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Oakland University Accounting Students Attend Professional Meeting

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The MACPA extended an exclusive invitation to Oakland students to attend a private breakfast with Mr. Melancon. Only Oakland students and MACPA staff were present. Ten Oakland Students participated in the breakfast, and then attended the Members' Advisory Forum. Students attending (left to right in the attached picture) were: Lori Dorko, Bridget Guich, Samantha Snell, Drew Green, Korry Bates, Sheila Brooks, Mr. Melancon, Jessica Coury, Ashley Denard, Del Kanka, and Karen Meyer.

These students, along with Oakland students Karla Bouchar and Lalena Malloian, also attended the Members' Advisory Forum. Topics covered in the forum included updates on: National issues affecting the Accounting profession; Issues affecting CPAs in Michigan; XBRL; and other updates.

Dr. Gadis Dillon, Oakland Professor of Accounting and member of the MACPA President's Advisory Council, facilitated the invitation to the students.

SUMMARY

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