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The Galileo-Saudi Arabia Leadership Project: Building Leadership for Change Through School Immersion is built upon the assertion that in order to achieve innovation and greatness in school improvement and student growth, all stakeholders in student learning must globally join together in the 21st century. Oakland University, in concert with three local school districts, has been granted this exciting opportunity!

Jon Margerum-Leys, Suzanne Klein, Organizational Leadership, Cynthia Carver, Organizational Leadership and Melissa Vervinck, Director of the ESL Institute have come together with Lisa Reeves, OPS and David Archbold, International Students and Scholars Organization, along with significant others, to create a unique international learning consortium. A new project director, Anne Donato, has also been brought on board to assist with these efforts.

It is the desire of the Galileo-Saudi Arabia leadership team to enhance and uplift participants' ideas about schooling through immersion within various American school models. Such new enhancements and innovative ideas can then be returned to Saudi Arabian schools through their teacher leaders in order to assist in the transformation of current schooling practices. This project will occur over the next 18 months, in three separate waves, with the first wave of participants beginning with orientation on February 6. Participants will be school leaders who currently hold roles as teachers, supervisors, counselors, and school administrators. The Avondale School District will be hosting this first wave of participants.

The ultimate goal is that such collaboration between United States and Saudi Arabian teacher leaders, through this project, will support a new set of leadership skills and best educational practices that will move across the globe to benefit students and school leaders for years to come. The School is excited to welcome these participants, and is busy preparing for their arrival.

For additional information, visit oakland.edu/sehs/saudi



IN THE NEWS

**SEHS Hiring University Mentors** 

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In preparation for the arrival of the Saudi guests, SEHS will be hiring seven individuals to serve as University Mentors for the first wave cohort, which begins February 10. The primary task of the mentors will be to lead teams of up to five Saudi participants in job-alike groups during the Friday seminar. Interested full and part-time faculty are invited to apply.

For additional information, view the <u>complete job description</u>. Email letters of interest to <u>Cindy Carver</u> by January 23.



#### Free Mental Health Screening Kiosk Unveiled

Quality mental health care and access are critical to the campus community. The importance of educating the public about mental health information and resources is critical to forge a proactive approach to the prevention of mental health issues. College campuses are especially at risk for increases in mental health issues. The Center for Disease Control lists suicide as the second leading cause of death for ages 10-34. Therefore, the ability to provide easy anonymous access to mental health screening and local resources is critical to the student, faculty and staff populations at Oakland University, as well as the general public. In addition, the new kiosk provides a tool to reduce mental health stigma.



This initiative is an important collaboration with campus services including Student Affairs, the School of Education and Human Services, Kresge Library, the Office of the Health and Wellness Coordinator, the Oakland Counseling Center and the Department of Counseling's Counseling Center. As a campus community we are thankful to Easter Seals, Flinn Foundation and Screening for Mental Health inc. and Oakland Counties continued dedication to providing quality mental health care and access. This initiative also continues the work of the GRASP grant which focused on Suicide Prevention on Campus and the Mental Health First Aid trainings.

For additional information, view the online story.

#### **CELEBRATIONS**



If you do not wish to have your birthday included, contact James Silvestri at <a href="mailto:jmsilves@oakland.edu">jmsilves@oakland.edu</a>

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