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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



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

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June 3, 1995 10:00 a.m.

Howard C. Baldwin Memorial Pavilion Oakland University Rochester, Michigan

ORDER OF CEREMONY

Processional

Kevin J. Murphy, *Acting Marshal* Augustin K. Fosu, *Deputy Marshal*

Exordium

Karl D. Gregory Professor of Economics and Management

Commencement Address

The Honorable Conrad L. Mallett, Jr. Associate Justice Michigan Supreme Court

Presentation of Special Awards

George E. Stevens, *Dean* School of Business Administration

Investiture Gary D. Russi, *Interim President*

Awarding of Degrees

Graduate Degrees George Dahlgren, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Study

> Undergraduate Degrees George E. Stevens

John E. Tower, *Associate Dean* School of Business Administration

Alumni Welcome

Angela M. Reynolds, B.S. and B.A. '86, President School of Business Administration Alumni Affiliate

Valediction

Gary D. Russi

Recessional

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

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 publicly 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.

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At each commencement Oakland University extends special recognition to those students who have attained outstanding levels of academic achievement.

The University Senate, acting on the advice of its Committee on Academic Standing and Honors, authorizes University Honors at three levels for those students who have completed 62 credits or more at Oakland, with cumulative averages as follows:

| Summa Cum Laude | 3.90-4.00 |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Magna Cum Laude | 3.75-3.89 |

3.60-3.74 Students who have earned University Honors wear a gold cord over their academic regalia.

Cum Laude

Each student who has a record of superior achievement in a major field of study is awarded school honors and is idenitfied by a red cord worn over academic regalia.

ACADEMIC HONORS ORGANIZATION

Membership in the Golden Key National Honor Society is indicated by a purple cord with white tassels worn over academic regalia.

Membership in Beta Gamma Sigma, the honor society for schools of business administration accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business, is indicated by a green cord worn over academic regalia.

HONORS COLLEGE

The Honors College has been established by the faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences for highly motivated students who wish an unusually challenging undergraduate education. It provides a specially designed general education and additional requirements in conjunction with a departmental major in the College of Arts and Sciences or in one of the professional schools.

The graduate listed below has completed a program in both the Honors College and the School of Business Administration and is identified by a white cord worn over academic regalia.

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The School of Business Administration was established in 1969. Originally named School of Economics and Management, its mission was to prepare young people for the frontiers of management of the public and private sectors. Its emphasis was on analytical tools, the universality of human endeavors for betterment of life, and the obligations of management to society. Its name was changed in 1986, to School of Business Administration, but its mission to prepare people "for careers involving problem-solving, decision-making, identification of objectives, and the utilization of human and physical resources for intelligent performance in a variety of organizational settings" has remained constant. A globally integrated society cannot meet its needs by simply reacting to challenges. Managers have to anticipate and cause changes in an ever growing and changing global environment where old institutions are swept away, targets keep moving, technology introduces new demands and opportunities, and competition becomes borderless.

The graduates of the School of Business Administration have joined the ranks of managers, entrepreneurs, public servants, professors, and the professions. They are located throughout the United States and in at least twenty countries.

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