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OCC Faculty:

Dr. Cathey Maze and I are happy to announce Oakland Community College is developing a college-wide honors program to provide selected students with more challenging educational experiences to enhance their learning and academic success. This is a very exciting initiative and will require faculty involvement and support at all OCC campuses.

I have taken the initial steps of: (1) previewing approximately 25 honors programs at community colleges throughout the U.S.; (2) joining the National Collegiate Honors Council (the affiliate organization for college honors programs); and (3) making contact with several Michigan community colleges with long-standing honors programs regarding their best practices.

As you can imagine, significant decisions must be made for this initiative to become a reality. We will need to establish criteria for student participation, determine program scope and organization, and decide how to meet curricular needs. Faculty participation from the outset will be essential.

If you are interested in helping to create a more rigorous and challenging educational environment for ambitious OCC students, please send me an email (sjreif@oaklandcc.edu) or contact me at (248) 233-2800 at your earliest convenience. Thanks for your consideration.

Steve Reif