



**NORMAN W. JOHNSTON
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT
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Perrysburg resident Norman W. Johnston has been a primary force in transforming northwest Ohio from its “Rust Belt” roots to a potential “Green Belt” powerhouse.

Johnston, president and chief executive officer of McMaster Energy Enterprises, is an area leader in developing alternative energy initiatives. By advocating for local development of these technologies, he is on the forefront of rejuvenating Ohio’s economy.

While solar applications are McMaster Energy’s focus, Johnston’s advocacy extends to all forms of alternative energy. In 2003, he collaborated with industry leaders to form the Northwest Ohio Alternative Energy Business Council, which later became Ohio Advanced Energy (OAE). OAE has over 35 companies as members. As part of his support for local production, Johnston helped create Solar Fields, a solar cell factory and R&D center in Toledo.

Under Johnston’s leadership, McMaster Energy developed the HyOxy Gas Generator, a device that can transform any car or truck into a hydrogen fuel-assisted vehicle. Among his patents is “Variable solar control window assembly.” This technology would control the transmission of solar energy and light while selectively blocking solar radiation in windows.

Johnston was president and chief executive officer of Solvay Automotive from 1991-1997, overseeing more than \$290 million in sales at locations in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

From 1998-2002, Johnston was the head of Jancor Companies, Inc., in Perrysburg, which con,