

Fall 2006 Commencement

More than 380 students graduated during The University of Findlay's 2006 fall commencement at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, in the Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex.

Richard E. White, UF Board of Trustee member, was presented with an honorary doctorate during commencement ceremonies. His formal citation follows:

THE UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY HONORARY DOCTORATE CITATION

RICHARD E. WHITE



Richard E. White graduated from high school in Terre Haute, Indiana, where he received the annual award as Terre Haute's outstanding scholar athlete.

He attended Indiana University and majored in business and economics. He was a member of Indiana's basketball team which was competitive at the national level for all of his years at Indiana.

After graduation in 1955, he was employed by Ohio Oil Company, which later became Marathon Oil Company. He initially worked in sales and real estate acquisitions in the Midwest.

During the next few years, Mr. White held international and domestic management, marketing, real estate positions for Marathon, and oversaw the consolidation of six brands into Speedway, which became the lead gasoline brand in several Midwestern states. He also attended Harvard University's advanced management program.

He was elected Marketing Vice President of Marathon in 1985 and held that position, with rank of Senior Vice President, until he retired in 1999.

Mr. White twice served as chairman of marketing and management committees for the petroleum industry. He received certificates of merit for bringing together the various arms of the petroleum industry so that common problems could be addressed.

Mr. White has served many civic endeavors in Findlay and Hancock County. He has been chair or president of most of the major civic, service, or charitable organizations, and has also taken an active role in politics since his retirement.

He became a trustee of The University of Findlay in 1996, co-chair of the Business Affairs Committee in 2001, and Vice Chair of the Board in 2002. His business expertise, insight, vitality, sound judgment, and dedicated service have greatly benefited The University of Findlay.

Mr. White has been a highly engaged person for all of his professional life. It is a pleasure to recognize him today for his major contributions in business, in the life of the communities in which he has lived, and in society in general.

In behalf the Board of Trustees, and under the authority granted to The University of Findlay by the State of Ohio, it is a pleasure to award the Doctor of Business degree to Robert Edward White, with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities pertaining thereto.

Doctor of Business Degree
Awarded and Conferred by:
C. Richard Beckett, Chairman of the Board
DeBow Freed, President
December 8, 2006

Dr. Richard Anderson, chairman of the board of The Andersons Inc., gave the commencement address:

The University of Findlay 2006 Fall Commencement Address by Richard Anderson

Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006