



CSUCI President's Dinner Returns to Campus, Kearney to Receive Lagomarsino Award

Camarillo, Calif., Sept. 30, 2008-The outdoor plaza of the John Spoor Broome Library on the California State University Channel Islands campus will be the site of the Ninth-Annual President's Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 4. The event-"A Homecoming Celebration"-is a celebration of the University's accomplishments, and it will include the presentation of the California State University Channel Islands Robert J. Lagomarsino Award.

William J. Kearney has been named the 2008 recipient of the Lagomarsino Award. The award will be presented to Kearney 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 California State University Channel Islands.

Kearney's involvement with the University began in 1999 when he and his wife Elise became founding members of the President's Circle. Currently, Kearney is Chairman of the University's Foundation Board of Directors and has served on the Board since 2003. Kearney has been active with several organizations in Ventura County including Casa Pacifica, United Way of Ventura County, and Rubicon Theatre. In addition, he is a long-time member of the Downtown Ventura Rotary. Kearney is the First Vice President of Private Wealth Management at Merrill Lynch in Oxnard.

In addition to the presentation of the Lagomarsino Award to Kearney, the event will feature a sumptuous feast, special guest appearances by the University's Performing Arts students as well-known literary and historical characters, a bazaar, live music, and dancing. Musician Grant Geissman, a world class guitarist/composer who has recorded with many top artists, will perform live in the Library's Reading Room before dinner is served. Evening entertainment will feature the Platinum Groove.

The CSUCI President's Dinner is the premier fund-raising event of the year for the University. The title sponsor for the event is U.S. Trust Bank of America Private Wealth Management; Rabobank, N.A., platinum sponsor; Ventura County Star, gold sponsor; silvers sponsors are City of Oxnard, Harrison Industries, Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne, Van Gundy Jewelers, and Verizon; bronze sponsors are Elise and Bill Kearney, Pacific Coast Business Times, PCL Construction Leaders, Plaza Development Partners, St. John's Regional Medical Center and St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital.

For more information about the CSUCI President's Dinner, call 805-437-8916 or visit www.csuci.edu and click on the President's Dinner link.

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