

**Agendum  
Oakland University  
Board of Trustees Formal Session  
APRIL 6, 2020**

**APPROVAL OF HONORARY DEGREE FOR PATRICK SCOGGIN  
A Recommendation**

1. **Division and Department:** Academic Affairs, Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.
  
2. **Introduction:** In accordance with Article IX of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees, honorary degrees may be awarded by the Board of Trustees in recognition of distinguished accomplishment and service within the scope of the arts and letters, sciences, professions, and public service as recognized and supported by the University. The awarding of honorary degrees reaffirms Oakland University's scholarly, creative, and humanitarian values and ties the University to the community at large.

Patrick "Pat" Scoggin has made a lasting impact on the business and nonprofit communities of Michigan. Until 2019, Scoggin served as owner and president of Huntington Ford, Inc., now Serra Ford, in Rochester Hills. Under his leadership, the dealership employed nearly 100 staff members and earned sales in excess of \$35 million. Scoggin cares deeply for his community and, along with wife, Christie, is a founder and director of the Patrick and Christie Scoggin Family Foundation which funds projects in the areas of community development, education and human services. In 2012, Pat and Christie Scoggin established the Huntington Ford Scholarship at Oakland University. This scholarship, one of Oakland University's largest awards, provides a renewable, full-tuition scholarship to an incoming full-time student from Rochester Adams, Stoney Creek or Avondale high schools. Other notable accomplishments include:

- As of 2019, has funded eight full-ride scholarships at Oakland University through the Huntington Ford Scholarship
  - Hosted the Ford Drive One 4 UR School that has been adopted nationally and has raised more than \$7 million benefiting hundreds of high schools across the country
  - Through the Patrick and Christie Scoggin Family Foundation, has helped transform communities, education, human services, medical care, museums, nonprofits and nursing throughout the region
  - Has taken actions that result in the betterment of community and society
  - Keynote speaker, 2016 Oakland University Scholarship Dinner
3. **Previous Board Action:** The Board of Trustees periodically awards honorary degrees at its Formal Sessions.
  
  4. **Budget Implications:** None.

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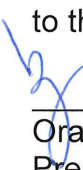
5. **Educational Implications:** The awarding of honorary degrees is an established tradition in academe, by which the University reaffirms its scholarly, creative, and humanitarian values and its ties to the wider community.
6. **Personnel Implications:** None.
7. **University Reviews/Approvals:** The Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost has recommended approval of the recipient to receive an Honorary Degree.
8. **Recommendation** RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees awards the honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities *Honoris Causa* to Patrick Scoggin.
9. **Attachments:** None.

Submitted to the President

on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 by

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James P. Lentini, D.M.A.  
Senior Vice President for  
Academic Affairs and Provost

Recommended on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020  
to the Board for Approval by

  
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Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.  
President