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Unique recruiting day generates 1,000 interviews

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With 1,000 job interviews taking place in one location over a seven-hour period, even Donald Trump would be jealous.

Representatives from about 30 schools and school districts from throughout the Detroit metropolitan area will be interviewing OU education seniors and alumni during the ninth annual Educators Recruiting Day on Wednesday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms.

Students will be interviewing for teacher and counselor positions. About 200 students are planning to participate, with most students scheduling six to seven 15-minute interviews.

To participate in Educators Recruiting Day, students must sign up through **Career Services' eRecruiting**. Appointments are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. After a brief interview on campus, students may be called back to the district for an interview with a hiring manager.

Educators Recruiting Day was created by the Career Services staff, and Bob Thomas, director of Career Services, believes it's the only one of its kind in Michigan.

"Recruiters love it because it's more efficient and more organized than a typical job fair," Thomas said. "Students appreciate that they don't have to wait in lines and they're guaranteed a 15-minute interview."

Those 15 minutes are critical for students to make a good impression. With a tighter job market for teachers, candidates must find ways to make themselves stand out.

"Students who are motivated, enthusiastic, and market themselves with a strong portfolio and letters of recommendation have a better chance of landing a job," Thomas said. "Students should be articulate and offer concrete information. It also helps to know teacher philosophy and bring unique and creative ideas."

A complete list of participating schools and school districts is found on the **Career Services** Web site by going to the **On-campus Employer Recruiting Schedule**. For more information, contact Career Services at (248) 370-3250 or careers@oakland.edu.

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