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Berven opened Cultural Awareness Week with University Student Congress arranging a “Diversity Day” to showcase Oakland’s multicultural student organizations. Other activities included studying and living abroad discussions, a panel discussion of students sharing their perspective on what it is like living in a multicultural family, and an international business presentation by Juergen Walker, president and CEO of DaimlerChrysler Financial Group.

Through these comprehensive activities and initiatives, Berven demonstrated her testament to the education and celebration of cultural diversity in the Oakland University community.

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