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Welcome Week to generate OU spirit

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Beginning the first day of fall semester, Oakland University will greet all new and returning students with a week loaded with fun and informative activities to generate OU spirit and kick off the new academic year. Welcome Week 2003 activities begin Tuesday, Sept. 2, and conclude Saturday, Sept. 6.

"Welcome Week is a big celebration that welcomes current OU students back to campus and provides new students information on what OU has to offer academically, socially and culturally," said Jean Ann Miller, director of the **Center for Student Activities**. "Students will learn about the many on-campus resources available to them throughout the week. For incoming freshmen, Welcome Week also will refresh their memories on what they learned during orientation, but in a stimulating and exciting way."

Welcome Week 2003 includes an expanded number of activities and an increase in department involvement. Throughout the week, the **Oakland Center** and **Athletics Department** are sponsoring the "Where in the OC is the Grizz?" contest. Students can locate clues throughout the Oakland Center to find the Grizz – OU's athletics mascot – and become eligible for prizes.

The Athletics Department also has teamed with the Meijer store in Auburn Hills for "Meijer Madnezz," a community event to help promote interest in OU's NCAA Division I sports teams. OU's Pep Band, Images dance team and the Grizz will perform at the Meijer location near Great Lakes Crossing Wednesday, Sept. 3, to help generate school spirit. OU students, faculty and staff also can save 10 percent off a one-time purchase at this Meijer location between Tuesday, Sept. 2, and Saturday, Sept. 6.

The **OU Alumni Association** will have a Future Alumni Network "pride patrol" team appearing at random locations on campus throughout the week to recognize students wearing OU apparel and displaying their OU spirit. Students will receive prizes along with information on the benefits of joining the Future Alumni Network.

The Sigma Pi Pig Roast, held Friday, Sept. 5, is a Welcome Week tradition and the largest nonalcoholic event on any Michigan campus. Food and fun will be provided free of charge to all OU students, faculty, staff and their families. In past years, this event has drawn more than 1,000 people.

"Welcome Week promotes a sense of what OU offers in and out of the classroom right from the start of the academic year," Miller said. "It's an exciting way to meet new people and a great way for students to connect with the resources available to them on campus."

WELCOME WEEK SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 2

- 8 a.m.-2 p.m. – Ask a Grizz Information Table. Orientation group leaders will be available to answer questions at a table located between North and South Foundation halls.
- 10-11 a.m. – Getting Connected. A breakfast and first meeting for Connections students, sponsored by the Office of New Student Programs, will be held in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms.
- 11 a.m.-Noon – Making College Count. Connections, COM 101 and all freshmen students can learn how to make the most of their college experience. This event, in 201 Dodge Hall, is sponsored by the Office of New Student Programs.
- Noon-2 p.m. – Student Program Board Open House. Games, music, karaoke, giveaways and Student Program Board information will be offered outside the north side of O'Dowd Hall.
- 3-5 p.m. – New Student Convocation. This formal ceremony for new students and their families, held at the Recreation and Athletics Center, marks the beginning of a student's academic career.

7-9 p.m. – Caribbean Paradise on the Patio. Reggae music, prizes, Bumpers Game Room discounts, free snacks and fun will be offered at the Oakland Center Patio.

Wednesday, September 3

- 8 a.m.-6 p.m. – Ask a Grizz Information Table. Orientation group leaders will be available to answer questions at a table located between North and South Foundation halls.
- 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. – Get the Scoop! Student Affairs Ice Cream Social. Meet with OU faculty, staff and students on the north side of the Oakland Center.
- 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. – Greek Organizations Carnival. Have fun and learn more about OU's Greek organizations at this event, held between North and South Foundation halls and the Oakland Center.
- 1-3 p.m. – Kresge Library Scavenger Hunt. Follow the clues on how to use OU's Kresge Library and win prizes.
- 5-6 p.m. – Get the Scoop! Student Affairs Ice Cream Social. Meet with OU faculty, staff and students on the north side of the Oakland Center.
- 5-7 p.m. – Meijer Madnezz. This community event at the Meijer store in Auburn Hills is a kick-off rally for Golden Grizzly athletics. OU's Pep Band and Images dance team will perform, free snacks will be available, and you can meet the Grizz, OU's mascot. A season ticket package also will be given away. OU students, faculty and staff also can save 10 percent off a one-time purchase by showing their OU SpiritCard at the Auburn Hills Meijer from Sept. 2-6.
- 5-7 p.m. – OU Fraternity Kickoff and IFC BBQ. Students can kick off the school year by attending this free barbeque, which will include games of football and information on OU's fraternities and the Interfraternity Council.

Thursday, September 4

- 8 a.m.-6 p.m. – Ask a Grizz Information Table. Orientation group leaders will be available to answer questions at a table located between North and South Foundation halls.
- 8 a.m.-7 p.m. – Kresge Library Coffee House. Learn about Kresge Library's services while sampling free coffee. Prizes also will be given away.
- 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. – Theta Tau's Welcome Picnic. Enjoy free food, music and fun at this picnic, held outside Dodge and Hannah halls.
- Noon-1 p.m. – Meet and Greet OU Faculty Authors. This event will be held at Kresge Library.
- 4-6 p.m. – Meet the Coaches and Athletes Funfest. Meet and greet OU's student athletes, coaches and representatives from the Athletics Department. Free food, prizes and fun also will be offered during this event at the Hamlin Hall courtyard.
- 5-7 p.m. – College Panhellenic Sorority Fall Fest. Students can learn about OU's sororities and Panhellenic Council at this event, which will be held outside Vandenberg Hall Dining Center.
- 6-9 p.m. – Open House at the Rec. Games, prizes, free snacks and fun will be offered at the Recreation and Athletic Center.
- 7-9 p.m. – Lighthouse Games Night. Enjoy free games and food and learn about OU's Lighthouse Campus Ministries at the Bumpers Games Room in the lower level of the Oakland Center.

Friday, September 5

- All day – OU Spirit Day. Show your pride and wear your Oakland University Golden Grizzlies gear today. Get your black and gold on!
- 8 a.m.-2 p.m. – Ask a Grizz Information Table. Orientation group leaders will be available to answer questions at a table located between North and South Foundation halls.
- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. – Partners Program Open House. Tips on making the transition from high school to college will be offered

to new students in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms.

- 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. – OC Patio Concert. A free performance by PBM (Poor Boy Music) will be given at the Oakland Center Patio. Enjoy the garage rock, rap and hip hop performances by this eight-man group while sampling an affordable lunch by Chartwells, OU's food service provider.
- 1-4 p.m. – Graham Health Center Open House. Attendees can play games, win prizes and learn about GHC services.
- 4-6 p.m. – 'A Taste of Italy' Dinner Buffet. Enjoy a sampling of Italian food at the Oakland Center Pioneer Food Court.
- 4-6:30 p.m. – Association of Black Students and Center for Multicultural Initiatives Welcome Picnic. This event will be held between the Oakland Center and the lake.
- 4-7:30 p.m. – Rochester Arts and Apples Festival (through Sept. 7). The 38th annual Art and Apples Festival is a juried fair of fine arts and crafts, featuring 300 top-quality national exhibitors at the Rochester Municipal Park. Enjoy a sampling of entertainment, food and beverages. Stop by and visit the OU Alumni Association booth or call Carol Carpenter at (248) 370-3700, ext. 1390, to volunteer and join in the fun.
- 7-8 p.m. – Friday Night Live: Dave Coulier. Want to laugh? Come to Friday Night Live to see Dave Coulier, star of TV's "Full House," in the first of a series of comedy concerts. The event will be held in the Vandenberg Hall Dining Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Free tickets are available at the Center for Student Activities Service Window, located in the lower level of the Oakland Center, beginning at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2.
- 7 p.m.-1 a.m. – Sigma Pi Pig Roast. The ninth annual Sigma Pi Pig Roast will be on the upper playing fields, located across from the University Student Apartments. The pig roast provides both new and returning students with food, fun and nonalcoholic entertainment. The event is free to all OU students (with OU ID) and up to two guests per student (must be at least 18) as well as OU faculty and staff and their spouses and children.
- 9 p.m. – Student Program Board Outdoor Movie. This year's annual Student Program Board outdoor film will be the blockbuster "Matrix Reloaded." The film will be shown on the lawn on the north side of O'Dowd Hall. Bring blankets and chairs to enjoy this free event under the stars.
- 9 p.m.-1 a.m. – Association of Black Students Icebreaker Dance – The dance will be held in the Oakland Center Banquet Room.

Saturday, September 6

- 1-4 p.m. – InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Picnic. IVCF is a Christian organization that seeks to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and provides a place where Christians can worship and learn together about Christ. The picnic will be held outdoors between Vandenberg Hall and the lake.
- 6-8 p.m. – Meadow Brook Art Gallery Exhibition: "retrofit." Celebrated Michigan sculptor Sharon Que explores aspects of concrete poetry, painting, engraving, ritual and meditation. An opening reception for this exhibit also will be held at the gallery, 208 Wilson Hall.

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