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## TEDxOaklandUniversity speakers selected for Oct. 23 event

The speakers have been finalized and tickets are now on sale for Oakland University's second TEDxOaklandUniversity event scheduled for Oct. 23 at the sports O'rena on campus.

TEDxOaklandUniversity 2015 will feature more than a dozen of the best and brightest minds sharing their passion, wisdom and innovations.

This year's speakers come from diverse backgrounds and perspectives. They include corporate business leaders, entrepreneurs, dancers and musicians, physicians and attorneys, college professors and motivational speakers who will each be permitted between three to 18 minutes for their talk.

See complete speaker list here:

<http://tedxoaklanduniversity.com/speakers/>

In the spirit of spreading ideas, spurring dialogue and sharing knowledge, this year's TEDxOaklandUniversity theme is "Aspire to Rise." The theme echoes the philosophy of OU founder Matilda Dodge Wilson, who envisioned Oakland to be a place of intellectual engagement.

"Matilda Dodge Wilson used these words of Andrew Carnegie at Oakland University's groundbreaking when she donated the land needed to found our institution," said Laura Dinsmoor, TEDxOaklandUniversity leader and associate director for outreach for OU's School of Engineering and Computer Science. "Since this time, Oakland has continued to provide an environment for academic curiosity and research to thrive."

Dinsmoor describes TEDx events as "one-of-a-kind ways to share ideas, inspire wonder, and bring the community together to celebrate innovation and provoke the imagination." She added that this year's TEDx Oakland University speakers were chosen through a curated process that took into consideration ideas, speaker styles, and the flow of the event.

Oakland University is partnering with Oakland County for this year's conference.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said, "Partnering with Oakland University to host a TEDx event demonstrates our commitment to being one of the top high-tech regions of the country."

Launched in 1984, TED stands for Technology, Entertainment and Design and has hosted conferences around the world. TEDx events are independently organized to promote intellectual exchange on a community level.

For more information and **tickets**, visit [tedxoaklanduniversity.com](http://tedxoaklanduniversity.com) or email [tedxoaklandu@gmail.com](mailto:tedxoaklandu@gmail.com).

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