



Monday, August 11, 2003

Board of Trustees reappoint chair, 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 OU 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. He is the founder and member of the Michigan Chapter of the Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and 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.

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