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OU offers expanded career prep events

By **Jeff Samoray**, OU Web Writer

To help students get a head start on finding employment prior to graduation, Oakland University's **Career Services Office** is sponsoring an expanded series of career prep seminars and workshops throughout the month of September.

"Our Career Prep Month is made up of a variety of programs, ranging from smaller workshops to larger career fairs, and is designed to help students make decisions about their career choices and help them make the transition to the working world," said Bob Thomas, director of Career Services. "In the past, we offered a Career Prep Week, but we've expanded our offerings significantly this year. We want to help students, from freshmen to seniors, to become aware of what they need to do to be able to compete in a tight job market. And the offerings also lead into fall on-campus recruiting, which begins in October."

The month's events are diverse, dealing with topics such as proper business attire, how to write a resume, successful interview strategies and electronic recruiting. The Career Services Office will have an open house where students will be able to ask questions about their job search and learn about placing their resumes on the department Web site. Two career fairs also will be offered – one concentrating strictly on jobs in the health sciences and the other featuring employers from business, engineering, and the arts and sciences. Representatives from Walt Disney World also will be on-hand to speak about job opportunities and to conduct interviews.

"It's never too early for students to begin thinking about careers, even if they're freshmen," Thomas said. "The job market is still soft, particularly for technical positions in fields like computer science and engineering. There are some signs that the auto industry may be making a rebound, but at this point, employers aren't loosening the reigns much on hiring, which makes it all the more important for students to take advantage of our Career Prep Month offerings."

For more information on Career Prep Month, visit the **Career Services** Web site or contact them at (248) 370-3250.

CAREER PREP MONTH SCHEDULE

Monday, Sept. 9

- Noon-1 p.m. — eRecruiting @ OU Training Session, Career Services Lab, 157 West Vandenberg Hall

Tuesday, Sept. 10

- 11 a.m.-1 p.m. — Career Services Open House, Oakland Center Fireside Lounge

Thursday, Sept. 12

- Noon-1 p.m. — Dress for Success Seminar, Oakland Center Fireside Lounge

Friday, Sept. 13

- Noon-1 p.m. — eRecruiting @ OU Training Session, Career Services Lab, 157 West Vandenberg Hall

Monday, Sept. 16

- 5 p.m.-6 p.m. — eRecruiting @ OU Training Session, Career Services Lab, 157 West Vandenberg Hall

Tuesday, Sept. 17

- Noon-1 p.m. — Education Panel, Oakland Center Gold Rooms
- 5-6:30 p.m. — Behavioral Interviewing Workshop, Oakland Center Gold Room A

Wednesday, Sept. 18

- 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. — Career Services/AmeriCorps Ice Cream Social, outdoors between North and South Foundation

halls

- Noon — Walt Disney World career opportunity presentations, Oakland Center Room 125
- 1-3 p.m. — Walt Disney World job interviews, Oakland Center Room 125
- 3 p.m. — Walt Disney World career opportunity presentations, Oakland Center Room 125
- 4-7 p.m. — Walt Disney World job interviews, Oakland Center Room 125

Thursday, Sept. 19

- 11 a.m.-1 p.m. — Professional Graduate School Fair. Firesdie Lounge, Oakland Center.

Monday, Sept. 23

- Noon-1 p.m. — How to Market Yourself at Career Fairs and to Employers Seminar, Oakland Center Fireside Lounge

Tuesday, Sept. 24

- Noon-1 p.m. — Government Panel, Oakland Center Fireside Lounge

Wednesday, Sept. 25

- 11 a.m.-2 p.m. — Free Resume Critiquing, Oakland Center table

Thursday, Sept. 26

- 11 a.m.-3 p.m. — Career Fair, Recreation and Athletics Center

Friday, Sept. 27

- 9 a.m.-4 p.m. — Mock Behavioral Interviews, Oakland Center Oakland Room

Saturday, Sept. 28

- 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. — Seniors, Set Your Sails! Oakland Center Oakland Room

Monday, Sept. 30

- 11 a.m.-1 p.m. — Volunteer Fair, Oakland Center Fireside Lounge

Tuesday, Oct. 1

- Noon-1 p.m. — eRecruiting @ OU Training Session, Career Services Lab, 157 West Vandenberg Hall

Thursday, Oct. 3

- 11 a.m.-3 p.m. — Health Careers Job Fair, Oakland Center Gold Rooms

SUMMARY

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