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OU joins School Technology Leadership Initiative

Oakland University's **School of Education and Human Services** and the School Technology Leadership Initiative (STLI) in the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Minnesota have joined in a cooperative venture in higher education, the Postsecondary Partnership Program (P3).

The P3 program is a means of sharing the STLI's expertise in technology training for K-12 school administrators with other institutions of higher education. It will include license-free access to STLI course syllabi, lesson plans, reading lists and teaching techniques; access to the STLI's library of school technology leadership resources; regular updates on current school technology leadership topics; and a free site visit to the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus.

"Principals, superintendents and other school administrators want to effectively use and/ or understand educational technology," said Mary Otto, dean of OU's School of Education and Human Services. "Oakland's program has been involved with technology-based learning for a number of years; this is just another way to be sure we are preparing our students with the best tools possible as they continue their careers in education."

The \$2.1 million initiative is the first academic program in the country based on the National Education Technology Standards for Administrators and involves the college, school districts, major technology corporations such as Microsoft and IBM, and other groups such as the International Society for Technology in Education and Consortium for School Networking. The initiative primarily is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education.

Other partners in the STLI are Hofstra University in New York, Silver Lake College in Wisconsin, the University of Arizona and University of Kentucky.

Oakland University is a comprehensive state-supported institution located in Oakland County, Mich. The university has 114 bachelor's degree programs and 82 graduate degree and certificate programs. Dedicated to delivering a distinctive undergraduate experience that is complemented by the strength of its graduate offerings and research accomplishments, Oakland University is organized into the **College of Arts and Sciences** and the Schools of **Business Administration**, **Education and Human Services**, **Engineering and Computer Science**, **Health Sciences**, and **Nursing**, and **The Honors College**.

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