Profiles of Vision: Donors Build a Strong Foundation

The generosity of alumni, friends, foundations, and industry has had a profound effect on the College of Science and Mathematics. Following are profiles of three people who have offered skilled leadership and uncommon vision to the college’s Centennial Campaign. All are members of Cal Poly’s Campaign Steering Committee.

As the College of Science and Mathematics realizes the fruits of their vision and generosity, it has developed new ideas and directions to pursue. The college may be close to its Centennial Campaign goal, but in fact its future is just beginning.

Kenneth N. Edwards
Dunn-Edwards Corporation

Ken Edwards’ vision and tenacious determination have been crucial to the development of the college’s polymers and coatings program and the establishment of the Western Coatings Technology Center. Through his respected leadership, Cal Poly’s first endowed chair, the Arthur C. Edwards Chair for Coatings Technology and Ecology ($1 million), was realized, quickly followed by the Bill Moore Coatings Research Fellowships ($350,000). Edwards has volunteered to chair the campaign for facilities in the Center for Science and Mathematics and is a lead donor for that facility.

Mark A. Smith
Unocal Corporation

Unocal is the largest contributor in Cal Poly’s history. Mark Smith’s leadership has resulted in $27 million in gifts sponsoring student research projects, funding the Unocal Chair for Environmental Studies and two Unocal Professors of Marine Science, and establishing the Cal Poly Marine Science Education and Research Center. Unocal has made a lead gift of $2 million toward construction of the Environmental Biotechnology Institute in the new Center for Science and Mathematics, with Smith taking the lead in raising the additional $5 million needed.

Richard J. Bradshaw
Cooley Godward LLP

Richard Bradshaw (MATH ’70) is an honors graduate of Cal Poly’s mathematics program and was the College of Science and Mathematics’ honored alumnus in 1998. He is the chair of the A Future Visionary: The Search Begins

A naming opportunity exists for Cal Poly’s new Center for Science and Mathematics, proposed as the largest science and mathematics building in the world’s largest university system, at one of the nation’s most selective public universities. The innovative, technology-rich building will be located at the campus center, adjacent to the planned Centennial Park. To secure a favorable state funding priority and to ensure that the center will be a model for teaching and learning, the college seeks support in raising $25-30 million, a quarter of the facility’s cost. For more information, call Dean Philip Bailey at 805/756-2226.