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Pontiac 7th-graders learn about math and life at Oakland University

Oakland University is hosting the Pontiac/OU AVID Summer Institute this week on campus where seventh grade students from the Pontiac School District will spend most of the week living on campus, learning math skills in algebra they will need this fall, enhancing their writing skills and sampling the college experience.

AVID programming uses proven, project-based practices that help students prepare for success in high school, college and a career. It especially focuses on traditionally underrepresented students. Programming for the 23 Pontiac Schools participants runs from 7:15 a.m. through 10:30 p.m. each day and concludes on Thursday at noon.

In addition to the academic schedule, participating students will have the chance to learn about Oakland University and college life through campus tours, campus workshops, tasting the campus cuisine in the Vandenberg dining facility and using the campus recreational facilities.

“This new outreach program builds upon our commitment to Pontiac,” says Patricia A. Dolly, Senior Advisor, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. “President Hynd has been very supportive of the program and our Pre-College team has helped facilitate a rigorous schedule. We want to strengthen our participating students’ academic skills, but also inspire them to start thinking about the future and the opportunities that are available to them after high school.”

Learn more about Oakland University’s commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at: <http://wwwp.oakland.edu/diversity/>

“Seeing this AVID program develop from the planning stages a year ago, to having students on campus this week is very rewarding,” added Tiffany Elliott-Fowler, assistant director of Pre-College Programs at Oakland University. “We plan to make this week memorable and use best practices from this year as building blocks for next year and beyond.”

Learn more about Oakland University’s Department of Pre-College Programs for high school, middle school and elementary school students at: www.oakland.edu/precollege.



One of the goals this week is to get students ready for algebra in the fall.



Pontiac school teacher Mrs. Elizabeth Voultos and volunteers like Daniel Lewis, from OU’s Pre-College Programs, are working with 23 seventh grade students during learning sessions at Oakland University this week.

