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Golden Grizzlies welcome Tigers as Alumni Ambassadors

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Baran, a Regina High School graduate, oversees all events at Comerica Park throughout the year. She credits an internship posted in the Oakland University student paper as launching her career in sports — initially with the Detroit Red Wings, which led to her current position within the other Mike Ilitch-owned sports franchise.

Thompson, a Lutheran High North graduate, credits his internship with the Tigers and his professors in the journalism program for his full-time post within the Tiger organization. Thompson lived on campus as an undergraduate and was a resident assistant his junior and senior year — while juggling his internship with the Tigers.

AAAP Ambassadors hail from eighteen different states, serving the university in their community and enhancing Oakland's presence on a national level. Ambassadors have made over 1,575 points of contact with prospective students and parents at recruitment events, and have provided the university with 98 hours of service during the program's first 10 months.

For more information about the Alumni Admissions Ambassador program, contact Luke Fleer, coordinator of the AAAP, at fleer@oakland.edu, (248) 370-4749, or visit the **AAAP** Web site.



Luke Fleer (left) welcomes Jill Baran (center) and Rick Thompson (right) to the Alumni Admissions Ambassador Program.

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