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Business and Information Technology building opens

Michigan Governor John Engler today cut the ribbon for Oakland University's new R. Hugh and Nancy Elliott Hall of Business and Information Technology.

"Today we celebrate the growth of the university and the business school through the generosity of the legislature and friends like Hugh and Nancy Elliott," said Oakland University President Gary D. Russi. "An education received in the new business building will equip our students with the high-tech skills they need so that they continue to excel."

The 74,000 square-foot, \$17.5-million building houses the School of Business Administration and the Information Technology Institute, and includes state-of-the-art computer labs and equipment to better prepare students for the 21st-century workplace.

"In this building, we can greatly enhance the quality of business education we deliver to our students," said John C. Gardner, dean, School of Business Administration. "The technological features of this building will enable us to develop academic programs that prepare students for a dynamic, global work environment."

Housing the Information Technology Institute, the new facility provides new computer training labs, a new television production suite, distance learning capabilities, a multi-media production center that will provide a full range of support services, casual space for students to get together, and much more.

"Students will not only have access to technology such as distance learning, the Internet and video conferencing, but will learn with these technologies integrated into their curriculum," said John Tower, associate professor, School of Business Administration. "This new building is a testimony of commitment to remaining flexible and adaptive in managing growth throughout the university."

Programs within the School of Business Administration, like the Applied Technology in Business (ATiB) program, benefit from the new building's technological amenities as well.

"As a student, the new building provides a comfortable place for us to study and learn by having the equipment we need, such as Internet hook-ups and computer programs to access information," said senior student Stephanie Smith. "As a student in the ATiB program, we have the most up-to-date technology applications to help us understand the curriculum better."

Oakland University is a comprehensive state-supported institution of higher education located in Oakland County, Michigan. The university has 109 bachelor's degree programs and 63 graduate degree and certificate programs. Dedicated to preparing learners for the 21st-century workplace and society, Oakland University is organized into the College of Arts and Science and the Schools of Business Administration, Education and Human Services, Engineering and Computer Science, Health Sciences, Nursing; and the Honors College.

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