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Oakland University's enrollment rises again

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"Our fall enrollment numbers represent another positive sign that students are recognizing that Oakland University offers a quality education at an affordable cost," said Gary D. Russi, Oakland University president. "We are fortunate that Oakland University's community of teacher-scholars is dedicated to the teaching-learning process and strengthens the overall academic experience. Our world-class faculty, innovative academic programs and vibrant campus life continue to draw students to Oakland."

The total headcount of 15,875 represents an increase of 640 students over last fall's count of 15,235 students. Undergraduate student totals increased by 4.4 percent, while graduate student totals saw a 3.5 percent rise.

In addition, Oakland University recently joined the ranks of national institutions, as noted in the 2001-02 Best Colleges issue of U.S. News & World Report.

"This keeps us right on track on our mission to become the university of choice in this area," Russi said. "Over the past five years, we've added nearly 30 new academic programs, enhanced our campus with several new buildings and the latest in technological advances, added Division I athletic competition, and enhanced the campus experience for all of our students.

"Next fall, we will open a new, state-of-the-art education building, and we will add a student apartment complex. It's a great time to be at Oakland University, and we remain committed to providing a quality educational experience for our students."

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