

County Treasurer named Outstanding Alumni for 2005

Patrick M. Dohany has been named Oakland Community College's Outstanding Alumnus for 2005. Mr. Dohany, 55, earned an associate in applied science degree in computer science from OCC in 1971. He continued his education at Ferris State University where he received a bachelor's of science in business. He became a Certified Public Finance Administrator in 1981, and also holds a Level II Assessor's Certificate from the State Of Michigan.



Oakland County's treasurer since 2003, Mr. Dohany had been chief deputy treasurer for the previous eleven years. From 1976 to 1992 he served as treasurer of Commerce Township.

Reflecting on his years at OCC Mr. Dohany recalled that instructor John Faitel encouraged him to enter his field project in a marketing competition that took first place at the state level, and finished first, overall, at the national level. "With this major award my confidence soared...an associate's degree in computer science was no longer enough for me", Mr. Dohany says.

In selecting Mr. Dohany as Outstanding Alumnus the college considered his community activities as well as professional and educational achievements. He is past president of the Oakland County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association, the Oakland County Treasurers Association and the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association. He has also served as chair of the Commerce Community Homes Board, and on the board of Oakland County's Automation Alley.

At present Mr. Dohany is president-elect of the Association of Public Treasurers, treasurer of the Oakland County Local Development Authority and a board member with the Oakland County Economic Development Authority.

Mr. Dohany's civic involvements include chairmanship of the Carls Family YMCA Board of Management, and presidency of the Union Lake Jaycees. He was also named Commerce Township Citizen of the Year in 1993.

Mr. Dohany and his wife, Therese, are the parents of two adult sons. The couple resides in Commerce Township.