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Spring is in the air! Faculty, staff and students are getting ready for final exams as the end of another busy semester draws near. Please take a moment to peruse the latest [campus news](#) and [calendar of events](#).

Group Lunches

A group of retirees meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. at Nick's Country Oven in Rochester (Adams and Silverbell). These lunches are very casual, so please stop by when your schedule permits.

Golden Opportunity

Do you have a great idea for a future Pioneer Club event? The planning committee needs your help! The group meets on a monthly basis to discuss campus happenings as well as organize activities for Pioneer Club members. If you are interested in joining the planning committee or would like more information, email oupioneerclub@oakland.edu or call (248) 370-4504.

Campus Update

President Hynd recently appointed Angie Schmucker to the position of vice president, Development and Alumni Relations. As you may recall, Schmucker previously served as executive director of Planned and Annual Giving and was instrumental in launching the Pioneer Club. [Click here](#) to read more about Schmucker's successful, 14-year tenure at the University and her new role on campus.

Newsworthy

[Click here](#) for a recent news update on achievements by students and faculty in the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance (MTD). You can also check out an update on MTD alumni working in the arts ([click here](#)).

GRIZZ Facts

Do you know how many hours OU students spend studying per week? [Click here](#) to find out. For an interesting infographic on graduate degrees and certificates issued by school and area in 2014-2015, [click here](#). To read archived GRIZZ facts from the Office of Institutional Research, [click here](#).

Pioneer Profile: Dr. Richard Stamps

For 37 years, Richard Stamps worked with students to expand their world view — both culturally and academically. Having found a passion for China when spending two-and-a-half years in Taiwan, Dr. Stamps has traveled extensively throughout East Asia and led summer study tours to China, where he and his students have visited popular sites like the Great Wall, Forbidden City and Temple of Heaven.

He also conducted archeological research at local historical sites such as Port Huron's Fort Gratiot, an army base utilized during the 19th century. In fact, Dr. Stamps led a group of OU students on a project that unearthed a trove of artifacts from the site, including an array of military weapons and regalia.

Aside from his work abroad, Dr. Stamps has also worked on exciting projects at home. At the request of the Troy Historical Village, Stamps and colleagues directed a three year weekend excavation at the Troy Corners historic parsonage site that included both students and community volunteers.

Dr. Stamps retired in the fall of 2012, driven by the desire to travel with his family and to spend more time with his wife, Marsha and their five children and 19 grandchildren. Stamps remains actively involved at OU and in the surrounding community. He is an active member of the Pioneer Club and can often be found on campus and at sporting events.



Pioneer Profile is a feature that appears monthly in the Pioneer Club eNewsletter. If you are interested in being profiled or sharing suggestions on fellow retirees to showcase, please provide your contact information and details to us at oupioneerclub@oakland.edu.

Richard Stamps and Sharon Muir at the Pioneer Club Launch Event, May 14, 2014

Upcoming Events

Assassins (dark comedic musical)

Thursday, March 31st – Saturday, April 9th, various show times

Varner Studio Theatre

Tickets \$20

[Click here for more info!](#)

Oakland Symphony Orchestra with the OU Symphony Chorus & the Madrigal Chorale
Tuesday, April 5th, 7:30 p.m.
Orchestra Hall, Max M. Fisher Music Center
Tickets \$20
[Click here for more info!](#)

World Music Concert
Friday, April 8th, 8:00 p.m.
Varner Recital Hall
All seats \$8
[Click here for more info!](#)

Chamber Music Ensemble Concert
Sunday, April 10th, 3:00 p.m.
Varner Recital Hall
Free admission
[Click here for more info!](#)

17th Annual MaTilDa Awards
Sunday, April 17th, 6:00 p.m.
Banquet Room, Oakland Center
Tickets \$42
[Click here for more info!](#)

Take Root in Order to Disorder (modern dance)
Saturday, April 23rd, 2:00 p.m.
Varner Studio Theatre
Tickets \$14
[Click here for more info!](#)

About the Pioneer Club

The purpose of the Oakland University Pioneer Club is to provide social and educational opportunities to OU retirees and their spouses. It is our hope that this group will serve as a way for you to reconnect with former colleagues as well as maintain a relationship with OU. As a retiree, you remain a valued member of the University community.