

Transcription: First Year Experience Video

00:03	Whether you are a student just out of
00:05	high school or an adult returning to
00:07	school after many years away, it's normal
00:09	to feel intimidated.
00:10	That's why Oakton Community College
00:12	developed a first-year experience
00:14	program that provides new students
00:16	special courses and initiatives
00:17	specifically tailored to enhance their
00:19	academic and social integration into
00:22	college through the use of a common
00:23	theme each year. "A first-year experience
00:26	can be very beneficial for new students
00:29	who are not familiar with the college
00:32	experience." "The first-year experience is
00:34	representing our desire that every
00:37	student that comes to our environment
00:40	has a place and a space that they feel
00:43	connected to." "They learn to use our
00:46	Resources, learn to know who to go to to get
00:50	help, learn how to grow academically...
00:52	really get the lay of the land and
00:55	hopefully persist
00:57	and complete their goal." "We always want
01:00	to make sure that students are seeing
01:02	the connection with what they're
01:04	Learning--what they're engaged in--with
01:06	our ability to provide experiences
01:08	outside of the classroom that are
01:10	complimentary and help them kind of
01:12	connect the dots. I think it's really
01:13	important." This is the first year experience
01:15	at Oakton... engaging students in critical
01:18	thinking, problem-solving, and becoming
01:20	global citizens. "Arranging our first year
01:23	experience thematically will help build
01:26	a cohesiveness for students that really
01:28	does prepare them for their success here
01:30	and then for when they go on to the next
01:32	Level." "We want to make sure you have a
01:34	quality educational experience that is
01:37	markedly Oakton's, and so that's a big
01:39	reason for
01:41	the first-year experience.
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