



Wednesday, December 17, 2003

Navy secretary to receive honorary degree

The Secretary of the Navy, The Honorable Gordon R. England will speak at the School of Engineering and Computer Science and School of Business Administration commencement on Saturday, Dec. 20, at 9 a.m. at the Athletic Center on the university's campus.

In April the Oakland University Board of Trustees approved a resolution to award the honorary degree of Doctor of Science to Secretary England, who at the time was Deputy Secretary of Department of Homeland Security.

England has been serving America with the administration of President George W. Bush since May 2001 when he became the 72nd Secretary of the Navy. In January 2003 he assumed duties as the first Deputy Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. Following nine months of work pulling together 22 organizations and more than 170,000 people into that new department, he returned to his duties with the Navy and Marine Corps as the 73rd Secretary of the Navy. As Secretary of the Navy he leads more than 800,000 sailors, Marines and civilians and manages a budget of more than \$115 billion and a fleet of nearly 300 ships and more that 4,000 aircraft deployed around the world and engaged in the global war on terrorism.

During a distinguished business career England held a number of leadership positions, including President of General Dynamics Aircraft Company, General Dynamics Land Systems Company, President of Lockheed Aircraft Company and later as Executive Vice President of General Dynamics Corporation, responsible for Information Systems and International Programs.

While at G.D. Land Systems, England served on the Board of Advisors to the School of Engineering and Computer Science at Oakland University, 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.

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.

England, 66, is a native of Baltimore, Maryland and a 1961 graduate of the University of Maryland. He holds a MBA degree from Texas Christian University and has been active in numerous community and civic causes.

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