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Oakland University to welcome SON dean

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Oakland University students, faculty and staff are invited to join Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Virinder Moudgil at a welcome reception for Linda Thompson, dean of the School of Nursing. The reception is Thursday, Oct. 2, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Oakland Center Fireside Lounge.

Thompson, who assumed her position Aug. 1, came to Oakland from the University of Maryland, where she served as associate dean for policy, planning and workforce development in the School of Nursing. She served concurrently as director of the Center for Community Partnerships for Children and Families, a post she still holds. Other roles included serving as special secretary of the Maryland Governor's Office of Children, Youth and Families and director of the City of Baltimore's Office of Occupational Medicine and Safety. In addition, she held teaching positions at the University of Maryland, Johns Hopkins University, Coppin State College and Hampton University in Virginia. A Michigan native, Thompson earned her BSN and MSN degrees from Wayne State University in the 1970s.

"I would love to see Oakland's School of Nursing ranked as one of the top schools of nursing in the country," Thompson said.

The **School of Nursing**, established in 1975, offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, an RN/BSN completion program and a Master of Science in Nursing. The MSN has three tracks: family nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist-adult health nursing, and nurse anesthesia. There are two post-master's certificate programs that include options in nurse anesthesia and family nurse practitioner. The undergraduate program encourages full-time study but provides a part-time option as well. Oakland annually grants 90 to 95 BSN degrees in nursing.

Visit the **School of Nursing** Web site for more information on the school's academic programs, courses, faculty, news and events.

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