

OCC names honor graduates for summer 1997

Here is the list of honors graduates from Oakland Community College for the summer of 1997. The code: S for summa cum laude, M for magna cum laude and C for cum laude.

BEVERLY HILLS - Ruth Bramson (M), Paula Najera (C).

BIRMINGHAM - Archangel (M), Stephen Burrows (M), Tom Dallo (C), Michaelangelo Fortuna III (M), Elizabeth Gates (S), Elizabeth Greer (M), Lisa Martin Hirs (S), Michelle Tadian (M), William Westervelt (M), Paula Widmann (S), Mark Yates (C).

BLOOMFIELD - Kathleen Augat (M), Kristen Kelly (M), Miriam Cohen (M).

CLARKSTON - Kathryn Acciavatti (M), Patricia Armbruster (C), Lisa Bellairs (S), Kirk Blake (C), Diana Buck (S), Kelly Carpenter (C), Christopher Dempsey (C), Judith Hardy (S), Mark Horner (M), Andrew Howe (M), Andrew Howe (M), Suzanne Kowalski (C), Michael Kozlowski (C), Rena LaCroix (M), Maureen Labarge

(M), Edward Lipke (C), Dionne Mausolf (S), Tracey McHugh (C), Michael (C), Crystal Niemchak (M), Lynda Podzikowski (C), Torry Runell (M), Kathleen Uchman (S).

FARMINGTON - Jill Doak (M), Leonard Langford Jr. (S), Barbara Stelhorn (C).

FARMINGTON HILLS - Peter Ache (M), Anne Dyeinger (S), Danette Fischer (S), Mark Gallo (M), Ellen Karson (M), Michael Kelly (C), Ellen Kidder (S), Joann Leung (C), Angelina Mullins (C), Dennis Patterson (M), Lawrence Piggins (S), Tina Pink (C), Deborah Popp (C), Dulo Schaefer (S), Shirley Schmeltzer (M), Halina Strzeli-chowski (C), John Talbot (S), Dioniza Tath (S), David Witthrod (S), Ronald Asunto Jr. (S), Natalya Bushara (C), Gary Polan (S), Galia Avramova (M), Rama Devi (C), Stephanie Oyler (M), Stephen Russell (C).

LAKE ORION - Joseph Bee-man (S), Eldon Dobring (S), Joni Eldred (S), Elizabeth Golecki (M), Paul Honkanen (C), Tammy Phillips (C), Carole Stout (S),

Andra Wojtaszek (M).

LATHRUP VILLAGE - Shelli Larsen (M), Lynette Merchant (C).

OAKLAND TOWNSHIP - Lori Markowski (C), Martin Rosalik (M).

ORCHARD LAKE - Nicole Gekoway (S).

ORION TOWNSHIP - Kenneth Canavan (S), Christine Platt (S), Paul Raona (C), Laurie Duffie (C).

OXFORD - Dawn Lynn (C), Bobby Mays II (C), Heather Rickwalt (C), Paul Smith (C), Genevieve Wandrie (S).

ROCHESTER - Charles Barrett (S), Connie Cecil (S), Craig Dabrowski (C), Gregory Fullmer (C), Shonna Norton (C), Aruna Ruwala (C), Molly Ryder (C), Saad Shalabi (S).

ROCHESTER HILLS - James

Boniface, Kara Canton (M), Robert Eldridge (M), Emanuela Ghitas (C), Joanne Rice (S), Irene Anderson (C), Kathleen Andrews (S), Carol Auer (C), Eric Blitchock (M), Robin Bridges (S), Raymond Cee II (M), Joseph Chopeki (M), Michael Crum (S), Eric Cramer (M), Kathleen Kasper (S), Roxanne Kesselman (C), William Kidder (S), Sharon Koster (M), Charles Lauffe (S), Patricia Loeys (S), Terri McCammon (M), Pamela Price (S), Stephen Rakowicz (M), Steve Rose (C), Ben Spencer (M), Patricia West (M).

SOUTHFIELD - Josephine Canete, Paul Christie Aron Canete (C), Terry Havens (C), Karen Hering (S), Beverly Hords (S), Mary Jo Johnson (S), Carolyn Jones (S), Edward Liver-ance (C), Yevgeniya Margolina

(C), Joseph Mauney (C), Rae Peterson (M), Galina Petlak (C), Alvina Phillips (C), Joshua Silverstein (C), Rebecca Simon (C), Malgorzata Stobbe (S), Lav-erno Terry (S).

TROY - Aleksandra And-jekovic (S), Mario Angelucki (M), Andrew Bellantini (C), Timothy Bammel (S), Sharon Benfield (S), Fernando Betan-court (C), Rodney Bovensiepe (C), Elizabeth Broski (C), Donna Brown (S), Beverly Dixon (S), Margaret Duffy (S), Russell Fisher (C), Susan Fisher (S), Carol Fournier (S), Beverly Goodwin (M), Suzanne Hammer (M), Cary Heckman (M), Geri Humphrey (S).

Kevin Kaufka (C), Sondra Kelly (M), Brian Kulez (M), Salmun Malik (M), Joyce Markle (S), Amy Martin (M), Deborah

Nash (M), Renee Ponichter (C), Nabeda Rafiq (C), Patricia Rich (S), Liviu Ruz (M), Michael Sam-ple (C), Kathryn Seckel (C), Uma Senthil (C), Benjamin Spitzer (M), Sharon Storrs (S), Erika

Walter (S), Weili Wang (M), Cara West (C), Ann White (C).

WEST BLOOMFIELD - Dalia Berkovitz (S), Patricia Canner (C), Linda Darga (S), Margaret Diskin (M), Tania Kaznecki (M), Victoria Martines (C), Theresa Nagarah (C), Brian Roethel (C), Susan Rosati (S).

Barbara Cechanowicz (S), Ranay Conlon (C), Michiko Denawa (M), Mary Dowdle (M), Regina Dunham (C), Athra Geor-gie (C), Sunshino Greshover (C), Elizabeth Renner (M), John Rutledge (M), Lora Stern (S), Mary Swar (S), Diane Zimmer-man (C).

OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the past week.

BIRMINGHAM

Block school schedule: Students at Birmingham Senior High School this year will attend 90-minute classes twice a week, rather than always bouncing from one 50-minute class to another. The administration hopes the change will increase teaching and learning opportuni-ties at the school.

Playhouse anniversary: Reconstruction of The Village Players theater in downtown Birmingham is nearing comple-tion. The nation's oldest, all-vol-unteer theater group is preparing for its 75th anniversary.

CLARKSTON

Teen center nears opening: The Mt. Zion teen center, to be called the Clarkston Christian Association, should be open by mid-September. The center will offer such programs as after-school care and entertainment for middle-school-aged children.

FARMINGTON

Blood drive honors victim: An upcoming American Red Cross blood drive will honor Melissa Garr, 16, of Farmington Hills, who is recovering at the University of Michigan Medical Center from a head injury. The drive is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 2 at the Farmington Hills Fire Department head-quarters at 11 Mile and Orchard Lake roads. To make a donation appointment, call (248) 426-4400.

LAKE ORION

Leash dog camp: The public is invited to attend a free presentation to learn about raising puppies for the Leash Dog Program at 2 p.m. Sept. 13 at Addison Oaks County Park on West Romeo Road. Call (810) 732-6687 or (248) 693-2432.

NOVI

Festival features aerials: The ninth annual Northville Victorian Festival, set for Sept. 12-14, will feature the aerial artistry of the famous Great Wallenda family. A parade will

kick off the three-day street party at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 12. For information, call (810) 349-7640.

OXFORD

Golf course approved: Officials in Oxford Township rezoned property to allow for a golf course in a 170-acre home development, the Paint Creek Country Club, in southwest Oxford Township.

ROCHESTER

Break-in arrest: The Oak-land County Sheriff's Department said they plan to charge a 29-year-old man who was arrested on Aug. 22 with committing 11 robberies in Rochester Hills and Auburn Hills.

Librarian honored: Christine Lind Hage, director of the Rochester Hills Public Library, was recently named the Michigan Librarian of the Year for 1997 by the Michigan Library Association.

SOUTHFIELD

Break-ins being investigat-ed: Southfield Police are investigating two home break-ins, in which intruders bound residents with telephone cords as they robbed their dwellings. Police have called the incidents unrelated.

TROY

Casino bid lost: The Detroit casino proposal with which Troy business woman Irma Elder was affiliated was among the four bids Mayor Dennis Archer cut from consideration on Aug. 22.

Second city golf course: Plans are afoot for a second municipal golf course in Troy. Land for the project will probably come from both the city and the school district.

WEST BLOOMFIELD

Rash of car break-ins: A thief or thieves smashed in the windows of and robbed 15 cars sometime the night of Aug. 20 or the early morning of Aug. 21. An assortment of items, mostly cellular phones, were stolen from the vehicles during the rash of break-ins in the southeast corner of West Bloomfield Township. Police have no suspects.

— Compiled by staff writer Nicole Stafford



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Medicare Blue Educational Seminars

Troy
Wednesday, August 27
Wednesday, September 10
at Bill Knapp's
2078 E. Big Beaver Rd.
9:30 a.m.

Rochester Hills
Wednesday, August 27
Wednesday, September 10
at Bill Knapp's
3010 Walton Blvd.
2 p.m.

Bloomfield
Thursday, August 28
at Bill Knapp's
3900 Telegraph Rd.
2 p.m.

Livonia
Wednesday, September 3
at Bill Knapp's
16995 S. Laurel Park Dr.
9:30 a.m.

South Livonia
Wednesday, September 3
at Bill Knapp's
32955 Plymouth Rd.
2 p.m.

Farmington Hills
Thursday, September 4
at Bill Knapp's
36650 Grand River Ave.
9:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 4
27925 Orchard Lake Rd.
2 p.m.

Hispanics get counseling

The Oakland County Community Mental Health program's El Centro "La Familia" will be expanding its services for Oakland County's Hispanic population to include outpatient substance abuse counseling. El Centro was recently awarded a substance abuse outpatient treatment license from the State of Michigan, which allows it to fully serve consumers with a dual diagnosis of mental illness and substance abuse.

El Centro was established in 1985 to provide bilingual, bicultural, ethnic-sensitive mental health services to Oakland County's Hispanic Community. El Centro has been working with Oakland Family Services to provide substance abuse counseling. Based on the success of this arrangement, the state awarded El Centro a standard substance treatment license, rather than the restricted license that is typically awarded first to an agency. The license allows El Centro to establish an in-house Dual Diag-

nosis Program, making it the first and only program in the country to offer outpatient substance abuse treatment to the Hispanic population.

Being able to provide in-house substance abuse treatment will significantly enhance El Centro's mission to provide services of the highest quality, says director Sonia Acosta, as many members of the Hispanic community in need of mental health services are best assisted in a culturally sensitive, bilingual environment. It comes down to an issue of trust, Acosta added.

"Our clients know El Centro and they trust everyone here," she explained. "So when they have a problem with mental health or substance abuse, they feel more comfortable asking for assistance from us." El Centro's Dual Diagnosis Program will include group, individual and family counseling sessions. For more information, contact El Centro at (248) 868-6320.

