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Oklahoma City University Announces New Trustees

OKLAHOMA CITY--Eleven leaders in the fields of business, education, law and religion have been named to the Oklahoma City University Board of Trustees. The new members are Mark Ashton, the Rev. Michael Chaffin, Ruth Leebron Levenson, Gene Love, Mac Maguire, Bill Mathis, Steven Moore, James Norick, Vince Orza, the Rev. Verlyn Snell and James Thompson.

Ashton practices law at Ashton, Ashton, Wisener & Munkacsy, Inc. in Lawton, Okla. He is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association and the Oklahoma Trial Lawyers Association, serving both organizations in numerous capacities. He is also affiliated with the Comanche County Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. Ashton was named Outstanding Young Lawyer by the Oklahoma Bar Association in 1974. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1966 and a juris doctorate degree in 1969, both from the University of Oklahoma.

The Rev. Chaffin is senior pastor of Victory Memorial United Methodist Church in Guymon, Okla. He is a member of the executive committee for Dunaway Manor, a United Methodist nursing home; chairman of the board of directors for The Oaks of Mamre, Guymon's transitional housing shelter; a volunteer firefighter; a coach for Kids, Inc., a youth athletic organization; and a member of the Rotary Club. He was named Guymon's Firefighter of the Year in 1990 and Guymon's Citizen of the Year in 1995. He received the State of Oklahoma Advocacy Award, presented by the Governor's Commission on Homelessness and Affordable Housing in Oklahoma, in 1996. Chaffin received a bachelor of arts degree from Oklahoma City University in 1974 and a master of divinity degree from Phillips Graduate Seminary in 1979.

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Levenson joined OCU in 1976 as the coordinator for accounting and finance programs and retired in 1991 as dean of international programs. She was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Oklahoma State Society of CPAs, the National Accounting Association, Accounting Education of Oklahoma and Beta Gamma Sigma, an honorary business fraternity. Levenson has served as a board member for Children's Convalescent Hospital, the Daily Living Center, the YMCA and the Oklahoma City Tennis Association. She is also affiliated with the women's division of the Oklahoma Symphony Society, the Oklahoma Art Center and the Oklahoma Museum of Art. She received a bachelor of science degree in accounting in 1945 and a master of arts degree in accounting in 1961, both from the University of Oklahoma.

Love is the owner of Gene Love Enterprises, a Lawton based company specializing in business development and the marketing of defense and aerospace products and environmental services worldwide. He has served Lawton as a city councilman and as mayor pro-tem. He is affiliated with numerous organizations including the Lawton Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Lawton Transit Task Force, the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Oklahoma Good Roads and Streets Association Board of Directors, the American Business Club, the Oklahoma Highway Users Federation and the Lawton-Fort Sill chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army. He formed Gene Love Enterprises after retiring from the army as a promotable lieutenant colonel in 1983. Love received a bachelor of science degree from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark.

Former Nichols Hills councilman and mayor, Maguire is the founder, chief executive officer and chairman of the board of Maguire Brothers, Inc., in Oklahoma City. He has served many community organizations including the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City Business Advisory Committee and board memberships to Bishop McGuinness High School, Mercy Health Center, the Oklahoma County Medical Society, the Oklahoma Symphony Orchestra and the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce & Industry. He currently serves on the boards of directors of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce and Resurrection Memorial Cemetery, Inc. In 1994, Maguire was awarded the Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice Medal, presented by the Archbishop of Oklahoma City. He

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received a bachelor of science degree in economics from the University of Central Oklahoma in 1958.

Mathis is co-owner of Mathis Brothers Furniture in Oklahoma City. He serves on the Mayor's Community Project Commission, the State Fair Board and as vice president of the Oklahoma 89ers Baseball Club. Through the furniture store he supports numerous community events including the Oklahoma City Zoo's annual membership drive, the Symphony Decorator's Showhouse and the Ben Johnson Celebrity Rodeo for Children's Medical Research. Mathis received a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Oklahoma.

Moore is chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer of OG&E Electric Services. He is a board member of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce, the Oklahoma City Public Schools Foundation, the Allied Arts Foundation, the State Fair of Oklahoma, United Way of Greater OKC, the Omniplex, the Oklahoma City Arts Museum and Edison Electric Institute. Moore served as an officer in the army reserve from 1968-74. He received a bachelor's degree in business in 1968 and a juris doctorate degree in 1971, both from the University of Oklahoma.

Norick is the owner of Norick Investment Co. in Oklahoma City. He was chairman of the board of Norick Brothers, Inc., an automotive accounting systems company that merged with Reynolds and Reynolds in 1992. He served Oklahoma City as a council member from 1951-55 and as mayor from 1959-63 and 1967-71. He is a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of the India Temple Shrine and a member and past director of the Royal Order of Jesters of the Oklahoma City Court 78. He has served many organizations in the past, including the Oklahoma City Golf Commission and as a board member of the Better Business Bureau of Oklahoma City, the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Oklahoma Chapter of the Leukemia Society, the Allied Arts Foundation and the Oklahoma City Chamber and Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is currently vice president of the Sundowners, on the State Fair of Oklahoma Board of Directors and a member of the Sirloin Club of Oklahoma, a club supporting agriculture statewide. Norick is the father of Ron Norick, current mayor of Oklahoma City.

A nationally recognized speaker on the subjects of free enterprise and personal motivation, **Orza** is founder, chairman and president of Eateries, Inc. He and Eateries, Inc., have been the recipients of many awards including listings as

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the 19th Fastest Growing Small Public Company in America by *Inc. Magazine* and one of the Top 100 Best Small Companies in America by *Businessweek Magazine*. He is also listed in *Who's Who of American Business Leaders*, *Who's Who Platinum Edition* and *Who's Who of Emerging Leaders in America*. He is a Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow and a Lions Club Melvin Jones Fellow. He is affiliated with numerous organizations including the Leukemia Society, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Junior Achievement, the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Foundation, the Child Abuse Response Center and the Oklahoma Restaurant Association. Orza is a former award-winning reporter and news anchor for Oklahoma City's ABC-TV affiliate KOCO-TV. He received bachelor's and master's degrees from Oklahoma City University and a doctorate from the University of Oklahoma.

The Rev. Snell is senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of Nichols Hills. He is an ordained elder and member in full connection of the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church. He has been affiliated with numerous organizations including the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, the Rotary Club and the Wesley Foundation Board of Directors. He is listed in *Who's Who in Religion* and *Who's Who in American Christian Leadership*. He has been the recipient of the Circuit Rider Certificate of Merit and been nominated in the Ardmore district for the Harry Denman Award. Snell received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Western Ontario, a bachelor of divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary and a doctorate of ministry from Phillips Graduate Seminary.

Thompson is co-owner of the law firm of Thompson & Thompson in Miami, Okla. He has served as a municipal judge in the city of Commerce and is currently Miami's city attorney. He is a member of numerous organizations including the Oklahoma Bar Association, the Ottawa County Bar Association, the Northeast Oklahoma Council on Alcoholism Board of Directors, the Rotary Club and the Miami Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Thompson received a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Oklahoma in 1972 and a juris doctorate from Oklahoma City University in 1974.

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