

SECTION: 14
DATE: December 9, 2021

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

RECOMMENDATION

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve Mr. Raffaele Mautone as Commencement Speaker at the December 19, 2021 commencement ceremony. In addition, it is recommended that the Board award an honorary Doctor of Commercial Science degree to Mr. Mautone.

STAFF SUMMARY

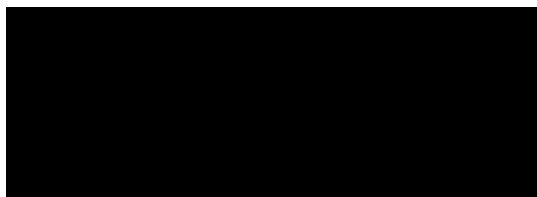
A biography for Mr. Mautone follows.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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



University Executive Officer
Rhonda Longworth, Ph.D.

November 16, 2021

Date



Raffaele Mautone

FOUNDER & CEO

Raffaele Mautone is the founder and CEO of Detroit-based AaDya Security. His strategic thinking and effective leadership have been instrumental and paramount in his career as an IT, sales and operations professional. In March of 2019, Raffaele's extensive experience in the IT and security industries inspired him to launch AaDya Security with a mission to provide smart, simple, effective and affordable cybersecurity solutions for the small and medium business customer.

Raffaele's consistent record of leading teams through successful acquisitions; strategic planning and implementation and deploying large, multi-tiered complex programs has served companies such as Duo, FireEye, McAfee and Dell. He also has experience in implementing marketing and sales strategies, positioning companies for future growth, and deploying applications and business process improvements to assist with bookings, leads and new go-to-market programs.

Raffaele is a passionate supporter of Detroit's tech and startup communities and has hosted several events to connect local founders with the investment community. He holds a BS from Eastern Michigan University and as an active alumnus, has participated in student mentorship and provided support for the university by donating his time, talents and resources.