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TO: Fans, Friends, Alumni, and supporters of Oakland University Athletics

Well the fall sports are well under way and some of our winter sports have begun. The women's soccer team is off to an outstanding start and the men's soccer team has played a very difficult non-conference schedule, picking up a top-25 win over No. 14 Drake earlier in September. Come out and support both our soccer teams as they head down the stretch run for another league championship.

The annual Midnight Madness event has a new name and format this year, Grizz Madnezz. Come out and enjoy an entertaining night at the O'Rena on Friday, Oct. 15 that begins with our volleyball 'Black' out game at 6 p.m. and will continue with Grizz Madnezz immediately following the volleyball match.

With basketball season right around the corner, don't forget to purchase your season tickets to ensure your chance to watch our men's and women's basketball teams as they face another great Summit League and non-conference schedule inside the O'Rena.

Basketball Tip-Off Breakfast

Everyone is invited to our Basketball Tip-Off Breakfast at the Royal Park Hotel in downtown Rochester on Oct. 27 from 7:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Head Coaches Greg Kampe and Beckie Francis will be on hand, along with players from each team. We will have several silent auction prizes, including a chance to bid on an opportunity to have lunch with Coach Kampe and Coach Francis at historic Meadowbrook Hall.

To make your reservation or for more information, click here (<http://www.ougrizzlies.com/sports/m-baskbl/spec-rel/100810aaa.html>).

Oakland Announces Endowed/Named Scholarship Recipients We recently announced the recipients of our 2010-11 athletic named/endowed scholarships: Allison Bell (Nancy and Hugh Elliott Endowed Scholarship), Vuk Popovic (Addison Brink, Jr. Endowed Scholarship), Katie Dreyer (Department of Athletics Endowed Scholarship), Will Hudson (Lori A. Macauley Endowed Scholarship), Miche'le Lipari (Daniel R. Weinerth Endowed Scholarship), Alli Kirk (R. Michael O'Brien Endowed Scholarship) and Chelsea Oates (Jim Causley Family Foundation Scholarship). These seven student-athletes have demonstrated excellence in academics and competition. We have a number of generous donors that recognize the value of investing in our student-athletes and we are grateful for their generosity.

We encourage others to get involved in supporting our student-athletes here at Oakland University. For more information on establishing a named scholarship, please contact Assistant Director of Athletics for Development Joe Impellizzeri (impelliz@oakland.edu / 248-370-3117). Thank you for considering to be part of this great opportunity.

Community Service

Many fans and friends of the university are unaware, but our student-athletes continually make appearances around the community to try and assist with reading programs, cleanup projects, fun days at elementary schools and help raise funds for very important causes throughout the community. So far this year we have seen basketball players attend the book reading program at Auburn Hills Library, numerous student-athletes from all 18 intercollegiate sports attended the Ebeling Elementary School Fun Day, along with the Delta Kelly Fun Run where our mascot Clawzz and several of the Dance Team members appeared. The administration is very proud of our student-athletes spending their free time making the community around Oakland University a better place.

Exciting Events on Campus

Hopefully everyone knows that we were chosen to host the NCAA Great Lakes Cross Country Regional Championships in November at Katke-Cousins Golf Course. This is the first time Oakland University will have a NCAA Cross Country Championship event taking place on its campus. We are very proud of Coach Paul Rice and Associate Director of Athletics Simon Dover and Stacy Mosely for getting this championship to our beautiful campus. I know that many teams, coaches, fans and parents will be impressed with our facilities here at Oakland.

We are also hosting the 2010 Summit League Men's Soccer Championship for the third straight year. We look forward to putting on another great championship for the league and hope to see a lot of Golden Grizzly fans at our games.

Please continue to send me your feedback whenever possible. While I cannot guarantee a personal response to every e-mail that we receive, please know that they will all be read, so I do encourage your participation in this process. Some of your questions/comments could become subjects for future issues of Grizzly Bites.

I also encourage you to share this letter with any OU fan or alumnus that may not have access to the internet. Our mission is to inform and engage as many Golden Grizzlies supporters as we possibly can.

I want to thank you for your continued support of Oakland University athletics as we move forward with our vision for excellence.