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schools is the Call to Action Coalition, which unites community sectors to broaden drug and violence prevention initiatives.

The coalition and the Farmington Public Schools cosponsored a community-wide forum entitled, "Drugs Kill. Are You Listening? Break the Silence." Wednesday night at Farmington High School.

The evening presented a dialogue about recognizing the signs and symptoms of chemical use and abuse, strategies to break the cycle of denial, and more.

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Estralee Michaelson describes one of the hardest parts of the project, blending the school and law enforcement cultures.

Oakland Community College offers holiday performances

Oakland Community College's "Just for You" entertainment series presents the Michigan Opera Theatre on Friday, Dec. 6 at the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

Featuring Broadway music, holiday rhythms and patriotic airs by a quartet of talented professional artists, the show presents hits ranging from the works of Rogers and Hammerstein to Cole Porter and Andrew Lloyd-Webber.

The program begins at 8 p.m. in the campus' Smith Theatre. Admission is \$15 and tickets may be purchased at the Orchard Ridge Campus bookstore.

For more information, call (248) 544-3422.

The Orchard Ridge Campus is located at 27035 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696. "A Storybook Holiday," a

one-hour program of live readings of holiday stories and poems will be presented by Oakland Community College faculty, staff and students at the Auburn Hills Campus on Thursday, Dec. 12.

Selections include O. Henry's short story *The Gift of the Magi*, the classic turn-of-the-century newspaper column *Yes Virginia - There is a Santa Claus* by Charles Dana; Eric Kimmel's *Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins*; and *Seven Spools of Thread*, a Kwanzaa story by Angela Shelf Medearis.

The event begins at 7 p.m. in Building F, Room 123. Admission is \$5, and an after-glow featuring a dessert table of pies, cider and hot chocolate follows the performance.

Proceeds from "A Storybook Holiday" benefit OCC's Pontiac Summer Program.

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