

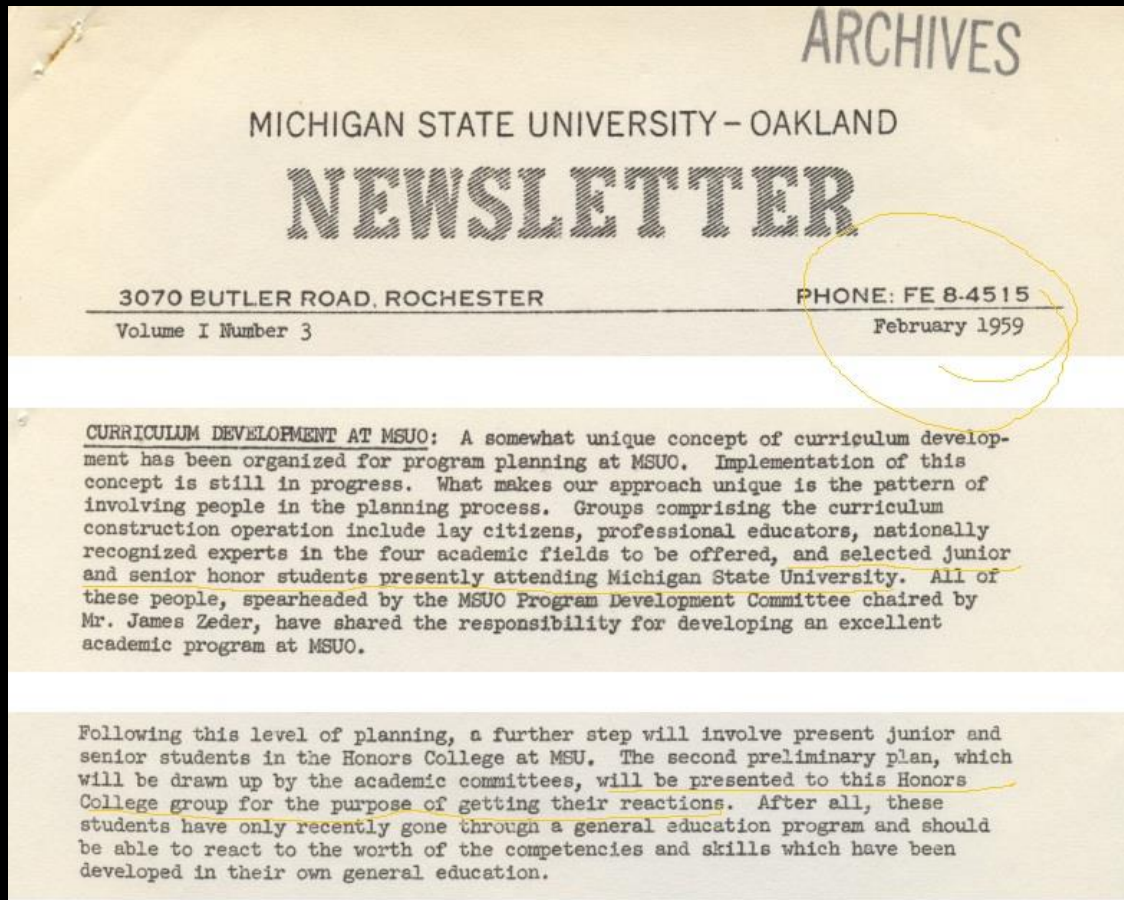
# The Honors College

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# Distinctive Beginnings

Our  
Oakland  
University  
Honors College  
– Founded 1977



60% of  
Honors  
Colleges were  
founded after  
1994

From 1959 to Foundation in 1977

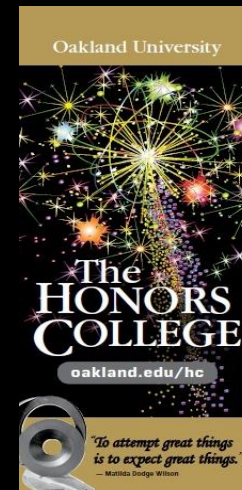
## Oakland University Honors College numbers

### Total numbers (number rounded down)

- Fall 2011 – 450
  - Fall 2012 – 600
  - Fall 2013 – 750
  - Fall 2014 – 950
  - **Fall 2015 – 1100 (current)**
- Est. min:*
- **Fall 2016 – 1400 (350 min. incoming freshmen)**

### Percentage of Incoming OU freshmen

- 2011 – 7.1%
- 2012 – 7.6%
- 2013 – 8.6%
- 2014 – 12.1%
- **2015 – 12.5%**



# Student Profile

- **Min. 3.7 GPA / 27 ACT**
- **40-45% of incoming HC freshmen are Presidential Scholars (i.e. GPA above 3.9 and ACT score above 31)**
- **Most are from Southeast Michigan. Most arrive from high school.**
- **Admission standards place OU's Honors College in the top band of national Honors College / Program admissions.**



# Who are our Oakland University Honors College students?

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COLLEGE

EXPLORE OUR  
SCHOLARSHIPS

DEAN'S  
WELCOME



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*Typical Honors College freshmen group today:*

30-35% - Pre-Medicine, Healthcare, Nursing

20-25% - Engineering and Computer Science

10-15% - other Sciences

10% - Business

5% - Social Sciences

3-5% - Humanities

3-5% - Arts (creative areas)

3-5% - Education and Human Services



In addition to their general degree work Honors College students. . .



## HC100 – “Making Discoveries”: Freshmen Colloquium

Fall Sophomore Imagination Lab  
10/24/2013, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

The Imagination Lab  
Mandatory Sophomore Project and Research Workshops

Every day we encounter possibilities for developing new knowledge or new creative opportunities and a great many of these possibilities and opportunities relate to our future careers, research or creative explorations and our current abilities to get the most out of the university and the university's considerable resources.

Sophomore  
“Imagination Lab”

- ❖ 3 x Honors College General Education courses or 2 x Honors College General Education courses *plus* 2 x honors advanced scholarship courses “in the Major”.
- ❖ 4 semesters of a foreign language / American Sign Language

## What Honors Colleges students do - 2

- ❖ The HC390 Research Preparation and Grant Writing Course
- ❖ A minimum of 10 hours community service per year
- ❖ Undertake and report Leadership roles on and off campus & organize and attend events
- ❖ Complete a major piece original piece of research / creativity activity mentored by faculty and others
- ❖ Maintain a 3.5 GPA or above (usually well above) for their entire time at Oakland University

The Michigan Center for Undergraduate Research (MCUR) supports and advances strong undergraduate research by nurturing innovative ideas, projects and collaborations. Housed in the Honors College, MCUR provides for undergraduate researchers across Oakland University by offering information and training, by promoting ingenuity and aspiration, and by helping develop projects and project funding plans.

LEADERSHIP STUDENT PROJECTS RESEARCH MENTORS RESOURCES

Photo-documentary of Syrian refugees

Exploring eye diseases in premature babies

Religious pilgrimage and New Age Spirituality

Cognitive psychology in young children

Causes of blindness

SCHOLARSHIP  
OPPORTUNITIES

Undergraduate Research



# Recent News

- Following a 4 year plan, we have a 32% increase in Honors College graduates in 2016 over 2015.
- Each year 95-97% of Oakland University Honors College graduates are now admitted to the graduate schools of choice.
- All are in the top 5% of graduates, nationally.



# Key Features - Program

- 100% of Oakland University Honors College students undertake research / many publish in prestigious journals before graduating.
- “Making Discoveries” HC freshmen colloquium is nationally unique in theme and approach.
- “Imagination Laboratory” - sophomore progression initiative.
- 100% receive research proposal and grant writing training.



Steven Wynne  
2014 Fulbright Winner



Hanna Trzeciakiewicz - 2014 Undergraduate  
Distinguished Achievement Award



Christina Root - a 2016 Keeper of the  
Dream award winner

# Local/State/National Leadership

Honors College  
is the home of:

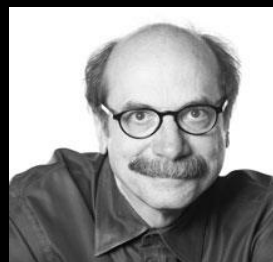


**HONORS** Institute

Honors College  
Honorary Esteemed  
Fellows include:



Nobel Prize winner, Jody Williams



CEO of IDEO, David Kelley



Billionaire, "Math for America"  
founder, Jim Simons

Annual "Shinola Ingenuity  
Awards" for students



Annual "Inspiration Awards"

Annual "Spirit of Discovery  
Awards"

*National Society for Minorities in Honors*

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NSFMIH inaugural  
conference site -  
March 2016

Annual "Murphy Creative  
Intersections" event

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