



Friday, December 3, 2004

Fall commencement scheduled for Dec. 18

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Oakland University's August and December graduates will be honored at commencement exercises Saturday, Dec. 18, in the OU Athletics Arena.

A commencement packet containing important information may be downloaded from the **OU Commencement** Web site in either an Acrobat or Word format. The packet contains important information on graduate arrival and lineup, 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** (409 degree candidates), **School of Nursing** (17 degree candidates)

1 p.m. – **School of Business Administration** (253 degree candidates), **School of Engineering and Computer Science** (215 degree candidates)

5 p.m. – **College of Arts and Sciences** and **General Studies** (414 degree candidates), **School of Health Sciences** (83 degree candidates)

Each ceremony will be interpreted in American Sign Language for the hearing impaired.

Diploma covers are handed out during the ceremony. Diplomas will be mailed to graduates about eight weeks after graduation. Diplomas will not be issued to any degree candidates who have outstanding financial obligations.

Additional awards honoring students and an honorary degree also will be given. Lily S. Sloan (B.A. dance) will receive the Undergraduate Distinguished Achievement Award at the 5 p.m. ceremony. The College of Arts and Sciences Meritorious Achievement Award also will be given during the 5 p.m. ceremony to Elizabeth M. Pellerito (B.A. English).

Doris Eaton Travis, a supporter of OU's fine and performing art programs, will receive an honorary doctorate of humanities degree during the 5 p.m. ceremony.

At the age of 14, Travis began performing with the Ziegfeld Follies, which led to a distinguished film and stage career. Travis and her late husband, Paul, were social friends of Matilda and Alfred Wilson and frequently visited Meadow Brook Hall during their time living in Michigan. They established the Doris and Paul Travis Professor Program, which selects one OU faculty member from the Music, Theatre and Dance Department and Art and Art History Department for outstanding accomplishments in teaching, research and/or professional services to receive an annual salary supplement of \$5,000 and a faculty development fund of \$1,700. In 2003, Travis completed her memoirs, "The Days We Danced."

In case of inclement weather, call the university at (248) 370-2000 or tune in to WJR, WWJ or WXYT or watch FOX 2, WDIV-TV or WXYZ-TV for information on ceremony cancellation.

For more information on OU's commencement ceremonies, visit the **OU Commencement** Web site or call the Office of Academic Affairs and Provost at (248) 370-2190.

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