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**THE ROCHESTER REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TOGETHER WITH OAKLAND UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES A YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GROUP**

Rochester, MI – The Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce and Oakland University announced today that they are creating a Young Professionals of Rochester Committee.

The Young Professionals of Rochester (YPR) will consist of chamber members who are under 40 years of age or businesses that have been operating for less than five years. There will be five divisions of YPR including -

- Professional Development
- Social Networking
- Mentoring Programs
- Special Events
- Civic/Philanthropy

Anyone young person in the greater Rochester area is welcome to join. Participants must be a chamber member in good standing. Business membership rates vary and student membership in the chamber is available for \$50 annually and not only includes access to YPR but also the many benefits membership in the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce has to provide.

The YPR chairman, Leonard Magro says “The YPR is a great opportunity for 'young' businesses and professionals alike. Our aim is to provide young talent in our region the support-network to grow in what they have started by developing synergies amongst lively, gifted, like-minded people; and the support of successful, established local leaders who have been there and done that.”

The Mission of the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce is to provide leadership by advancing business development in partnership with civic, cultural and educational interests for the benefit of Rochester, Rochester Hills and Oakland Township. Founded in 1955, the RRCC is the principal voice of the Rochester business community, focused on fostering a favorable climate and promoting orderly and progressive development for this region. According to a study conducted by Money Magazine and CNN/Money, The Rochester Area was recently named as one of the best places to live in the nation. Rochester and the immediate surrounding area ranked 39th among 100 communities.

Celebrating 50 years of innovation and opportunity, Oakland University is recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as one of the nation’s 82 doctoral/research universities. The university is dedicated to delivering a distinctive undergraduate experience complemented by the strength of its graduate offerings and research accomplishments. Oakland offers 115 bachelor’s degree programs and 90 graduate degree and certificate programs.

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