

## *Oakland University Chooses Hitachi For Interactive Distance Learning Solution*

### *Rochester, Michigan –*

As Oakland University approached its 50th anniversary, the sprawling 1,440-acre university invested heavily in technology improvements to secure its students success for the 21st century. To this end, the university installed 28 Hitachi StarBoard T-17SXL interactive LCD display panels in preparation for the Fall 2006 semester. Prior to this installation, the university had already purchased over 100 Hitachi StarBoards, with successful results. The 28 additional T-17SXL StarBoards are integrated into presenter workstations across the campus for both onsite and distance learning instruction.

The pen-driven 17-inch LCD panel with SXGA resolution allows faculty professors' to directly face their classroom, annotate lecture notes and control applications while having the professor's desktop projected onto any size screen, the Hitachi T-17SXL features eight customizable function buttons, RGB output and a pen with full mouse function capabilities.

"When we decided to upgrade the additional classrooms and labs with new workstations...

*...we looked at several brands and models, ultimately deciding on the Hitachi T-17SXL because of its flexibility and design,"*

explained George Preisinger, Classroom Support & Instructional Technical Services Department at Oakland University.

### *Connecting Remote Learners –*

The Hitachi StarBoard Software offers a range of interactive tools such as digital ink that can be written on top of presentations in any format including Word, Excel, PowerPoint and more. The software also allows conferencing of up to 50 StarBoard systems, providing valuable distance learning capabilities in today's global environment.

*"More and more, like all universities and colleges, we're finding the benefits of distance learning and web-based instruction,"*

commented Mr. Preisinger. "And even the more traditional 'attended' courses commonly feature a web-based supplement with quizzes and course notes online. It is a great benefit for our students to have the teacher's handwritten notes on top of the original documentation."

### *Flexible Design –*



The eight hardware function buttons located along the top edge of the T-17SXL unit provide quick and easy access to the panel's most

frequently used features – a design aspect quite appealing to Mr. Preisinger during the review process. "Having the controls at the top of the unit makes the presentation process easier for our teachers because they don't have to move paperwork out of the way or bend down to see the buttons clearly. The top-located buttons are not only clear, but also remain unobstructed during a presentation."

Classroom furniture provider Izzy Design, partnered with the University to develop a workstation solution to house the presentation technology. The units have been test run in several rooms during the summer semester, which wraps in mid-August. "The T-17SXL units have performed flawlessly thus far in setup and testing," said Mr. Preisinger. "We are looking forward to seeing them fully deployed this fall."

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