

Ohio State ATI Commencement set for June 12

(Wooster, Ohio) May 20, 2004 – The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute will confer 200 degrees and certificates at its 31st commencement exercises on Saturday, June 12 at 11 a.m. at Fisher Auditorium.

George R. Boggs, Ph.D., will deliver the commencement address. Boggs is president and chief executive officer of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). He assumed the position in September 2000. From its Washington, D.C., headquarters, AACC represents more than 1,100 associate degree-granting institutions and some 10 million students.

Boggs has served on the Board of Directors of the California Association of Community Colleges, the Community College League of California, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the American Association of Community Colleges, serving as board chair in 1993-94. He served as a member of the Committee on Undergraduate Science Education of the National Research Council and has served on several National Science Foundation panels and committees. He has testified before both state legislative and Congressional committees on subjects related to higher education. He is the author of more than 50 articles and chapters in professional journals and books.

Dr. Boggs has been recognized by the Public Broadcasting System with its Terry O'Banion Prize for Teaching and Learning for "triggering the most significant educational movement of the past decade." He has been honored by The University of Texas as a distinguished graduate. He received the Professional of the Year Award for Motivational Leadership from the Leadership Alliance, the Harry Buttimer Distinguished Administrators Award from the Association of

California Community College Administrators, the Marie Y. Martin Chief Executive Officer Award from the Association of Community College Trustees, and the Stanley A. Mahr Community Service Award from the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce. The City of Vista proclaimed Jan. 15, 1994 as Dr. George Boggs Day in recognition of his community service. Dr. Boggs is listed in *Who's Who in America* and six other *Who's Who* directories.

Dr. Boggs served as a faculty member, division chair, and association dean of instruction at Butte College in California and, for 15 years, he served as superintendent/president of Palomar College in California.

Ohio State ATI, located in Wooster, Ohio, is an associate degree-granting program within the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences at The Ohio State University. Students participate in a curriculum that includes general and basic studies, hands-on experience and a paid industry internship. Ohio State ATI is the largest institution of its kind in the U.S., enrolling approximately 850 students and offering 29 programs of study. Ohio State ATI maintains a 99 percent job placement rate for all graduates within four months of graduation.