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## OU hosting statewide HR conference

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OU's **University Human Resources Department** is sponsoring and hosting the Michigan College and University Professional Association for Human Resources (MI-CUPA-HR) conference: "Spring Break: Energizing Leaders to Meet Tomorrows Challenges."

MI-CUPA-HR is an organization for human resources professionals at Michigan public and private, two-year and four-year colleges and universities. The conference, Feb. 26-27, will focus on employment, training and development, legal, labor relations and affirmative action topics.

Two keynote addresses, 16 concurrent sessions and four roundtable discussions are planned for the conference. Keynote speakers will address creative thinking and developing great leaders. Topics for the concurrent sessions include immigration issues, succession planning, privacy issues, diversity in the workplace and ways to motivate each generation for optimal performance.

About 120 people are expected to attend the conference, which will be held in the Recreation Center.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for Oakland University to showcase its beautiful Recreation Center facility. The conference is built around a 'Spring Break' theme to integrate fun and learning," says Aldona Sonta, manager of professional development and training at OU.

Representatives from OU will present sessions at the conference. Art Griggs, assistant vice president for faculty personnel, and Leigh Settlemoir Dzwik, coordinator of faculty human resources, will lead a roundtable discussion. Sonta and Vicki Larabell, manager of technical training services, are presenting "Maximizing Participation in Training and Wellness Via the Internet."

MI-CUPA-HR universities take turns hosting the conference, which is funded entirely through vendor donations. The last time OU hosted the conference was 10 years ago.

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