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'Diverse Voices' conference to highlight equality, inclusion efforts at Oakland University

Oakland University will present the 15th Annual Diverse Voices Conference from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 18 in the Varner Recital Hall.

The free event is open to the public and provides participants with a unique opportunity to engage in an open dialogue about all aspects of human diversity.

"It is unique in that it moves diversity education outside of the classroom and into a forum-like setting on campus in order to expand discussion on a variety of diversity focused topics with OU students, administrators, faculty, staff and community members," said **Chaunda Scott**, Ed.D., an associate professor with the **Organizational Leadership Department** in OU's School of Education and Human Services.

Scott also serves as the founder and president of the Diverse Voices Initiative, which premiered in 1999.

"I am grateful for the support the OU community has given me and the DVC over the years," she said. "Without their support, the DVC would have just been a great student-centered diversity conference idea without a platform."

According to Scott, the theme of this year's conference is "Strategies That Promote Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in all Settings." It will feature Glenn McIntosh, vice president of **student affairs** at Oakland University, as the keynote speaker.

Additional remarks will be provided by Dr. **V. Thandi Sule**, an assistant professor from the Department of Organizational Leadership, along with student speakers from the School of Education and Human Resource Development undergraduate program.

"I applaud past and present students from the SEHS human resource development undergraduate program that have delivered outstanding professional diversity speeches which have inspired many human resource development students to submit DVC presenter proposals," S said.

Entertainment for the Diverse Voices Conference will be provided by the renowned Detroit School of Arts Male Chorus. Refreshments will be served.

For more information about the conference, contact Dr. Chaunda Scott at cscott@oakland.edu.



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