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FRANKLIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS 128TH COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Columbus, Ohio – Franklin University, one of the leading educators of working adults in central Ohio, will hold its 128th Commencement Ceremony, during which over 700 degree candidates will receive their diplomas at Veterans Memorial Auditorium on Sunday, May 11.

Robert Morton Duncan, Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University will address the graduates. A native of Urbana, Ohio, Judge Duncan received his B.S. and J.D. from The Ohio State University, where he served as President of his law class. After completing law school, he served two years in the U.S. Army, then opened a general-practice law office in Columbus, Ohio. In 1957, he became Assistant Attorney General of Ohio and served two years before becoming Attorney Examiner of the Bureau of Workmen's Compensation, then Assistant City Attorney of Columbus and Chief of the Workmen's Compensation Section of Ohio. He was promoted Chief Counsel to the Attorney General of Ohio in 1966, and later was appointed to the position of Municipal Judge.

In 1969, Ohio Governor James Rhodes appointed Judge Duncan to the Ohio Supreme Court, where he became Ohio's youngest Supreme Court Justice, as well as the first African-American to serve on Ohio's highest court.

President Richard Nixon appointed Judge Duncan to the U.S. Court of Military Appeals in 1971, where he became Chief Judge. In 1974, he was sworn in as Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio after being nominated by President Nixon. After ten years on the court, he resigned to return to private practice, joining the Columbus law firm Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, where he was the firm's coordinator for the New Associates Group and chaired the firm's minority recruiting task force.

In addition to previously serving on the Franklin University Board of Trustees and as Chairman of The Ohio State University's Board of Trustees, he is presently a board member of Urbana College and Defiance College, as well as the United Community Council, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and the Columbus Gallery of Fine Arts. He is a member of several professional associations including the American Bar Association, the American Bar Foundation, the Columbus and Ohio State Bar Associations, the Federal Bar Association, and the American Judicature Society.

He has received numerous awards and honors, including the Ohio Bar Medal, the Ralph D. Mershon Alumni Award from The Ohio State University, the Award of Merit of the Ohio Legal Center Institute (two-time recipient), and the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce's Columbus Award in recognition of his distinguished community service.

Franklin University
128th Commencement Ceremony
Sunday, May 11, 2008, 2 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Auditorium
300 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215
Speaker: Robert Morton Duncan

Honorary Degrees
Dr. Judith Bardwick and Robert Morton Duncan
Honorary Doctorate of Community Leadership

During the 128th Commencement Ceremony, **Robert Morton Duncan and Dr. Judith Bardwick** will both receive an Honorary Doctorate of Community Leadership from Franklin University. Dr. Judith Bardwick is a renowned psychologist and clinical professor of psychiatry as well as a highly regarded writer, speaker, and international management consultant specializing in the psychology of the corporate environment.

Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of California at San Diego, Dr. Bardwick also serves as President of the San Diego-based consulting firm of Judith M. Bardwick, Ph.D., Inc., with clients including IBM, Hewlett-Packard, and Johnson & Johnson. She is one of the most sought-after management consultants, speakers, and authors on the psychology of the corporate environment, an arena she has researched and worked in for more than 30 years.

Dr. Bardwick received her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, her M.S. from Cornell University, and her B.S. from Purdue University. Prior to forming her consulting business in 1983, she spent 20 years at Michigan, rising to Professor and Associate Dean of the College of Literature, Science, and Arts. She was a Visiting Professor of Business Administration at San Diego State University and is a member of the Board of Directors of Western Financial Bank and Westcorp. She is also a Fellow of the American Psychological Association and a member of the Society of Fellows at the University of Michigan and several other professional organizations.

Dr. Bardwick has authored more than 100 papers, articles, and books on a wide range of subjects, such as optimizing individual and management effectiveness and performance, analyzing cultural views and values for positive change, developing leadership qualities, and facilitating the conditions necessary for psychological success on both the personal and corporate levels. She has published seven books, including national bestseller *Danger in the Comfort Zone: From Boardroom to Mailroom – How to Break the Entitlement Habit That’s Killing American Business*. Her latest book, *One Foot Out the Door: How to Combat the Psychological Recession That’s Alienating Employees and Hurting American Business*, reveals how a pervasive sense of job insecurity is taking a serious financial toll on companies nationwide and threatening America’s economic future.

Dr. Bardwick lives in La Jolla, California.

About Franklin University

Founded in 1902, Franklin University is central Ohio’s leading and most experienced educator of adult students. Annually, more than 10,000 students attend Franklin, both on campus and online. Franklin offers 19 undergraduate majors and three graduate programs, including the Vantage MBA[®] and graduates more than 1,500 students annually.

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