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## Oakland University shines at this year's Maker Faire

The 2017 Maker Faire® at The Henry Ford was held July 29-30 and provided an outstanding weekend experience for OU participants seeking to share their ideas of creativity and innovation.

Professors Khalid Mirza, Ph.D., (Electrical and Computer Engineering) and Colleen Ludwig (Art and Art History and faculty adviser for the Makers at OU club) led this year's Oakland contingent.

Together, the group showed off some of the best Makers of OU student projects and demonstrated the latest technology that the university and partner companies have to offer."

The two-day, interactive event featured robotics, electronics, rockets, food, music, fashion, science and more. Hundreds of exhibiting makers participated, offering dozens of demonstrations and hands-on workshops for anyone who still has a sense of adventure.

"This Maker Faire event continues to be a big success and gives us the opportunity to light the spark of creation from our club members and network with prospective future students and their parents," said Dr. Mirza. "We had crowds of enthusiastic visitors to our booth all weekend long and it was a terrific experience."

Oakland's team was also the recipient of two "Maker of Merit" awards this year from the Maker Faire organizers. The awards are given to groups judged to offer the best displays and demonstrations among exhibitors. The OU team was recognized for their demonstration of the Jelly Art project, Crab-Bot, Oculus Rift, Tilt Maze Challenge, Robo-Soccer and Poker Face robot wars.

Some of Dr. Mirza's images from the event are below:



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About Maker Faire:

Held at The Henry Ford in Dearborn, the Maker Faire is an annual gathering of fascinating, curious people who enjoy learning and who love sharing what they can do. From engineers to artists to scientists to crafters, Maker Faire is a venue for these "makers" to show hobbies, experiments, projects.