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Lean Thinking at Work

Welcome

Welcome to The Lean Advantage, the Oakland University Pawley Lean Institute e-newsletter.

The Lean Advantage is a quarterly electronic newsletter designed to provide useful information to our readers about the Pawley Lean Institute, our services, workshops and classes, and our student and client successes.

We hope that you find the information within this e-newsletter helpful. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Pawley Lean Institute, please visit www.oakland.edu/lean or call (586) 263-6242.

Edward Sosnowski named new chair of Pawley Institute's Advisory Board

Edward Sosnowski, corporate Lean manager of Uni-Solar, has been chosen as the new chair of the Advisory Board for the Oakland University Pawley Lean Institute. The Advisory Board offers guidance to faculty and helps expand the visibility of the Pawley Institute.

"Ed is a creative and thoughtful Lean champion," said former chair Jamie Flinchbaugh. "I believe his creativity and energy can bring many new ideas to the institute." [Full Story...](#)

New collaboration between Pawley Institute and nursing for grad class

The Oakland University Pawley Lean Institute's graduate course, Lean Principles and Application, is now collaborating with the OU School of Nursing. This hands-on, multidisciplinary course is taught by three professors from the areas of human resource development (HRD), industrial and systems engineering (ISE), and nursing. [Full Story...](#)



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Lean Thinking
Webinar Series

Pawley Institute offers free and interactive webinars with great success

The Oakland University Pawley Lean Institute has started its Lean Thinking Webinar Series, a series of webinars introducing Lean principles, practices and application. The first webinar entitled "Introduction to Lean Thinking" is free and offered on the [Pawley Institute Web site](#). All of the participants agreed that the webinar covered clear and useful information, and they would recommend it to other staff within their organization. [Full Story...](#)

New Honors College Lean class offered for the fall semester

The Oakland University Pawley Lean Institute is offering a special Honors College class, **HC 207: Lean Thinking**, for the fall 2010 semester with Mark Doman, special instructor for Human Resource Development. Taking place Tuesday nights from 6:30-9:50 p.m., this course satisfies the general education requirement for formal reasoning and is offered exclusively to Honors College students. [Full Story...](#)

Executive Lean Director Debra Setman guest lectures at HRD 304

Debra Setman, executive director of Strategy Development and Business Improvement at Johnson & Johnson, recently guest lectured at **HRD 304: Lean Principles and Practices in Organizations** at Oakland University. Adviser for the Pawley Learning Institute at Oakland University and chair of the newly formed Michigan Lean Consortium, Setman has been teaching for ten years and said that she loves the educational environment. [Full Story...](#)

Lean Thinking for Schools

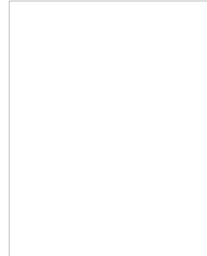
COMING UP

Dr. Shannon Flumerfelt presents Lean at leadership conference in Texas

Shannon Flumerfelt, director of Lean Thinking for Schools at the Pawley Learning Institute at Oakland University, recently presented at the Leadership Fusion Summit 2010 in Houston, Texas. This two-day regional conference is for school administrators and leaders in the Houston area school districts.

"For most of the audience, it was their first exposure to Lean Thinking for Schools," Flumerfelt said. "To me, it represents some forward thinking on their part to bring in the Pawley Institute."

Flumerfelt described the basic concepts of Lean and conducted two learning activities to help school leaders see waste during her hour and a half presentation on the first day of the conference. [Full Story...](#)



Reeths-Puffer School District administrators receive Lean certificate

The Reeths-Puffer School District in Muskegon, Mich., had ten more administrators graduate the Lean Professional Certificate Program, offered by the Oakland University Pawley Lean Institute. Ten school administrators graduated from the program last year. [Full Story...](#)

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Fall 2010

The Pawley Lean Institute offers graduate and undergraduate courses in Lean thinking. Registration is going on now for the following courses:

Graduate Class

Lean Principles and Application

Gain real-life experience by developing a project of your choice in a multitude of industries, including non-profit, for-profit, health care and manufacturing in settings ranging from small business to plant manufacturing.

Undergraduate Class

Lean Principles and Practices in Organizations

This activity-based introduction to the principles and practices in human resource development explores innovative way to solve persistent problems confronting organizations today. The course includes hands-on simulations, expert guest speakers and on-site tours.

Honors College Class

HC 207: Lean Thinking

Offered exclusively to Honors College students, this course teaches Lean theory, rules, principles, concepts and tools as well as key supporting HRD policies and practices. Students will also take part in a kaizen team Lean workout of a dysfunctional process.



Lean Thinking for Schools Training

The **Lean Thinking for Schools Administrator Seminar** provides an overview to Lean principles and applications to education.

Participants engage in Lean process improvement concepts based on district/institutional goals in order to create greater value and eliminate waste within the organizational operation.

For more information, visit the **Lean Thinking for Schools Web site**.

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