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Employees get free day of food, basketball

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The Department of Athletics is treating OU faculty and staff members and their guests to a free day of food, basketball and fun at the second annual Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day on Saturday, Feb. 9.

Employees just need to show their Oakland ID card to get in free, along with a guest, to watch the **men's** and **women's** basketball teams as they take on the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) at home. Employees also will receive a ticket for two hotdogs, chips and a soft drink and can get a 10 percent discount on Golden Grizzlies shirts, jackets, hats and other items at The Grizz Store when they show their ID card. Huntington National Bank also is giving away free mouse pads to the first 1,000 fans at the men's game.

The Athletics Department sees faculty and staff as an important part of its vision for athletics at the university, said Mark Doman, assistant athletic director for marketing. The appreciation day is important, he said, because it's a chance for the university to thank employees for their hard work and because faculty and staff can serve as an example for Oakland students to show their school spirit.

"Faculty and staff members are the leaders on campus," Doman said. "If students know they attend games to support the Grizzlies, they'll follow their lead."

Doors and concessions for the basketball games open at 2:30 p.m. The women's game starts at 3:30 p.m., followed by the last regular-season men's game at 6 p.m.

Admission for extra guests is \$10 for reserved seats, \$5 for general admission and \$2 for children. To purchase tickets for extra guests, visit the **Athletic Tickets** Web page. For more information, call (248) 370-4000.

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