



Friday, September 6, 2002

Board of Trustees members appointed

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Pawley served on the OU Board of Trustees from 1996-98 and will join the board once again at its Sept. 11 meeting.

Pawley, who graduated from OU with a Bachelor of Arts degree in human resource development in 1982, is the chair and CEO of Pawley Enterprises in Farmington, which provides training to auto executives and top managers from other industries. A retired executive vice president of manufacturing for DaimlerChrysler, he now serves as a consultant to the company's Chrysler Group.

Throughout his career, Pawley has steadfastly maintained the importance of a college education and its value to business, manufacturing and personal growth. Those beliefs continue to be reflected in his close connection to OU.

Pawley served as a director of the Oakland University Foundation from 1993-96 and again from 1999-present. He also is a member of the joint trustee-foundation ad hoc capital campaign planning committee.

Pawley has been a generous supporter and benefactor to the university for many years. In 1997, he and his wife, Carlotta, donated \$2 million to support the schools of Education and Human Services, and Engineering and Computer Science. This past year, he donated \$1 million to establish an interdisciplinary institute at OU that will provide education, research and outreach on the concepts of "lean manufacturing" and other management philosophies.

Students enrolled in the Pawley Institute for Lean Learning will learn cutting-edge methodologies for streamlining processes, reducing costs, and building efficiency and effectiveness — methodologies that will prepare them to be leaders in a number of fields and careers. Taking an interdisciplinary approach, the institute will bring together faculty and students for the School of Business Administration, School of Engineering and Computer Science, and the School of Education and Human Services in a unique environment that also will include industry professionals.

Pawley was awarded the OU Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award in 2001. He has been an active alumni volunteer and has devoted many years of service to the university, including:

- working with the Placement Office to help recruit students to OU;
- serving as vice chair and chair of the Meadow Brook Executive Committee;
- serving as keynote speaker for the School of Business Administration's Organizational Behavior Teaching Conference;
- extending an invitation to 12 OU engineering faculty to participate in the first OU summer externships at Chrysler during the summer of 1995;
- serving on OU's Creating the Future Task Force Steering Committee.

Nicholson was appointed to the Oakland University Board of Trustees in 1994. She served as vice chair of the board in 1998 and 1999. On August 2, 2000, she was appointed chair of the board.

Nicholson serves as coordinator of the Read Right Program for PVS Chemicals Inc. in Detroit. She is a tutor for Cornerstone Schools and chair of the 50th anniversary archives project for the American Association of University Women.

An active volunteer in the community, Nicholson is a member of the League of Women Voters and founding member of the Grosse Pointe Citizens for Recycling. She has been active in educational foreign exchange programs and has coordinated local and greater Detroit programs for AFS Intercultural Programs.

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