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Oakland awards honorary degree

The Oakland University **Board of Trustees** approved a resolution to award the honorary degree of Doctor of Science to Secretary of the Navy Gordon England.

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 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.

His technical expertise and business acumen are highly respected in the defense community, and he is dedicated to promoting the arts and sciences of technology and enhancing a range of cultural and civic enterprises.

England will receive his honorary degree at OU's December 2003 commencement ceremonies.

Honorary degrees are awarded in recognition of distinguished accomplishment and service within the scope of the arts, letters, sciences, professions and public service as recognized and supported by a university. The awarding of an honorary degree reaffirms Oakland University's scholarly, creative and humanitarian values.

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