

CI President's Dinner Under the Stars, Davey to Receive Lagomarsino Award

Camarillo, Calif., Sept. 25, 2009-The Tenth-Annual CSU Channel Islands President's Dinner will take place under the stars at the campus on Saturday, Oct. 3. The gala event - Cruisin' at CI - will celebrate the University's accomplishments, and will include the presentation of the California State University Channel Islands Robert J. Lagomarsino Award.

Wayne Davey has been named the 2009 recipient of the Lagomarsino Award. The award will be presented to Davey at the President's Dinner event. The award, named in honor of the Honorable Robert J. Lagomarsino, a former United States congressman and a longtime supporter of the University, is presented to an individual who has contributed to and supported CSU Channel Islands.

Davey's involvement with the University began in 1999 when he and his wife Barbara became founding members of the President's Circle. Davey served on the CSU Channel Islands Foundation Board of Directors from 2002-2008, and was Chairman of the Board from 2005-2007. Davey was also a co-founder of the University's Business & Technology Partnership that assists the University in developing business and technology programs that will serve the business needs of the county, as well as serving on the University's Biotechnology Program Advisory Board. Davey has been active with several organizations in Ventura County including the Ventura County Economic Development Association (VCEDA), Camarillo Chamber of Commerce, Camarillo Art & Jazz Festival, Camarillo Healthcare District Community Leaders Advisory Panel, Camarillo Library Advisory Committee, Ventura County POWER Task Force, Thousand Oaks Rotary Club and Foundation, Thousand Oaks Boys & Girls Club, CLU School of Business Board of Counselors, and Ventura County Indicators Study. Davey has worked professionally in the field of electronics and biotechnology in Ventura and Los Angeles counties for more than 10 years.

In addition to the presentation of the Lagomarsino Award to Davey, the event will feature a 1950's cocktail reception, 50's classic movies silent auction, and vintage 1950's car display. A blue-plate special dinner, dancing to Ronny and the Classics, and special appearance by Elvis are also slated for the evening.

The President's Dinner is the premier fund-raising event of the year for the University. Sponsors for the event include: title sponsor is Rabobank; presenting sponsor is Bank of America; gold sponsor is Van Gundy Jewelers; silvers sponsors are Harrison Industries, Montecito Bank & Trust, and the Ventura County Star; bronze sponsors are Elise and Bill Kearney, City of Oxnard, PCL Construction Leaders, and St. John's Regional Medical Center/St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital; and wine sponsor is Opolo Vineyards.

For more information about the President's Dinner contact Mitchel Sloan, Director of Development & Sponsorships at CSU Channel Islands at 805-437-8916 or visit www.csuci.edu and click on the President's Dinner link.

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