# OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT



SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE



The motto of Oakland University, "Seguir Virtute E Canoscenza," which is incorporated in its seal, has a distinguished origin, Canto XXVI, 1. 120, of Dante's Inferno.

These are the final words of Ulysses' great speech to his men urging them to sail on and on in pursuit of knowledge and experience of the world—even beyond the pillars of Hercules, traditionally the frontier and limit of legitimate exploration.

This is the three-line stanza:

Considerate la vostra semenza Fatti non foste a viver come bruti Ma per seguir virtute e canoscenza

Consider your birth You were not made to live like brutes But to follow courage and knowledge

## SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

June 6, 1998 1:00 p.m.

Howard C. Baldwin Memorial Pavilion
Oakland University
Rochester, Michigan



### ORDER OF CEREMONY

Processional Richard E. Haskell, Marshal Hoda Abdel-Aty-Zohdy, Deputy Marshal Ronald Srodawa, Deputy Marshal

The audience is requested to stand and remain standing during the processional and the recessional.

#### Welcome

Michael P. Polis Dean, School of Engineering and Computer Science

#### **Trustee Welcome**

David J. Doyle Vice Chair, Board of Trustees

#### **Commencement Address**

J. T. Battenberg III
President, Delphi Automotive Systems

Presentation of John D. and Dortha J. Withrow

**Teaching Excellence Award** 

Presentation of Honors

Presentation of Special Awards

**Presentation of Graduates for Degrees** 

#### **Awarding of Degrees**

Dagmar R. Cronn Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

#### Salutation

John Patrick Srodawa Graduating Senior

#### ALUMNI WELCOME

Christopher Van Dan Elzen, M.S. '96
Product Engineer, Automotive Distance Control

#### VALEDICTION

Dagmar R. Cronn

#### RECESSIONAL.

Richard E. Haskell

#### RECEPTION

The Oakland University Alumni Association cordially invites graduates, guests, and members of the faculty and staff to the reception immediately following the ceremony in the Oakland Tent.

Processional and recessional music by Andrea and Brian Moon Trumpet and Keyboard

### ON ACADEMIC REGALIA

An edifying note contributed by a certain anonymous doctor of philosophy.

On at least two solemn occasions during the academic calendar-spring and fall commencement-the faculty of the university pùblicly displays its full academic regalia and participates in the liturgy of processional and recessional, that curious coming and going that symbolizes the ceremony of commencement. The purposes of commencement are well known, but the reasons for the peculiar garb of the celebrants and their odd order of march are often as obscure to the audience as they are, in fact, to the faculty itself. This note may serve to explain academic dress and the professional pecking order it costumes.

Contemporary academics are descendants of clerical schoolmen in the universities of medieval Europe. Like the clergy, members of the bench and bar, and other learned professions, medieval scholars were clothed in heavy robes to stay warm in unheated stone buildings. Like all members of a hierarchical society, the medieval faculties rejoiced in visible insignia of rank. These outward signs of accomplishment and authority were tailored into the robes. Although the need for such voluminous garments to keep the scholar from freezing is long past, the use of them as

emblems of dignity remains. You will observe that all caps and gowns worn by our faculty are black, with certain disturbing exceptions. Black was the color adopted by mutual agreement among American universities at the end of the 19th century. In Europe each university has its own distinctive gown, varying in color and cut from all others. A European academic assemblage is a far gaudier occasion than its counterpart in America. Recently, certain universities in this country rashly broke the agreement and authorized robes in their own colors: for example, the crimson of Harvard and the green of Dartmouth may be seen in our ranks. This unsuitable spontaneity has been frowned on by sister institutions, yet the mavericks not only persist in their madness, but gain adherents to their ranks with each passing year.

There are three basic academic degrees: the baccalaureate or bachelor's degree, the master's degree, and the doctorate. A special style of robe is prescribed for each. The bachelor's gown is sparsely cut, neat, but a bit skimpy and unadorned, as befits apprentices. The master's gown is still simple, but fuller, sports a sleeve of extraordinary design impossible to describe, and has a

hood draped from the shoulders down the back. Once used to keep the frost from the tonsured heads of medieval clerks, the hood now is solely a badge of a degree of scholarly achievement. The master's hood is small and narrow, but displays the colors of the institution that awarded the degree. If you knew the colors of American universities, you could easily identify whence came our masters. The doctoral robe is the most handsome of academic raiment. Generous of cut, of fine aristocratic stuff, it is faced with velvet and emblazoned with velvet chevrons on the ample sleeves. You will note that most of the velvet facings and chevrons are black, but that some are of other colors. According to personal taste, the doctor may display the color of his or her doctoral degree on the sleeves and facings: light blue for education, pink for music, apricot for nursing, orange for engineering, and many more. The royal blue of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) is the most commonly seen in liberal arts institutions such as Oakland. The doctor's hood is the most elegant of all academic appurtenances. Large and graceful, it is lined in satin with the colors of the university that awarded the degree and is bordered with the color of the degree itself. Most academic costumes include the square cap called a mortarboard; the doctor's tassel may be either black or gold — tassels of all other degrees are black and stringy.

To instructed eyes, the order of march in the processional and recessional reveals the standing of individuals in the institution's formal hierarchy. In the processional the order of entrance into the hall is, quite fittingly, from most junior to most senior. The baccalaureate candidates enter first, followed successively by the masters and doctoral candidates with the whole separated from the faculty by a decent interval. In the faculty order, the instructors precede the assistant professors who in turn are followed by the associate professors. The august full professors bring up the rear. After a respectful distance come the deans who in turn are separated by a significant space from the awful majesty of the platform party, the president, the vice president, and the members of the board of trustees. All remain standing until the board is seated. After the ceremony, the order of recessional is the reverse of the processional. The greatest dignitaries stream out of the hall first, with the artfully organized ranks of priority wallowing in their wake.

It is hoped that these notes may make more intelligible the spectacle you are witnessing today. A discerning intelligence may detect in it many clues to an understanding of the academic profession as it confronts the ambiguities of the future with ancient wisdom and dignified confidence.

### DEGREES AWARDED December 1997

#### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

**Systems Engineering** 

Jayaraman Anand

Dissertation: Image Restoration and Compression Using Two-Dimensional Predictive Models

Anthony Dwayne Cooprider
Dissertation: Techniques for the
Detection of Changes in Noisy
Signals with Application to
Fault Detection in Dynamic
Systems

Varsha Kamat

Dissertation: Finding Multiple Line Segments from Two-Dimensional Data and Multiple Planar Polygons from Three-Dimensional Data Using the Hough Transform

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

**Computer Science and Engineering** 

Diana Casetti Rina Das Colleen A. Dickey Shobana Ganesan Vasudev S. Goyal Jeffery Allan Heining Nishant Kacker Jeffrey Alan Millington Quang Ngoc Nguyen Robert James Okarski Kaivalya Bachubhai Parikh Jyothi Puli Gary Joseph Steffes Uma M. Subbiah

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**Software Engineering** Daniel Steven Kedziorek Duane Matlen

Systems Engineering James Owen O'Connor Eric T. Petterson Toru Sugiyama Ronald James Weiss

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Geetha Elangovan
Paul Corden Gavras
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Michael Kenneth Monnett
Pavlin A. Patel
Timothy Dale Sechowski
Christopher Curtis Vinegar
Brian Eric Wale

Engineering Chemistry Tammy Lynn Burt Scott David Henry Jason A. MacDonald Amy Kathryn McHalpine

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

Computer Engineering David Paul Behnke, Jr. David Hilary Molenda Karen Anne Skalny Electrical Engineering
Mark Lawrence Balcerzak
Robert K. Cadena
Scott Richard Christensen
Daniel Louis Drensek
Brian Paul Hublein
Anupama Jasty
Voytek A. Novak
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**Systems Engineering** Greggory Russell Garrett

# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES April 1998

#### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

**Systems Engineering** 

Jie Gu

Dissertation: Tribological Behavior of Cutting Inserts Used in Face Milling

Christopher John Kobus

Dissertation: Application of the System Mean Void Fraction Model in Formulating an Equivalent Single-Tube Model for Predicting Various Transient and Unstable Flow Phenomena Associated with Horizontal Multitube Two-Phase Condensing Flow Systems with and without the Effects of Compressibility, Inertia and Thermal and Flow Distribution Asymmetry

Barbara Ann Oakley

Dissertation: Towards Noninvasive Pressure Sensing: An Investigation into the Effect of Absolute Hydrostatic Pressure on Photoacoustic Signals in Solutions

Teik-Khoon Tan

Dissertation: Hypercube Neural
Networks

Lin Wang

Dissertation: System

Identification and Analysis

Wei Wang

Dissertation: A Study of Passive Compliance in Robots

Yanli Zhou

Dissertation: The Theory of Minimum Configuration Manifolds with Applications to Redundant Robotic Systems

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

**Computer Science and Engineering** 

Eric Michael Bates Kevin T. Bentley Rama Chalasani Harold Todd Chapman Serban Dutica Zhao Guo Elsie Ittoop Craig Alan Jackson Cleopatra Doina Laptes Jody Howard Larrow Brian Duc Minh Le Michael Andrew Makowski Roman Lysle Millett Phuong Thi Nguyen Pronoti Roy Susheela Vaidva Liz Varghese

### **Electrical and Computer Engineering**

Joseph John Anderson Kerry Eden Grand James Paul Harrison Joseph L. Jablonski Paul Robert Jewett Joseph George Machak Nathan Paul Makarewicz Kenneth Russell Martek Ambalapuzha S. Rugmini Daniel Charles Stevens Robert Jeffrey Thomason Christopher Alan Warner

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#### **Mechanical Engineering**

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Suresh J. Patel Mitchell Keith Pickens John Daniel Plonka Hongbin Pu Jennifer Ann Rajala Marisol D. Rodriguez Frederick A. Shahly MacArthur Lamar Stewart Nathan Alan Tison Nancy Renee Tosch Lisa Marie Van Wynsberghe Kenneth Andrew Wolf Steven Terence Worley Xin Xiao Gee-Yuen Yung Chad Thomas Zagorski

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Christopher Devon Whe

Systems Engineering Michael S. Berne Frank Ben Burdick John Russell Camelon Kenneth James LaVictor

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#### **Computer Science**

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Mack Levin Hendricks
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Fonghsuan Ma
Nadine Ellen Nichols
Brian C. Sanders
Brian Patrick Sauger
Glenn Michael Thompson
Heather Marie Thueme
Alan Mark Toby
Jason R. Warner

#### **Engineering Chemistry**

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### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

#### **Computer Engineering**

Muna M. Ali
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#### **Systems Engineering**

Geoffrey Thomas Clark Tierra Linnea Stamps Carlen Yee

### ABOUT HONORS AND AWARDS

On the occasion of commencement, the university offers special recognition to those students who have attained outstanding levels of academic achievement and service.

Students who have demonstrated superior performance in the courses of their major subject area are awarded Departmental Honors. The faculty of the School of Engineering and Computer Science has elected several graduating seniors to receive Departmental Honors in engineering or in computer science. They are identified by red cords worn over their academic regalia.

The University Senate of Oakland University has established three levels of University Honors to recognize superior academic performance in all subject areas. Students who have completed at least 62 credits of study at Oakland University and whose cumulative grade point average ranges between 3.60 and 3.74 graduate cum laude. A student who has earned a grade point average between 3.75 and 3.89 graduates magna cum laude. Students attaining the highest academic level, grade point averages of 3.90, and above, graduate summa cum laude. Students who have earned University Honors wear gold cords over their academic regalia.

Additionally, the faculty of the School of Engineering and Computer Science has created several awards to honor graduating seniors who have distinguished themselves by truly outstanding scholarship in engineering studies, by outstanding technical development toward the engineering profession and by exemplary service to the school. These special awards are marked by the presentation of certificates and prizes to the recipients and also by the engraving of the recipients' names on permanent commemorative plaques in Dodge Hall of Engineering.

Membership in the Golden Key National Honor Society, an academic honors organization, is indicated by a purple cord with white tassels worn over academic regalia. The faculty extends most hearty congratulations to all of the students receiving honors and awards at this commencement exercise.

Membership in Tau Beta Pi, the National Engineering Honor Society, is indicated by a brown cord worn over academic regalia.

Membership in Eta Kappa Nu, the National Electrical Engineering Honor Society, is indicated by a royal blue cord worn over academic regalia.

# HONORS AWARDED December 1997

#### UNIVERSITY HONORS

Magna Cum Laude Karen Anne Skalny

Tyrus Joseph Valascho Christopher Curtis Vinegar

Cum Laude

Brian Eric Wale Trisha Lauren Winter

DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

Computer Engineering

Karen Anne Skalny

Computer Science

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Engineering Chemistry Amy Kathryn McHalpine

**Mechanical Engineering** 

Darren Joseph Campbell Patrick Garrett Clor Wendy Suzanne Dysarz Trisha Lauren Winter

**Systems Engineering** Greggory Russell Garrett

# **University Award**

#### Matilda R. Wilson Award

The Matilda R. Wilson Award is presented annually to an Oakland University Senior woman who has made outstanding contributions as a scholar, leader and responsible citizen to the Oakland University Community.

The 1998 recipient of the Matilda R. Wilson Award is a senior in the School of Engineering and Computer Science:

Tierra Linnea Stamps

# HONORS AWARDED April 1998

#### **UNIVERSITY HONORS**

Summa Cum Laude Mitchell Walter Bobrowiecki III Louis Karl Nigro John Patrick Srodawa

Cum Laude
Colleen A. Hanson
Andrea Alice Macklem
Nadine Ellen Nichols

DEPARTMENTAL HONORS Computer Engineering Muna M. Ali Andrea Alice Macklem

Computer Science
Nadine Ellen Nichols
Heather Marie Thueme

Electrical Engineering Mitchell Walter Bobrowiecki III Alan Jason Joseph Louis Karl Nigro

Mechanical Engineering
Thomas Matthew Brain
Ronald Maurice Noteboom II
Charles R. Schoen
John Patrick Srodawa

**System Engineering** Tierra Linnea Stamps

### SPECIAL AWARDS

#### SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & COMPUTER SCIENCE

#### **Exceptional Achievement:**

Awarded annually to the graduating senior in the School of Engineering and Computer Science who, in the judgment of the faculty, has achieved the highest level of scholastic excellence.

Mr. John Patrick Srodawa

#### **Academic Achievement:**

Awarded annually to the graduating senior in the School of Engineering and Computer Science who, in the judgment of the faculty, has demonstrated an outstanding level of academic performance.

Mr. Mitchell Walter Bobrowiecki III

#### Service Award:

Awarded annually to the graduating senior in the School of Engineering and Computer Service who, in the judgment of the faculty, has rendered the greatest service to the School.

Ms. Tierra Linnea Stamps

#### **Professional Development:**

Awarded annually to the graduating senior in the School of Engineering and Computer Science who, in the judgment of the faculty, has demonstrated the greatest technical development in his/her studies and shown an outstanding measure of individual initiative in connection with a project.

Mr. Greggory Russell Garrett and Mr. Christopher Curtis Vinegar

#### **Teaching Assistant:**

Awarded annually to a Graduate Assistant in the School of Engineering and Computer Science who, in the judgment of the faculty, has provided excellent assistance in teaching.

Ms. Barbara Oakley

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# SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Oakland University's School of Engineering and Computer Science offers instruction leading to the Bachelor of Science in Engineering (B.S.E.); with majors in computer, electrical, mechanical and systems engineering and the Bachelor of Science (B.S.), with a major in computer science. Programs leading to the Bachelor of Science degree in engineering chemistry and engineering physics are offered jointly with Oakland's College of Arts and Sciences. The school also offers graduate programs leading to masters and doctoral degrees.

The school consists of three departments and the Center for Robotics and Advanced Automation (CRAA). The school is of medium size, with 1,200 undergraduate and graduate students and features an outstanding faculty – dedicated to classroom instruction of the highest quality as well as to research in their fields of specialization. Its size permits close student/faculty interaction, small classes and individualized attention.

Undergraduate engineering and computer science programs at Oakland University place an emphasis on a well-rounded education characterized by:

- •A broad-based perspective of engineering and computer science that stresses creative thinking preparation for solving complex technological problems.
- •Relevant laboratory instruction as an integral part of course work giving a balance between theory and practice.
  - •Integration of computer instruction and utilization throughout the curricula.
- •Design and creative development as a central activity of engineering and computer science.
- •A social and humanistic perspective through a comprehensive program of general education.

All academic programs at Oakland University are accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA). Besides the NCA accreditation, the undergraduate programs in computer, electrical, mechanical and systems engineering are accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), and the computer science program by the Computing Sciences Accreditation Board (CSAB).

Graduate programs at the masters level are offered in electrical and computer engineering, mechanical engineering, systems engineering, and computer science and engineering.

The Doctor of Philosophy degree is offered in systems engineering. The goal of the doctoral program is to prepare engineers who have a broad competence that crosses the boundaries of traditional engineering disciplines and who are capable of dealing with complex large-scale problems.

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