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## **Olivet College awarded DaimlerChrysler Minority Retention grant**

OLIVET, Mich. – Olivet College recently received a \$10,000 grant from DaimlerChrysler to implement an academic advising and counseling program. Entitled the “Early Warning System,” the program is for freshman or transfer minority students who may be deemed at-risk due to their high school grade point average and SAT/ACT scores.

The program involves early identification of at-risk students to inform them about the support services available at the college’s Comet Learning and Student Success (C.L.A.S.S.) Center. The early warning system also involves having students meet every two weeks with an academic counselor to review their academic progress and sending progress reports to their course instructors.

The system was implemented in 2005 with the help of a DaimlerChrysler grant to help identify and support at-risk minority students who were new to Olivet. Due to its success, Olivet has institutionalized the program and it has been extended to all at-risk and probationary students.

The grant was coordinated by the Michigan Colleges Foundation (MCF). The MCF was incorporated in 1949 to solicit financial support from the private sector on behalf of independent, four-year, liberal arts colleges in Michigan. Each of the 14 participating institutions are accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

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Established in 1844, Olivet College is a private, liberal arts institution located in south central Michigan. The college remains dedicated to its vision of *Education for Individual and Social Responsibility* by providing a quality higher education to all, regardless of gender, race or financial means. The college is home to more than 1,000 students, who study under *The Olivet Plan*. In this unique educational experience, students engage in both curricular and co-curricular programs that combine real world experiences with lectures and service learning.