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Fall commencement scheduled for Dec. 20

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Oakland University's August and December graduates will be honored at commencement exercises Saturday, Dec. 20, 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 line-up, guest tickets and seating, commencement attire, and information on purchasing graduation photographs and videotapes.

Commencement Schedule:

9 a.m. – School of Business Administration (267 degree candidates), **School of Engineering and Computer Science** (244 degree candidates)

1 p.m. – College of Arts and Sciences (414 degree candidates), **School of Health Sciences** (32 degree candidates), **General Studies** (55 degree candidates)

5 p.m. – School of Education and Human Services (405 degree candidates), **School of Nursing** (36 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 along with a complimentary copy of their transcript. 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. Apurva Patel (B.S. engineering) and Emma Greig (B.S. biology) each will receive the Undergraduate Distinguished Achievement Award. Patel will receive her award at the 9 a.m. ceremony and Greig at the 1 p.m. ceremony.

Gordon England, secretary of the Navy, will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree at the 9 a.m. ceremony. This honor is based on his technical expertise and business acumen, which are highly respected in the defense community. He also is dedicated to promoting the arts and sciences of technology and enhancing a range of cultural and civic enterprises. England recently was nominated by President George W. Bush to serve as deputy secretary of the new Department of Homeland Security and previously was president of the General Dynamics Land Systems Division and executive vice president of General Dynamics Corporation, responsible for information systems and international affairs. While at Land Systems, England served on the Board of Advisers to Oakland University's School of Engineering and Computer Science and was instrumental in securing grants that expanded the school's research capacity.

In case of inclement weather, please 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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