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OUAA offers new grads free memberships

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Students receiving their diplomas at Oakland University's December and May commencement ceremonies join a community of more than 67,000 OU alumni. And, for new graduates, now is the perfect time to join the **Oakland University Alumni Association** since the OUAA is offering complimentary one-year memberships to all fall 2003 and winter 2004 graduates. To activate your membership, please access our **online form**.

By joining the OUAA, OU alumni continue to stay in touch with the university and other alumni wherever they live or work while also enjoying the exclusive benefits that come with membership:

- **OU Athletics** discounts
- Access to **Katke-Cousins Golf Course** (fee required)
- Access to OU's **Recreation Center** (fee required)
- Personalized financial services from the **OU Branch of the MSU Federal Credit Union**
- Group travel opportunities through the **Grizzly Getaway** program
- **OU Bookstore** discounts
- Borrowing privileges at **Kresge Library**
- **Meadow Brook Hall** and **Meadow Brook Theatre** discounts
- Legacy scholarships available to children and grandchildren of OUAA members
- Professional and personal networking opportunities
- Service and leadership opportunities
- Invitations to special OUAA events
- Discounts on Allied Van Lines, America's Finest Auto Wash, Choice Hotels International, D.O.C. Optics, Hertz rental car, and Detroit Metro Airport parking at Qwik Park and U.S. Park

"The best way to stay in touch with the university is by becoming an alumni association member, and we can serve as a gateway back to campus for our graduates," said Jamie Simek, assistant director of Alumni Relations. "We're also in the process of starting some regional and affiliate chapters, so even if you move to another part of the country, you'll be able to have various social and networking opportunities.

"Our current OUAA members are also very important because 100 percent of their dues are used to support alumni programming and OUAA scholarships. Last year alone we gave more than \$40,000 to OU students. More than anything else, we hope our students' experience is such that they have pride in Oakland and want to support it. And as the university receives more support, it becomes stronger, thus increasing the value of an Oakland degree."

The complimentary membership offer is available only during the year following graduation. Those who activate their membership through this offer also can renew for one year for just \$15.

More than 100 students activated their free OUAA memberships during the Senior Send-Off event on April 14.

For more information about joining the Oakland University Alumni Association and all the related benefits, visit the **OU Alumni** Web site or contact Gail Meyers at (248) 370-3700.

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