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Founders' Day to feature dual groundbreakings

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The sixth annual Founders' Day, to be held Wednesday, April 18, will feature groundbreakings for two buildings representing an important expansion of Oakland University's campus.

The first groundbreaking is at 8:30 a.m. for the Student Housing Apartment Complex on the lawn across Meadow Brook Drive and opposite the George T. Matthews Apartments. Later that day, ground will be broken for the Education and Human Services Building on the Varner Hall South Lawn at 3:30 p.m.

A Faculty Recognition Luncheon also is being planned for 11:30 a.m. in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center.

The Faculty Recognition Luncheon is by invitation only, while the groundbreaking ceremonies are open to the public.

Founders' Day commemorates the formation of Oakland University in 1957, when Alfred and Matilda Dodge Wilson donated \$2 million and the 1,500-acre Meadow Brook estate to start a new college in Oakland County. The first classes at what was then named Michigan State University Oakland were held in 1959.

SUMMARY

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