



Friday, August 8, 2003

OU's Board of Trustees reappoint chair and vice chair

The Oakland University **Board of Trustees** recently reappointed Henry Baskin as chair and Penny Crissman as vice chair for a second one-year term.

"Henry Baskin has done an outstanding job as the chair of the Oakland University Board of Trustees," said Oakland University President Gary Russi. "His leadership, his ability to grasp complex issues, and his dedication to Oakland University students have been the hallmarks of his tenure as chair of the board. We're looking forward to another year of Henry's strong leadership as our board chair.

"Penny Crissman has likewise served with energy as our board co-chair. Her passion for Oakland University, and her commitment to our students has served the entire university community well. We look forward to another year of Penny's hard work in her role as board co-chair."

Baskin has served on the Board of Trustees for the past seven years. He was appointed to the board Aug. 14, 1996. His term expires Aug. 11, 2004. Crissman has served on the board for the past four years. She was appointed to the board Aug. 6, 1999, and was reappointed March 6, 2001. Her term expires Aug. 11, 2008.

Baskin is an attorney and principal of Henry Baskin, P.C., in Birmingham. He serves as chair of the Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission and is a commissioner of the State Bar of Michigan. He serves as co-chair of the State Bar Judicial Qualifications Committee, chair of the State Bar Judiciary Committee and chaired former Governor John Engler's Domestic Violence Task Force.

Baskin is the founder and member of the Michigan Chapter of the Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He is a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Family Law Section.

Crissman, a lifelong resident of Rochester, is the government relations director of Crittenton Hospital. She retired from the Michigan House of Representatives, where she served the 45th District from 1993-1998. Previously, she served as council member for the City of Rochester from 1985-1993 and mayor from 1989-1992. She rejoined the council in 1999. She has received a number of awards and tributes for her years of community and civic service.

Oakland University is a comprehensive state-supported institution located in Oakland County, Michigan. The university has 114 bachelor's degree programs and 72 graduate degree and certificate programs. Dedicated to delivering a distinctive undergraduate experience that is complemented by the strength of its graduate offerings and research accomplishments, Oakland University is organized into the College of Arts and Sciences and the Schools of Business Administration, Education and Human Services, Engineering and Computer Science, Health Sciences, Nursing and the Honors College. Visit Oakland University on the web at www.oakland.edu.

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