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OU celebrates Spring Commencement May 5

By **Jeff Samoray**, OU Web Writer Oakland University celebrates its fall 2000 and spring 2001 graduates at the **Spring Commencement** exercises Saturday, May 5, on the university's campus.

Five individual commencement ceremonies are planned:

- 10 a.m. **School of Engineering and Computer Science** (307 graduates)
- 1 p.m. **School of Nursing** (113 graduates)
- 1 p.m. **School of Education and Human Services** (621 graduates)
- 4 p.m. **School of Business Administration** (399 graduates)
- 7 p.m. **College of Arts and Sciences**, School of Health Sciences, Bachelor of General Studies (808 graduates)

Graduates who completed an Application for Degree receive invitations to the appropriate ceremony.

Ceremonies are held outdoors at the Baldwin Pavilion (Meadow Brook Music Festival), with the exception of the School of Nursing ceremony, which is indoors at the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion.

Ceremonies will feature the following keynote speakers: **School of Engineering and Computer Science** - Neil De Koker, managing director of the Original Equipment Suppliers Association; **School of Nursing** - Phyllis Meadows, OU's alumni and W.K. Kellogg Foundation's program director; **School of Education and Human Services** - Gary C. Peters, Michigan State Senator; **School of Business Administration** - Cleve L. Killingsworth Jr., president and CEO of Health Alliance Plan and executive vice president of Insurance and Managed Care for Henry Ford Health System; **College of Arts and Sciences** - Dr. David DiChiera, general director of Michigan Opera Theatre in Detroit.

Additional awards honoring students, faculty and honorary degrees will be given at the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Health Sciences and Bachelor of General Studies ceremony.

Charles Archer of Clinton Township and Cristina Kapustij of Sterling Heights each will receive the 2001 Alfred G. Wilson and Matilda R. Wilson Award. Archer and Kapustij will be presented with a plaque and \$500. Their names also will be added to a bronze plaque on campus. Natasha Vanover of Pontiac will be awarded the 2001 Human Relations Award and receive \$500.

Faculty receiving awards include Kathleen Pfeiffer, 2001 New Investigator Research Excellence Award; David Maines, 2001 Research Excellence Award; and Todd Estes, 2001 Teaching Excellence Award.

Dr. David DiChiera and Judge Damon Jerome Keith will receive honorary degrees at the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Health Sciences and Bachelor of General Studies ceremony. Dr. DiChiera, a former faculty member and chair of the Music Department at OU, will receive the honorary Doctor of Arts degree honoring his role in establishing the Meadow Brook Music Festival and Detroit Opera House as well as his service to music and the university. Judge Keith currently sits on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. He will receive the honorary Doctor of Laws degree in recognition of his eminence as a jurist and his commitment to justice and civil rights.

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