

UCIRVINE

THE PAUL MERAGE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

DEAN'S LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

Insider's View Event Recap

On October 29, 2008, in the quiet neighborhood of Nellie Gail Ranch at the beautiful and spacious home of Mr. Ed Fuller, CEO of Marriott International (chair of the Dean's Advisory Board and member of the Dean's Leadership Circle), the Dean, Andrew J. Policano, of The Paul Merage School of Business and prominent members of the Dean's Leadership Circle gathered for an exclusive annual event featuring an Insider's View and report on the Merage School of Business given directly by the Dean of the School. As alumnus, Greg Lai '88, welcomed everyone, guests nibbled upon mouth watering hors d'oeuvres such as pumpkin ravioli, olive and manchego bites, roasted tomato brochettes, sushi, gourmet cheeses and beef tenderloin all created and provided by our host, Ed Fuller and Marriott and served in the traditional Marriott style of elegance and class. The Marriott even served the Dean's Leadership Circle signature drink which has been developed at a previous event held at the Marriott July 16, 2008. Dean Policano shared his analysis of the current economic crisis and emphasized the importance that business schools will play in the recovery period and why it is more important to look to an MBA during these times. The Dean explained the significance of the Dean's Leadership Circle to the Merage School and how the Endowed Professor Campaign is progressing. The DLC has raised \$600k towards the campaign and will strive to meet the \$1 million goal by the end of this year. Several Visionary donors have stepped up to meet the challenge by providing major gifts of \$25K payable over five years and each were recognized at the event for their important leadership in the campaign. Among those that received special recognition were Ms. Pam Adams '98, Mr. Thomas Antunez '05, Lisa and Mark Locklear '84, Paula Milano '80 and Eric Neilson, Irvine Chamber's Ms. Jacquie Warren, David Young '90, Johnson Chuang '05 and Mr. Greg Lai '88 for his pledge of an additional \$25k to the campaign. The evening was a huge success thanks to all who were there and a special thanks to our host Ed Fuller and Ms. Katie Bianchi '96 of Marriott.