Considine awarded honorary doctorate

To recognize his long record of service and support, Cal Poly bestowed an honorary doctorate on former CSU trustee R. James “Jim” Considine (BUS ‘68) at the June commencement ceremony, where he also delivered the address. It was only the second such degree Cal Poly has conferred.

President Warren J. Baker praised Considine for his “unstinting generosity and unconditional enthusiasm on behalf of both the CSU and Cal Poly” and for his “impassioned advocacy and strong leadership” during his tenure as a CSU alumni trustee and as board chairman, beginning in 1991, when California was suffering a severe budget crisis.

“Among his outstanding accomplishments during that difficult period [were] the establishment of the new San Marcos, Monterey Bay, and Channel Islands campuses,” said Baker.

Considine has also been active with the College of Business, given more than 35 years of service to the Cal Poly Alumni Association, and served as treasurer of the CSU statewide alumni council.

Editor’s Note: For a profile on Considine, see “Considine leaves CSU board after long and successful run,” Cal Poly Magazine, fall 1998, page 35. ☞
Manila Alumni

While working in Manila, the Philippines, alum Glen P. Braden (BIO '95) (far right) discovered Cal Poly graduates (from left) All-American basketball player Sean Chambers (SPC '89), Chris (Rasmussen) Panos (HE '72), and Rick Panos (ARCH '76). Together they formed "the unofficial Cal Poly Alumni Association of Manila [and] had fun telling Mustang stories halfway around the world," says Braden. Chambers plays as an "import" in the Philippine Basketball Association and his team has won several championships. (Photo courtesy of Glen Braden)

Unmask Your Memories

Come home to a Cal Poly Halloween

This year you can celebrate Halloween and Cal Poly's 1999 Homecoming the same weekend. Oct. 29-31 marks a three-day festival that includes San Luis Obispo's traditional Farmers' Market, the downtown parade, a wine tasting and barbecue, and a football game against Portland State. The class of 1949 will be having its 50th reunion (reservations for the alumni and reunion breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 31, must be made by Oct. 15).

For more information, call the Alumni Relations Office at 805/SLO-ALUM (805/756-2586). For details on specific department activities, contact the deans' offices.

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Servatius to be honored with first CPAA distinguished service award

All alumni and friends are encouraged to attend this year's Honored Alumni and Reunion Banquet on Friday evening, Oct. 29, when alumni from each college will be recognized and the Cal Poly Alumni Association will bestow its first-ever Distinguished Service Award on longtime friend and supporter, Owen Servatius (SOCS '59, ED '65).

While pursuing his undergraduate degree, he served as an assistant to President McPhee. After earning his master's degree, Servatius began a long career as one of the most popular and honored teachers in Cal Poly's history. He was recognized as Student Club Adviser of the Year and served as Business Department head from 1964 to 1983.

During the late '50s and early '60s, Servatius — along with Public Affairs Administrative Assistant Charlie Mendenhall and Lew Litzie (ARCH '50) — was the association. Supporting the CPAA for more than 30 years as secretary, regional point person, and spokesperson, Servatius touched every student and alum from 1947 to his retirement in 1984.
The Cal Poly Alumni Association is offering “Mustang Flight,” a limited-edition sculpture by Western artist and former College of Ag Professor Roy Harris (see back cover for details).

Introducing himself as "just an ol' cowboy," Harris is a former university professor and a sculptor to presidents and kings. He served as a horse trooper during the Korean War, worked as a cow boss on a ranch in eastern Arizona, and earned a B.S. and M.S. in animal science from Utah State, completing his doctorate in animal genetics and physiology there in 1970. He taught in Cal Poly’s College of Agriculture from 1954 until his retirement in 1986. (His son, Chad Harris, earned a 1985 degree in physical education at Boise State University.)

During his tenure at Cal Poly, Harris was commissioned to create a life-size bronze mustang sculpture for the courtyard between the administration building and the student union. Other works include 1980 world championship belt buckles for the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, two life-size skiers for the resort at Sun Valley, Idaho, and a sculpture of the Prince of Spain’s champion Arabian mare.

Pieces from these special editions are in the collections of former Presidents Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan, and are part of the Professional Rodeo Association’s 1980 display at the Cowboy Hall of Fame. He has been listed twice in Who’s Who in Frontier Science & Technology and three times in Who’s Who in the World. (Photo courtesy of Roy Harris)
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Kevin Higgins Rugby Endowment

The Kevin Higgins (BUS '86) Rugby Endowment Fund has been established with a $5,000 donation by Rob Fraser (HIST '89) and his wife, Shannon (SOC '91). The fund honors the former Cal Poly and USA Eagles rugger, while assisting the Cal Poly club with funds for the future. For more information, contact Rob Fraser at 503/364-1143 or fraserr@open.org, or contact the Alumni Relations Office at 805/SLO-ALUM (756-2586).

Cal Poly goes to the Big Apple

Join fellow alumni and friends on a trip to New York City, Sept. 22-26. Highlights will include a tour of the city, a New York Yankees game, and a Broadway show (to be announced). We will also be joining area alumni to cheer on the Cal Poly football team when they play Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y., on Sept. 25. Hotel accommodations, flight discounts, transportation, tours, and pre-game and game festivities are being arranged. For further details, call the Alumni Relations Office at 805/SLO-ALUM (756-2586).

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