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## OU and City of Rochester announce partnership

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"We are excited to have this partnership with Oakland University," said Lewis. "The Institution has played a vital role in our community for the past 46 years. Rochester has a vibrant downtown, with nearly 400 businesses, and we are confident it will become an even greater destination place for OU students, alumni, faculty and staff."

Rochester merchants and businesses will partner with OU students and faculty in joint educational and cultural programming such as employment, internships, research and development projects, business development assistance, community service projects and opportunities to showcase the arts, theatre and music to complement their classroom work.

"This partnership is linked directly to OU's mission to provide a unique and distinctive educational experience," Russi said. "This agreement will increase opportunities for our students to be involved in class projects and hands-on training with businesses in downtown Rochester and provide them with practical experience as they enter the workforce."

Oakland University is a comprehensive state-supported institution located in Oakland County, Michigan. The university's enrollment is 16,576 and 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, Nursing**, and **The Honors College**.

Downtown Rochester is home to nearly 400 businesses in the retail, restaurant and service industries. For more information, visit the **City of Rochester** Web site.

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