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DEAN'S LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

The Dean's Leadership Circle Names Classroom

On Friday afternoon of September 12, members of the Dean's Leadership Circle were invited to celebrate the official dedication and naming of the classroom that had been known for years as SB-122. The classroom is now named "The Dean's Leadership Circle Classroom" in commemoration of the 2006-2007 Dean's Leadership Circle members whose gifts helped fund its renovation and transformation into a world-class learning environment. Each member during fiscal year 2006-2007 is recognized on the wall plaque now mounted inside of "their" classroom.

The afternoon event began with a nice reception featuring refreshments by Lett-uce Cater To You's Johnny Mosham, an Investor-level member of the Dean's Leadership Circle. Members then moved inside the classroom for the dedication ceremony. Pam Adams '98, Founding Chair of the DLC, opened the program stating how proud she is of the DLC's success and how quickly the group became the fastest growing support group on the UC Irvine campus.

Paula Milano '80, DLC Chair, who led the campaign in 2006-2007, spoke about how a team with a shared vision can work together to truly make a difference and how this factors in with the Dean's Leadership Circle helping the Merage School become a top ranked b-school.

Dean Andy Policano officially unveiled the plaque with a champagne toast in recognition of the DLC's accomplishments. In his speech, Dean Policano discussed the strengthened network between DLC members and current students/future alumni, many who will sit inside this classroom each day. The classroom clearly demonstrates how much the funding from the DLC has positively impacted the School and how much future participation means to the long-term success of the Merage School.

John Clarke '89, assistant dean and CIO, demonstrated the technology inside the classroom. This demonstration allowed everyone a sneak peek at what exciting special features the new building will have.

Dean Policano then discussed the importance of the DLC's Endowed Professorship, the current campaign to which all DLC funding is being allocated, and recognized the contribution of its lead donors:

Pamela Adams '98, Founding Chair of the DLC, Wachovia Securities

Thomas Antunez '05, Percentix

Greg Lai '88, Morgan Stanley – Campaign Leader

Mark Locklear '84 & Lisa Locklear '84, Ingram Micro

Paula Milano '80, Idhasoft Company

Jacquie Ellis Warren, Irvine Chamber of Commerce

David Young '91, PIMCO

While at the event, **Johnson Chuang '05**, inspired to upgrade his membership by Dean Policano's presentation and became the newest lead donor to the Endowed Professorship campaign.

After Dean Policano's final thanks to all attendees, the reception concluded with more refreshments and everyone enjoying the camaraderie and networking that the Dean's Leadership Circle provides for all of its 330+ members.

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