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Honors College celebrates another record-breaking freshman class

For the fifth straight year, Oakland University's Honors College has a record number of freshmen joining its ranks.

Approximately 450 students comprise this year's class, a more than 10 percent increase over last year. Students come from all areas of study, including pre-medicine, healthcare and nursing (30 percent); engineering and computer science (30 percent); other sciences (15 percent); business (10 percent); and arts and social sciences (15 percent).

Students gathered outside Oak View Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 5 for a convocation, with welcoming remarks by Honors College Dean Graeme Harper.

Harper said this year the Honors College is launching its ASPIRE program, which formally records Honors College student activities as part of a student's academic record.

"While this will not increase any requirements, it will better recognize the wonderful achievements of our students in the Honors College," Harper said.

This year's record-breaking freshmen class enters Oakland the same year the Honors College graduated the most students in its history. Additionally, an unprecedented number of Honors College students were accepted into graduate schools of their choice, locally and across the nation.

Harper added that this past week several alumni visited the Honors College and shared success stories.

"It was magnificent to talk to these graduates who are already leading their fields, working locally and nationally or traveling internationally take their emerging leadership roles to Europe, the Middle East and beyond," Harper said. "There were graduates with us who are now working in medicine, engineering, business, the arts, and education – and well on their way to spectacular successes."

Learn more about the Honors College at oakland.edu/hc.



Graeme Harper, dean of OU's Honors College, welcomes the class 2021 to campus.



This year's Honors College freshman class is pictured in front of Oak View Hall.