Louay M. Chamra, Ph.D.

Louay M. Chamra, Ph.D., is Dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science at Oakland University. He is responsible for shaping academic priorities and programs, attracting and supporting outstanding faculty, recruiting undergraduate and graduate students, and providing global education for students. He oversees the development of collaborations with industry through research initiatives, technology transfer and commercialization.

Dr. Chamra spearheaded the construction of a brand new state-of-the-art $75 million engineering center. He promotes a diverse and enriching culture within the School of Engineering. Dr. Chamra leads an ambitious strategic plan, which resulted in increased student enrollment, faculty, and student advisors. Additionally, female student enrollment has more than doubled in the last five years increasing from 8 percent to 17 percent in Engineering and Computer Science.

Dr. Chamra was featured in DBusiness journal "The Faces of Detroit" recognizing the School of Engineering and Computer Science for their efforts to advance the economic strength of Southeast Michigan and to grow businesses, accelerate innovation, and prepare tomorrow's leaders through leveraging resources and building relationships. He is a strong advocate of the community, and he believes that higher education should contribute to the prosperity of the communities it serves. He is a member of the Auburn Hills Chamber of Commerce, Engineering Society of Detroit, and the Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society. He initiated robust outreach opportunities that encourage young children of all backgrounds to pursue college study in the STEM fields.

Dr. Chamra has been deeply involved in teaching, research, and service activities focused on the enhancement of engineering education. Throughout his career, he received numerous awards such as the Pi Tau Sigma award, which recognizes excellence in higher education. He has also been recognized for outstanding leadership and contribution to promoting diversity in higher education. Additionally, Dr. Chamra received the 2013 Oakland University International Service Award for his efforts to recruit international students.