Cal Poly Professor, Wife Endow Library Statistics Collection

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly Statistics Chair and Professor Jay L. Devore and his wife, Carol S. Devore, have created an endowment in the amount of $10,000 to fund information resources in the area of statistics at Cal Poly’s Kennedy Library. Annual income from the endowment will allow the library to purchase up-to-date print and electronic books, journals and databases to support instruction and research in the field of statistics.

Devore earned a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering science from UC Berkeley and a Ph.D. in statistics from Stanford University. He came to Cal Poly in 1977, serving as professor until he was appointed department chair in 1998.

Devore is the author of five textbooks, including “Probability and Statistics for Engineering and the Sciences.” He was a recipient of Cal Poly’s Distinguished Teaching Award in 1990, has served several terms as associate editor of the Journal of the American Statistical Association, and is a Fellow of the American Statistical Association.

Carol Devore is a retired elementary school teacher who supervises student teachers for Cal Poly and Chapman University.

“Both Jay and Carol Devore are ardent library lovers in general,” said Carol Pendergast, advancement director for the Kennedy Library. “Their donation to the Kennedy Library to support various statistics media was given to express their appreciation for the successes of Jay’s books here at Cal Poly and at many universities and colleges throughout the world.”

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