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**Rochester Hills gets Economic Boost
Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine**

Rochester Hills, MI – After much anticipation, Oakland University has successfully received the preliminary accreditation for the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, allowing the University to officially welcome the first class of medical students beginning fall 2011.

“I personally would like to congratulate Gary Russi, President of Oakland University, and Dr. Robert Folberg, founding dean of the medical school, for their commitment to our community and to providing a world-class educational institution that will enrich our community for decades to come,” states Mayor Bryan Barnett.

Along with new medical education opportunities for students, the school will help to create jobs and infuse the region’s economy with an estimated \$1 billion in local economic impact. It will also enhance medical care throughout the region by ensuring a future supply of physicians, advancing medical research and attracting top-level medical leaders and students from around the country.

“Receiving accreditation further proves that we have the highest caliber of leader’s and visionaries’ working to form partnerships that will benefit our entire region for years to come,” states Barnett, “This is a game changer.”

For more information regarding the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine please visit www.oakland.edu/medicine.

Established in 1984 the City of Rochester Hills offers a complete and diverse community. Recently voted one of the top 100 best places to live (2009) the City of Rochester Hills is committed to being the preeminent place to live, work and raise a family.

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