



Friday, December 6, 2002

Fall commencement set for Dec. 21

By **Jeff Samoray**, OU Web Writer

Oakland University's August and December graduates will be honored at **commencement** exercises Saturday, Dec. 21, in the OU Athletics Arena.

Candidates for graduation who completed an Application for Degree were mailed a commencement information packet that includes information on graduate arrival and line-up, guest tickets and seating, commencement attire, and information on purchasing graduation photographs and videotapes.

Commencement schedule:

- 9 a.m. – **School of Education and Human Services** (439 degree candidates); **School of Nursing** (16 degree candidates)
- 12:30 p.m. – **College of Arts and Sciences** (352 degree candidates); **School of Health Sciences** (57 degree candidates); **General Studies** (59 degree candidates)
- 4 p.m. – **School of Business Administration** (233 degree candidates); **School of Engineering and Computer Science** (200 degree candidates)

Diploma covers are handed out during the ceremony. Diplomas will be mailed to graduates about eight weeks after graduation along with a complimentary copy of their transcript. Diplomas will not be issued to any degree candidates who have outstanding financial obligations.

Ceremonies will feature the following speakers:

- 9 a.m. – Jane Duffy, B.S. human resource development; Kelly Forsyth, M.A. early childhood masters in education
- 12:30 p.m. – Terese Marie Holmes, B.A. English with honors and member of Sigma Tau Delta and the Golden Key International Honour Society. Joanne C. Gerstner, CAS 1993, B.A. Journalism, OU Alumni Representative.
- 4 p.m. – Eugene A. Miller, former chairman of the Oakland University Foundation Board of Directors and chairman and chief executive officer of Comerica Bank

Additional awards honoring students and two honorary degrees will be given at the 12:30 and 4 p.m. ceremonies.

Ashley Nancy McGee (B.A. sociology/anthropology) will receive the Undergraduate Distinguished Achievement Award, and Jennifer Joan Decker (B.A. journalism) will receive the College of Arts and Sciences Meritorious Achievement Award at the 12:30 p.m. ceremony.

Former Michigan Governor William G. Milliken will be awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree at the 12:30 p.m. ceremony. This honor is based on his contributions to the State of Michigan serving as lieutenant governor, as a member of the State Senate and as the longest serving governor in Michigan's history (1969-82). Milliken appointed all eight of the original members of OU's Board of Trustees and established a pattern of distinguished individuals without political patronage.

Eugene A. Miller, former chairman of the Oakland University Foundation Board of Directors and current chairman and chief executive officer of Comerica Bank will be awarded an honorary doctor of humanities degree based on his exemplary leadership in business and public service.

In case of inclement weather, please call the university at (248) 370-2000 or tune in to WJR, WWJ, WXYT, WYUR, WOMC or WNIC radio or watch FOX 2, WDIV-TV, WXYZ-TV, UPN 50 or 62 CBS for information on ceremony cancellation.

For more information on commencement ceremonies, visit the **2002 Fall Commencement** Web site or call the Office of

Academic Affairs and Provost at (248) 370-2190.

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