



Twelve-year-old Brian Fuller of Farmington Hills emulates his instructor, Bernadine Vida of Redford Township, during a theatre class rehearsal at OCC. At left, is Michael Kwapisz, 10, and Leilani Bartels, 11, also of Farmington Hills. The theatre class is part of OCC's Summer Arts & Sciences Program for kids.

Summer fun

Oakland Community College offers plenty of classes for youngsters

By Casey Hanes
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SOME KIDS get excited about building rockets and doing experiments.

Others prefer to reach for the stars on stage, learn about radio broadcasting or mold their dreams into works of clay.

With these interests, Oakland Community College's Summer Arts & Sciences program, which started in mid-June and runs through August, offers students from age 10 through high school a chance to enrich their learning and fun. Three, three-week sessions are being held throughout the summer months, and kids can sign up for one or all of them.

Some people call the OCC program "summer camp," although its meant to be more academically enriching. This year, the program has expanded to nine weeks, with several new offerings.

"We're the only one doing it, so we get kids from all over," explained Matt Watroba, a Plymouth-Canton high school teacher and musician who is working as an assistant coordinator for the summer program being held at OCC's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

WATROBA SAID most of the kids come from Oakland County and the northern fringes of Wayne County. "I think it's got a lot of community appeal," he added.

About 60 students have signed up for the first session, and more are enrolled for future sessions, said Tom Williams, also an assistant coordinator who has been with the OCC summer program since its inception seven years ago.

Watroba said many of the students sign up for classes with friends, and carpool daily.

Classes range from recreation and sports activities like soccer and swimming to indoor activities like cartooning, origami, radio broadcasting and photography.

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Students can also sign up for classes in magic, aquatic biology, calligraphy, and other areas.

Fees run about \$80 per class, or \$200 for a specialized "track" of classes that include leadership skills for all ages, science, art communication/media, and the performing arts.

The "Tracks" program is new this year and is designed to immerse a child in a subject.

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Ten-year-old sports fan Jeremy Hines of Southfield takes on an artistic bent this summer, working with clay as part of OCC's Summer Arts & Sciences Program. The program runs through August.

classwork during the coming school year. The idea is to be proactive to teaching kids, instead of taking a remedial approach.

"I'm just doing it for any positive stimulation in mathematics," she added.

"OCC is also hosting instructional sports camps again this summer, including basketball, baton, softball, tennis, soccer, pompon/cheerleading and gymnastics.

For more information about the youth summer program at OCC, call 471-7596.

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police/fire calls

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THEFTS REPORTED

Approximately \$250 cash was reported stolen from Cafe Marie, 21200 Haggerty, June 25-26.

A 1991 Dodge valued at \$12,000 was reported stolen from Glencairn, June 25-26.

A radar detector and golf clubs valued at \$1,105 were reported stolen from a 1987 Pontiac parked at Indian Creek Apartments on Nine Mile, June 25-26.

An AM/FM cassette player, amplifier, speaker and auto hatch top valued at \$3,000 were reported stolen from a 1988 Suzuki on Sky Drive, June 26.

A radar detector, tape recorder, briefcase, calculator and watch valued at \$885 were reported stolen from a 1987 Toyota at the Indian Creek Apartments on Nine Mile, June 25-26.

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An AM/FM cassette player, amplifier, speaker and auto hatch top valued at \$3,000 were reported stolen from a 1988 Suzuki on Sky Drive, June 26.

A radar detector, tape recorder, briefcase, calculator and watch valued at \$2,460 were reported stolen from a 1991 Ford on Pillsbury, June 26.

A car phone valued at \$300 was reported stolen from a 1990 Ford on

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