

**Oakland University Credit Union Building Dedication
February 24**

- Thank you to the Oakland University Credit Union for welcoming me and the OU community to this truly historic occasion – the dedication of the OUCU regional office building.
- Congratulations to April Clobes and the OUCU leadership team.
- Your accomplishments, today and over the years, have benefited many Oakland University students, faculty and staff that you serve through your timely and innovative financial services and products.
- This beautiful regional office building is a few blocks from our campus. I think many of us would agree that there is a bridge, perhaps undetectable to the eye, that connects our history, mission and values.
- That bridge is our enduring partnership.
- The foundation of credit unions is built on the principle that a union of members can achieve a better standard of living

by being part of community that pools together their savings and makes loans affordable to its neighbors and co-workers.

- It's a model of democracy and an exemplary relationship of people working together for the common good.
- In many ways, it's the ideal that we strive to accomplish at Oakland University.
- We, too, work tirelessly, inspired by the principle that through higher education, people can raise their standard of living.
 - And we, too, are dedicated to providing opportunities and fostering diversity, equity and inclusion, as we work for the common good.
- Today, we congratulate OU Credit Union on your success, and your dedication to a truly democratic principle at the heart of your mission.
- Oakland University is deeply appreciative of the services you provide to our students, faculty and staff along with the work you've done in financial literacy and providing student internships.

- May our partnership continue to draw inspiration from the people we serve.
- Thank you.