

**Agendum
Oakland University
Board of Trustees Formal Session
February 24, 2014**

**APPROVAL OF HONORARY DEGREE FOR GEBRAN S. ANTON, JR.
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.

Mr. Gebran S. Anton, Jr., is a Partner at Anton, Sowerby and Associates, a Professional Real Estate Brokerage, located in Mt. Clemens, Michigan. The record of achievement for Mr. Anton reflects his deep desire to improve his community through enhancing the arts, education, and business opportunities for others in the community. Mr. Anton is well-known as a tireless promoter of Mt. Clemens and Macomb County. Mr. Anton spearheaded the Mt. Clemens award-winning "Art in Public Places" project which facilitates the acquisition, placement, and stewardship of artwork within the community. He led fundraising efforts to renovate and expand the historic Carnegie Library and it was subsequently renamed the Anton Art Center. Governor Jennifer Granholm honored Mr. Anton with the 2007 Civic Leader Governor's Award for his efforts, passion, and commitment.

Mr. Anton has been a diligent supporter of education in the community. He created a local retail store, operated solely by high school students, so that students could learn about all aspects of running a successful business. With his business partner, Stuart Frankel, Mr. Anton sought to supplement higher education resources in Macomb County by establishing the Anton Frankel Center (AFC) through a generous gift to Oakland University. The AFC has transformed educational opportunity for local residents. In addition to supporting education and the arts, Mr. Anton is committed to community service. He has received awards from the Lions Club, Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts, and the March of Dimes. Mr. Richard G. David nominated Mr. Anton and, in describing his many accomplishments, summarized his contributions: "the record shows that Mr. Gebran S. Anton, Jr. has a distinct record accomplishments within commercial, artistic, and educational environments and has made civic betterment a cornerstone of all that he does.

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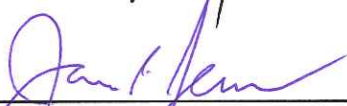
3. **Previous Board Action:** The Board of Trustees periodically awards honorary degrees at its Formal Sessions.
4. **Budget Implications:** None.
5. **Educational Implications:** The awarding of honorary degrees is an established tradition in academe, by which the University reaffirms its scholarly, 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 Science *Honoris Causa*, to Gebran S. Anton, Jr.

9. **Attachments:** None.

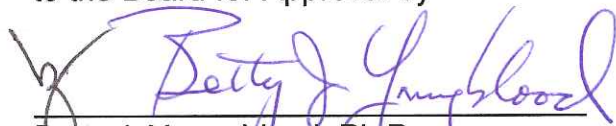
Submitted to the President

on 2/21/, 2014 by



James P. Lentini, D.M.A.
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Recommendation on Feb. 21, 2014
to the Board for Approval by



Betty J. Youngblood, Ph.D.
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