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Honors College launches enhanced Web site

By **Jeff Samoray**, OU Web Writer

Oakland University recently launched a new **Honors College** Web site to give students and parents the information they need about this highly stimulating intellectual community of student scholars. Some of the information site visitors can obtain include admissions materials as well as downloadable application forms; Honors College curriculum; news and events; research and scholarship opportunities; issues of "Echo Cognitio," The Honors College newsletter; and more.

"Our current students have been using the new Web site quite a lot," said Professor of English and Honors College Director Jude Nixon. "OU faculty and the Honors College Council find it quite attractive and fascinating.

The site, which launched in late April, also has generated interest in The Honors College among incoming students.

"There has been at least one incoming freshman who saw our Web site and called us to make an appointment to come over and check us out," said Honors College Administrative Karen Conn, who helped Nixon create and organize content for the site. "It's been very informative for the students. Some of them didn't even realize that The Honors College has some scholarships available to them. Now they are able to get this information. I also think the site will make it easier for students, whether they're on campus or off, to get the particular forms they need."

Nixon said among the more exciting aspects of the site is the extensive information provided on Honors College faculty and individual courses.

"I specifically wanted to provide profiles on our faculty members and their contact information," Nixon said. "In addition to listing the course titles, I also wanted to provide course descriptions, which were previously available only by talking to the faculty member teaching the course or an Honors College secretary.

"The site is organized very well. We want to send a message to those outside the Oakland University community of what we're all about. Everything you need to know about The Honors College is there."

The Honors College is designed for highly motivated students seeking a rich, valuable and challenging undergraduate education. It offers a specially designed core of general education courses in art, literature, western civilization, international studies, social science, mathematics, logic, computer science, natural science and technology. Students can select courses of specific interest in different disciplines during their Honors College experience. Small classes that average 10 to 20 students allow for more interaction between the professor and other students in an intimate and intellectually friendly atmosphere.

For more information, visit **The Honors College** Web site, or contact them at (248) 370-4450.

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