

## ORFALEA COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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**Profession:**

Real estate development and investment  
Principal/owner, New Cities Development Group; Bayrock Residential LLC; Valley Community Homes Inc.; and Pasadera Country Club LLC

**Greatest accomplishment:**

Professionally, I am very proud of the communities we have developed, including the Almaden Winery neighborhood in San Jose and the Pasadera Country Club in Monterey. Personally, my family is my most rewarding accomplishment. Marrying my wife, Judy, and raising our three children: Chris, 20; Bryan, 14; and Taylor, 12.

**Favorite Cal Poly professor:**

Owen Servatius, from whom I took several classes. He had an effective way of communicating his ideas and made his classes interesting.

**Fondest Cal Poly memory:**

I don't have one isolated memory. I enjoyed the five years I spent in San Luis Obispo. I lived and worked in the community. I loved the town, the school and friends. Friday afternoons at the Spindle bring back great memories.

**Favorite spot on campus:**

The entire campus is outstanding.

**How did you get into real estate development and investment?**

I started out in banking with Security Pacific National Bank in their real estate group. I then spent 10 years in mortgage banking. In 1989 I was extremely fortunate to join my current partners and we formed a development partnership.

**You recently gave a donation to help create the Finance Resource Analysis Center in the Orfalea College of Business, where there'll be a ticker tape board and students can watch the**



Tom deRegt, right, and his family

Photo courtesy Tom deRegt

**movement of the stock market. Why do you think such a center is important, and how will students benefit?**

It is a perfect fit for Cal Poly's learn-by-doing approach. We believe there is a tremendous opportunity to energize the finance curriculum and have it play a major role within the Orfalea College of Business.

**No. 1 reason for giving to Cal Poly? Why should other Orfalea College of Business alumni consider giving to Cal Poly?**

With the current budget shortfalls, we must provide alternate funding sources if we're going to maintain the business college at a high level and attract quality faculty and students.

– Nels Hanson