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Fall 2004 Career Fair planned

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The Fall 2004 Career Services Career Fair is Thursday, Sept. 30, and Friday, Oct. 1, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms.

Attendance by companies is up at least 10 percent this year, said Bob Thomas, director of Career Services. "This is an indicator that the job market is getting better. Companies are being cautiously optimistic about hiring."

The Career Fair will be split according to majors, and for the first time, it will be a two-day event. Sept. 30 is for engineering, technical, nursing, health and science majors and Oct. 1 is devoted to business and liberal arts candidates.

More than 110 organizations will be attending the two-day Career Fair including Comerica, Comcast, Beaumont Hospitals, Detroit Medical Center, Daimler Chrysler and ITT Industries.

Thomas encourages students to come prepared and bring resumes.

"My advice to students is to review the list of companies who are coming, research what they're looking for and have a plan of attack," he said. "Prepare a list of which companies you want to talk to and come with questions in mind."

He also encourages those students who are seriously job hunting to dress appropriately. "Seniors graduating in December should dress up as if it was a job interview."

Undergraduates who are searching for internships should wear business casual, such as khaki pants and collared shirts.

"If students are just stopping by to gather information about companies, dress isn't an issue," Thomas said. "But those students looking for a job shouldn't come in jeans and T-shirts."

Thomas also suggests students pay special attention to alumni recruiters, who will have a special sticker on their nametag.

"Students should use this opportunity to relate to the alumni, maybe ask them about their major and how they got their job," he said. "They like to give advice to students."

There is no charge to attend the Career Fair, and all OU students and alumni are welcome.

For more information, visit the **Career Services** Web site or contact Career Services at (248) 370-3250 or careers@oakland.edu.

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