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Industry Leaders To Speak At Cal Poly Commencement Ceremonies Dec. 14

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Three industry leaders -- two of them Cal Poly grads themselves -- will deliver the featured addresses to degree candidates, their families and friends at Cal Poly's three Fall Commencement ceremonies Dec. 14 in the university's Recreation Center.

Approximately 720 of 950 eligible degree candidates are expected to participate in Commencement; about 50 of them are master's degree candidates. Campus officials expect to host a total of as many as 7,500 people for the three Saturday ceremonies.

Architect Rush N. Hill II, chairman of a Newport Beach group of service companies, will speak at a 9 a.m. commencement ceremony for the College of Engineering and Orfalea College of Business.

Joe A. Bannon, an executive with an international animal-health firm, will address degree candidates from the College of Agriculture, College of Science and Mathematics, and University Center for Teacher Education in a 1 p.m. event.

Former Southern California construction industry executive C. Terry Dooley will give the address at a 3:30 p.m. ceremony for the College of Architecture and Environmental Design and the College of Liberal Arts.

Hill, who graduated from Cal Poly in 1969 with a double major in architecture and business administration after serving a year as student body president, is the chairman and founding partner of the Hill Service Companies. Those firms include the Hill Partnership Inc., an architecture practice he founded in 1975, Newport Resource Management Inc., a real estate and corporate facility management consulting firm, and Newport Internet Services, a Web design and hosting company, where he is chairman and president.

In the early '70s during the second term of then-Gov. Ronald Reagan's California administration, Hill was asked to serve as Reagan's assistant education advisor. He was later named education advisor and ended his time in Sacramento as a special assistant to the governor.

Hill has served on advisory councils for both the Orfalea College of Business and the College of Architecture and Environmental Design. In Southern California, he serves on numerous educational and philanthropic boards.

Bannon is executive director of international marketing for Elanco Animal Health, a research-based company founded in 1954 that manufactures and markets products to improve the health of animals. His current

assignment is worldwide, including responsibility for managing the company's marketing business in Asia and the Pacific Rim, as well as Western, Central and Eastern Europe.

Elanco employs about 2,300 people and markets its products in more than 100 countries. The firm is heavily involved in partnering with industry associations such as the Animal Health Institute, the National Pork Producers Council, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and the International Federation for Animal Health.

Bannon earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural business management at Cal Poly in 1976. During his student years, he was involved in many extracurricular activities and received numerous awards, including being named Outstanding Senior in the School of Agriculture. Now a resident of Indianapolis, he is a member of the College of Agriculture Advisory Council.

Dooley, who spent more than four decades in the construction industry, is now chairman of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area ACE (Architecture-Construction-Engineering) Mentor Program. He is introducing the program, which began in New York City, to Southern California. It teams active professionals with upper-division high school students, who meet at offices and construction sites to design, budget and schedule a hypothetical construction project.

In September Dooley retired as senior vice president of Morley Construction Co. of Santa Monica, where he served 21 years. His final five years were spent principally in the planning and construction of the new Roman Catholic cathedral in downtown Los Angeles. Other responsibilities at Morley included pioneering work in seismic upgrading of existing structures, the creation of a marketing department, and liaison with technical societies and universities. Before his Morley work, Dooley spent 26 years in major construction work with Bethlehem Steel, all in the Western states.

Dooley, who earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Illinois and a master's in engineering from UCLA, has received national awards from the American Society of Civil Engineers and the American Concrete Institute. He recently was appointed by an agency of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to a committee that will oversee the writing of national standards for seismic strengthening. He is a former member of the Advisory Council of Cal Poly's College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

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(NOTE TO EDITORS: Reporters, photographers and camera crews will be admitted to Cal Poly Commencement ceremonies by showing their standard news media credentials. Special floor passes are no longer required.)

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