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U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow to visit OU

Sen. Debbie Stabenow, the first woman from Michigan elected to the U.S. Senate, will talk about women, politics, careers and the climate for dissent in Washington, D.C., on Friday, March 22, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Oakland Center Fireside Lounge. The lecture will be followed by a question and answer period and a reception. The event is being held in conjunction with the **Women's History Month** celebration on campus.

Stabenow, D-Lansing, was elected to the U.S. Senate in November 2000 and was sworn in to the elected position on January 3, 2001. Her priorities in the Senate include ensuring children have access to the best education in our public schools, advocating for fiscal responsibility in government, pressing for tax relief for middle class families, encouraging preservation of our natural resources, reducing the cost of prescription drugs, and protecting the future of Social Security and Medicare.

She was first elected to the Ingham County Board of Commission in 1974 and was the youngest person and first woman to chair the Board (1977-78). She was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives where she served for 12 years (1979-90) and rose in leadership, becoming the first woman to preside over the House. She served in the State Senate for four years (1991-94) and was elected to Congress in 1996 where she served two terms representing Michigan's Eighth Congressional District.

Stabenow has been nationally recognized with over 60 awards for her leadership on behalf of families and small businesses, including the United States Jaycees Outstanding Young American Award. Most recently, the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare recognized her with its top award, and the National Association for Home Care named her a Home Health Hero.

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