [website](#).

## Public forums for potential future developments in Pontiac



The City of Pontiac is hosting a series of design charrettes this week as part of its Congress for New Urbanism (CNU) Legacy Project. These public forums will be led by the renowned architectural design firm of Duany Plater-Zyberk. Detroit Public Television will be on hand to record meetings for a future documentary about how Pontiac is changing as a municipality.

The purpose of the meeting is to get feedback from citizens and thought leaders regarding potential future development of the southern tip of downtown Pontiac and how regional transit could be incorporated.

If you would like to join a public forum, visit this [link](#) to register.

## High school students learn about Business at OU's summer camps

Oakland University's School of Business Administration is hosting two summer camps for high school students that offer students an insider's perspective of the business world and help prepare them for it. Registration has started and ends soon so share this information widely with those who work with high school students.

**Developing Future Professionals** : *in partnership with and exclusively for students of Pontiac, ITA and Avondale High Schools*

**Camp Schedule:** Monday through Friday, July 25-29, 2016, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Admission Policy:** Participation is limited to 30 students from Pontiac, ITA and Avondale high schools entering 9th through 11th grade in the 2016-17 school year. Each student will be exposed to a stimulating and enriching academic environment during the summer camp. Please note only high school students from these three high schools are eligible to enroll in this summer camp.

**Application period is March 1 - May 22; payment is due by June 1**

**Cost: \$50**

**Purpose:** Students will gain an opportunity to get a head start on their college education. In an interactive environment students will:

- learn about starting a business
- build career-related skills like resume writing, interviewing and networking
- hear career success stories from business professionals
- get college readiness tips
- gain financial literacy skills

### Explore the World of Business

*open to all students in all school districts*

Students will gain an opportunity to get a head start on their college education. In an interactive environment students will learn about:

- the beginning fundamentals of a business education
- leadership in business
- the global environment of business
- business disciplines such as Accounting, Economics, Marketing, Operations Management, Management Information Systems, Human Resources Management, Finance
- group dynamics
- presentation development

Visit the [OU SBA summer camps webpage](#) for details and pictures from last year's Explore the World of Business camp. Application period is March 1 - April 22; payment is due by May 22. Cost: \$200. Needs-based scholarships available.

Visit the [OU SBA summer camps webpage](#) to register. Once students have been accepted into a program they will receive an email; payment will be due later. Questions? Contact Ms. Theawiana English, [tnenglis@oakland.edu](mailto:tnenglis@oakland.edu).

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