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## Forbes lists Oakland University among top tier of Michigan colleges

The 2016 Forbes magazine rankings of **America's Top Colleges** is out and Oakland University holds a strong presence on this year's list. The honor is based on total return on investment for students graduating from colleges and universities.

Oakland is the top ranked school from Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties on the list and ranks fourth among all Michigan public universities. When you add together Michigan schools public and private, Oakland remains in the top 10.

"This year's ranking list reassures me that we are steadily moving in the right direction towards our mission to be recognized among the top Michigan universities," said **George W. Hynd**, Oakland University president. "We are a public, doctoral research institution with a global perspective, and as a metropolitan university, we engage students in distinctive educational experiences that connect them to the unique and diverse opportunities within our region and beyond."

The Forbes magazine **website** reports using data from the Department of Education, along with [payscale.com](http://payscale.com) and the America's Leaders List to compile the rankings on the top 660 schools. They rated each school on post-graduate success, student debt, student satisfaction, graduation rate and academic success.

Oakland's full rankings include:

- **#1** among colleges and universities in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties
- **#4** among public universities in Michigan
- **#9** overall in **Michigan**
- **#122** in the Midwest Universities category
- **#176** in Public Colleges in the U.S.
- **#196** in Research Universities in the U.S.

About Oakland University:

Established in 1957, Oakland University is a public, doctoral research university located on nearly 1,500 acres of scenic land in the Cities of Rochester Hills and Auburn Hills in Oakland County, Michigan. The school also has Macomb County locations in Mt. Clemens and Clinton Township. Students can choose from 133 undergraduate degree programs and 136 graduate and certificate options. Academics include programs in the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business Administration, School of Education and Human Services, School of Engineering and Computer Science, School of Health Sciences, School of Medicine and School of Nursing. Outside of the classroom, students can get involved in more than 300 clubs including 17 Greek organizations. The Oakland Golden Grizzlies athletic teams compete in the NCAA Division I Horizon League. The campus is home to the historic Meadow Brook Hall and Meadow Brook Theatre, Michigan's largest professional theatre.



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