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Students can network at Career Fair

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OU students and alumni have an opportunity to network and learn about full-time, part-time and summer internships and co-ops from more than 70 employers at the Fall 2003 Career Fair. The fair, sponsored by Oakland's **Career Services Office**, is Friday, Sept. 26, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Oakland Center Banquet Room.

"We have 73 employers registered so far, which is a little more than last year," said Career Services Director Bob Thomas. "There's a pretty broad spectrum of employers, from technical and business to agencies for the social sciences and even some pharmaceutical companies. It's a great opportunity to network and learn about different employers. If you're a junior or sophomore, you can also ask about internships and co-ops and gather some information about a particular group of employers."

Some of the participating companies include Comcast, Comerica Bank, DaimlerChrysler, General Motors, Heartland Home Finance, ITT Industries and R.L. Polk. In addition to bringing resumes and references, it's a good idea to try to learn as much as you can about an employer before approaching them. A list of registered employers is posted on the **Career Services** Web site.

"Students should have some questions for each employer to show they've done their research and know something about the company," Thomas said. "Don't just ask the employer to explain their business to you. Students should also be able to sell themselves to the employer in less than a minute – have something to say about what you can give to the company. I also suggest that you make a list of the top 10 companies you wish to speak with, then perhaps approach those in the middle of your list first. This gives you a chance to practice selling yourself before you approach your top choices."

The Career Fair is part of OU's **Career Prep Month**, which runs through Friday, Oct. 3. Seminars and workshops are taking place throughout the month to help students learn about career options.

For more information about the Career Fair and Career Prep Month events, visit the **Career Services** Web site or contact their office at (248) 370-3250 or careers@oakland.edu.

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