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Oakland University enrollment tops 15,000

For the first time in Oakland University's 43-year history, fall enrollment has exceeded 15,000 students.

"This is a milestone moment in our history," said Oakland President Gary D. Russi. "Our rise to 15,000 students has been a key component of our strategic plan of managed growth, and I'm pleased to say that our projection of 15,000 students by the year 2000 has become a reality.

"This is testament to the fact that we are providing a quality education for our students, and that we are doing an excellent job of preparing them for the 21st century workplace and society. This marks six straight years of enrollment growth, so it's clear that people are sitting up and taking notice of what we are accomplishing at Oakland."

The Fall 2000 enrollment of 15,235 students is up 3.5 percent from Fall 1999's total. Transfer students increased by 5 percent over last year, new graduate students increased by 17 percent and undergraduates increased by 3.6 percent.

"Oakland University is becoming a school of choice in the metropolitan Detroit area and beyond," said Russi. "We have added faculty. We have added new 25 degree programs over the past four years. We've undergone significant infrastructure upgrades. We've added new buildings, and we've made a successful move into Division I athletics. These things, combined with our world-class faculty, are continuing to attract students to our campus."

Oakland University is a comprehensive state-supported institution of higher learning located in Oakland County, Michigan. The university has 109 bachelor's degree programs and 63 graduate certificate programs. Oakland University is organized into the College of Arts and Sciences 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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