

OCC Names Holbert Maxey Outstanding Alumnus for 2008

Pontiac resident Holbert Bill Maxey has been named Oakland Community College's Outstanding Alumnus for 2008.

Mr. Maxey earned his associate degree at OCC in 1969. He continued his education at Wayne State University, where he earned a bachelor of arts in sociology in 1976, and at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, where he was awarded a master's in psychology in 1982. He also holds several licenses including Certified Social Worker (Michigan), Licensed Journeyman Substance Abuse Counselor (Michigan) and certification in Police Science Civil and Criminal Investigation and Identification.

Mr. Maxey has held a number of government positions over his career including Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) Supervisor; Michigan Department of Health Recipient Rights Supervisor; Veterans' Administration Supervisor, Alcohol Abuse Division; and City of Detroit Public Health Department Substance Abuse Supervisor. He retired in 1996 as a supervisor/unit director for the Michigan Department of Mental Health.

He is the recipient of numerous honors including the NAACP's Theophilus Jefferson Northcross Award (2005), the Oakland County Community Home Town Heroes Certificate of Recognition (2004) and the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club Frederick Douglass Award (2002).

Mr. Maxey is currently involved in a variety of volunteer positions including the Citizens' Energy Deregulation Committee; the Michigan Minority Health Committee and the North Oakland County Branch NAACP.