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## Oakland University remembers 9-11

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Oakland University has scheduled a number of events to allow the university community to remember the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States. The events range from a formal remembrance program and vigil to panel discussions reviewing homeland security and other events of the past year. Among the associated ancillary events are a blood drive sign-up and an OU Student Congress voter registration drive.

"We wanted to make the events associated with 9-11 very community oriented with representation from everyone on campus," said Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities. "I think everyone that day will be in a reflective mode. It doesn't seem like it's been a year since the terrorist attacks. Everyone will be thinking of where they were and what they were doing when the news came. The events we scheduled aren't mean to be morbid or sad, but to allow for reflection on how those events have impacted our lives and not only unified the country but also the Oakland University community."

President George W. Bush has designated Sept. 11 as "Patriot Day" as a means of remembering and honoring those who perished in the terrorist attacks. All Americans are encouraged to display the American flag at half-staff from their homes and to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. eastern daylight time.

On Sept. 11 at 8:50 a.m., OU student Caroline Cates will perform "Taps" on the steps of Kresge Library.

In addition, faculty in the Rhetoric Program and the Department of Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism have established a Web site titled "**The OU Community Deliberates: Perspectives on the Events of 9/11 and Beyond.**" The site is dedicated to promoting and publishing student and faculty work of all genres about the events of Sept. 11. To contribute to the collection or for more information, contact professor Margaret Willard-Traub at [willardt@oakland.edu](mailto:willardt@oakland.edu). Any submissions for the Web site should be sent as an e-mail attachment to the same address.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### Tuesday, Sept. 10

- 10 a.m.-6 p.m. – OU Student Congress Voter Registration Drive. The drive will be held outdoors between North and South Foundation halls.
- Noon-1 p.m. – Panel Discussion: "The Year in Retrospect." The panel will review the events and emotions of the past year. Panelists include Jane Briggs-Bunting, Department of Rhetoric, Communications and Journalism; Pete Trumbore, Department of Political Science; and others to be named. The discussion will be held in the Heritage Room of the Oakland Center.

#### Wednesday, Sept. 11

- 8:50 a.m. – OU student Caroline Cates will perform "Taps" on the steps of Kresge Library.
- 10 a.m.-6 p.m. – OU Student Congress Voter Registration Drive. The drive will be held outdoors between North and South Foundation halls.
- Noon-1 p.m. – 9-11 Remembrance. This program, to be held in the Oakland Center Fireside Lounge, will allow for reflection on the past year and an opportunity to honor those who died in the terrorist attacks. OU community representatives include Virinder Moudgil, interim vice president for academic affairs and provost; Ann Nicholson, chair of the OU Board of Trustees; Brian Tomina, OU student body president; Joel Russell, AAUP/OU faculty member; Bela Chopp, AP/IC representative; Nan Gelman, OU police officer; Susan Russell, MEA/clerical-technical representative; and Ray Wilcox, MEA/custodial-maintenance representative. The emcee will be Jude Nixon, director of the Honors College.
- Noon-1 p.m. – Blood Drive Kick-Off. Everyone may sign-up for OU's Fall Blood Drive at the 20/20 Information Center in

the Oakland Center. The drive is Oct. 14-15.

- 5 p.m. – 9-11 Reflections. The Campus Ministries Organizations United will sponsor a religiously oriented opportunity for reflection outdoors at the north side of O'Dowd Hall. The rain site is the Oakland Center Oakland Room.
- 10 p.m. – 9-11 Vigil. The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will sponsor a vigil in the Oakland Center Fireside Lounge.

#### **Thursday, Sept. 12**

- Noon-1 p.m. – Panel Discussion: "Homeland Security and OU Security: Are We Safe?" The panel will discuss safety measures in Oakland County and OU in the event of a terrorist attack. Panelists include Tim Melton, Oakland County commissioner; Mike Strum, Oakland County's Office of Emergency Preparedness; and Lieutenant Richard Tomczak, OU Police Department. The discussion is in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms.

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