

BOARD OF REGENTS

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

RECOMMENDATION

SECTION:

DATE:

December 15, 2011

Honorary Degree

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve Joyce Gervin, wife of George Gervin, Professional Athlete and Founder of the George Gervin Youth Center, for the awarding of an honorary baccalaureate degree.

SUMMARY

Mrs. Gervin's biography follows on the next page.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and it is recommended for Board approval.

University Executive Officer

11/29/11

Date

Joyce Gervin

Joyce Gervin grew up in Detroit, attending Eastern Michigan University, where she majored in Social Work, and met her future husband, professional basketball player George “Iceman” Gervin. She has been involved with a number of volunteer organizations throughout the years and most recently served on the Board of the Winston School in San Antonio, which specializes in the education of children with learning differences. She has also served as Vice President of Score-N-Shoot, Inc., an organization which was founded by Joyce and her husband to provide programs of instructional design, guidance and counseling to student athletes in the San Antonio area. The programs include a series of performance-based assessments to determine an individual’s strengths and to provide assistance in developing guidelines to follow to assist in achieving career goals. She also served on the Board of the United States Agency for African Relief (USAFAR).