

Honorary Degrees
The University of Toledo
Commencement

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Five honorary degrees will be awarded at the University of Toledo Commencement on June 7, it was announced today by President William S. Carlson. Recipients are:

Molly Ohl Godwin, doctor of fine arts; Michael J. Kirwan, doctor of laws; Treval C. Powers, doctor of science; Gustavus Ohlinger, doctor of laws and Nolan Boggs, doctor of laws.

Mrs. Godwin, long associated with the Toledo Museum of Art, of which her husband, Blake-More Godwin is director emeritus, is an art authority in her own right and for nearly 40 years has been a key figure in developing the educational policy of the museum. She has been a national leader in the expansion of the educational and social mission of art museums in modern society. For 20 years she has been an honorary member of the faculty of fine arts of the University of Chile.

Her influence has been great in the choice of many of the Toledo museum's treasures in painting and sculpture. A native of Toledo, she was dean of the Museum School of Design from 1925 to 1948 during which time she established the class in methods in art for public school teachers which now is part of the art major program in the College of Education at the University of Toledo.

Congressman Kirwan has represented the 19th Ohio district in the U.S. Congress since 1936 and ranks among the first 20 members in length of service.

As a member of the House Appropriations committee he was influential in the passage of the St. Lawrence Seaway legislation and has taken an active interest in the development of the Port of Toledo as well as industrial development for the State of Ohio.

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Congressman Kirwan, who was a member of the AEF in World War I, holds honorary degrees from the University of Oklahoma and the University of Arkansas,

Mr. Powers, of Skokie, Illinois, has made a unique contribution in the field of Portland cement and concrete through his colloidal-physical theories and experiments. More than 25 years of research by Mr. Powers have developed the basic ideas and methods by which the complex phenomena of setting and hardening of hydraulic binders can be understood. His work has been of value in all branches of civil engineering and highway and building construction, and is of special importance to the university's concrete research program and to studies in the Institute of Silicate Research,

Mr. Ohlinger, Toledo attorney, has long been active in promoting interest in world affairs and was president of the Toledo United Nations Association and a member of the board of governors of the American Association for the United Nations,

Born in China of missionary parents, he received the bachelor of arts and the bachelor of laws from the University of Michigan where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and founded the Michigan Law Review. He has the unusual distinction of holding an honorary master of arts degree from Michigan, awarded 40 years ago.

In 1918 he helped prepare the charter for the Toledo War Chest which later became the Community Chest. He practiced law in Shanghai before setting up offices in Toledo in 1905.

He was a captain in the U.S. Army in World War I and served from 1926 to 1933 as a member of the Toledo Board of Education.

He is best known in the legal profession for his 8-volume work, Ohlinger's Federal Practice,

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Mr. Boggs, Toledo attorney, was a member of the University of Toledo board of directors from 1936 until 1959, serving as its vice president at the time of his retirement from the board.

A native of Elmore, O., he attended Tri-State Business College and the law schools of the University of Toledo and the University of Michigan. He received the bachelor of laws from TU in 1911 but had been admitted to the bar in 1910, thus now being in his 51st year of law practice in Toledo. He is a former member of the state bar examination board and the Judicial Council of Ohio.

For many years Mr. Boggs was active in the Republican party serving as chairman of the Lucas County Central Committee, chairman of the Executive Committee for 20 years and as secretary-treasurer of the Ohio State Republican Executive Committee.

He is the author of Boggs' Manual on Ohio Criminal Law.

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