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## OU celebrates spring commencement May 3

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Oakland University's winter and spring 2003 semester graduates will be honored at **commencement** exercises Saturday, May 3, at the Baldwin Pavilion on the Meadow Brook Music Festival grounds.

Candidates for graduation who completed an Application for Degree were mailed a commencement information packet that includes information on graduate arrival and line-up, seating, commencement attire, and information on purchasing graduation photographs and videotapes.

### Commencement Schedule:

- **9 a.m.** – **College of Arts and Sciences** (578 degree candidates), **School of Health Sciences** (76 degree graduates) and **General Studies** (50 degree candidates). The guest speaker will be Patricia Kofman-Rozi.
- **12:30 p.m.** – **School of Business Administration** (311 degree candidates) and **School of Engineering and Computer Science** (212 degree candidates). The guest speaker will be Emily Fulton.
- **4 p.m.** – **School of Education and Human Services** (419 degree candidates) and **School of Nursing** (124 degree candidates). The guest speaker will be Ashly Bryan.

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 also will be given at the 9 a.m. ceremony and an honorary degree will be given at the 4 p.m. ceremony.

CAS graduates Dennis O'Connor (B.A. biology) and Ashley McGhee (B.A. sociology) will receive the Alfred G. Wilson Award and Matilda R. Wilson Award, respectively; and Ashli Bobo (B.A. Journalism) will receive the Human Relations Award.

The Wilson awards are presented annually to an OU senior man and woman who have contributed as scholars, leaders and responsible citizens to the university community. They recognize students for outstanding academic achievement, commitment to improving campus life and interest in the social problems of the community and society in general. O'Connor and McGhee will be presented with a bronze plaque and \$1,000. Their names also will be added to a bronze plaque on campus.

The Human Relations Award is presented annually to a graduating senior who has contributed significantly to the improvement of intergroup relations on the OU campus. Bobo will receive a \$500 stipend.

Distinguished children's author Ashley Bryan also will receive an honorary degree recognizing his accomplishments and service within the scope of the arts and letters, sciences, professions and public service. Bryan, emeritus professor of art and design at Dartmouth College, has authored many children's books whose stories, poems, illustrations and interpretive readings have enriched the African-American experience and added new dimensions to American culture. He also was a guest lecturer for Oakland University graduate students in 1999.

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

For more information on commencement ceremonies, visit the **2003 Spring Commencement** Web site or call the Office of Academic Affairs and Provost at (248) 370-2190.

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