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President Bush to congratulate OU student

Oakland University student Lenwood Compton will meet President George W. Bush Monday, Oct. 14, at Oakland County International Airport where the president will congratulate Compton for his outstanding service as a member of AmeriCorps.

Compton will serve as a Freedom Corps greeter, an honor bestowed upon those individuals who best exemplify the president's call to service. In his State of the Union Address, the president called on all Americans to dedicate at least two years over their lifetime to their communities, the country and the world. He will recognize Compton as an example of the dedication to service he is hoping to instill in all Americans through his USA Freedom Corps initiative, which was created to foster an American culture of service, citizenry and responsibility.

Compton, a junior from Pontiac majoring in elementary education, is completing his second year as a member of AmeriCorps. Serving 15 hours each week, he tutors children in grades one through three in reading and writing. He also provides academic help to children in the Pontiac Area Transitional Housing (PATH) program.

"Lenny epitomizes the spirit of community action, civic responsibility and excellent leadership that President Bush has set as a goal for all Americans," said Carol Anne Ketelsen, AmeriCorps Oakland Program Director. "His outstanding service to his community and to children is an ideal we can all strive to emulate."

This marks the second time in four months that President Bush has visited with Oakland University students. He came to the Rochester campus in July, along with Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski, to speak about freedom and the war against terrorism.

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