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Campus community appreciation dinner planned

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Oakland University, in conjunction with the Office of the President, is holding an OU Faculty, Staff and Student Appreciation Dinner Friday, Oct. 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Oakland Center's Pioneer Room.

The dinner is open to all OU students. Faculty and staff also may bring their families. Last year's dinner drew about 1,100 participants, said Jean Ann Miller, dinner coordinator.

The dinner includes Italian and Mexican fare provided by ARAMARK food service. The dessert will be a cake presented to thank those who participated in the recent OU Heart Walk and helped raise money in relief efforts for last month's terrorist attacks on the United States.

There will be a play center area outside the **Oakland Center**, weather permitting. The activities have been expanded this year to include a moonwalk for children and an orbotron - a human gyroscope - for adults. Other games and prizes also will be offered to children.

The Steel Drum and African Drum Ensembles, a student group led by Special Lecturer Mark Stone of OU's **Department of Music, Theatre and Dance**, will provide musical entertainment.

The dinner is being held in conjunction with OU Spirit Day, so dinner attendees are encouraged to wear OU attire. The **OU Bookstore** will offer a 10% discount on OU clothing items on Oct. 9-10. The Grizz Store in the **Campus Recreation and Athletic Center**, will offer a 10% discount on OU clothing items the week of Oct. 8-12.

To attend the dinner, faculty and staff should RSVP by Friday, Oct. 5, to the Office of the President, 201 Wilson Hall, (248) 370-3500. Students should RSVP by the same date to the **CSA Service Window**, 49 Oakland Center, (248) 370-4400. Students in the residence halls may RSVP to the University Housing Office, 448 Hamlin Hall, (248) 370-3570.

For more information, contact the **Center for Student Activities** at (248) 370-2400 or csa@oakland.edu or the Office of the President at (248) 370-3500.

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