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USC Alumni Association to Glendale Residents James A. Eddy and Dr. Janet Ewart Eddy

The Eddys and Six Other Prominent USC Alumni Will Be Feted at 76th Annual USC Alumni Awards

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Los Angeles – James A. Eddy and Dr. Janet Ewart Eddy, past president and president-elect respectively of the Half Century Trojans, the University of Southern California’s senior alumni group, will receive the Alumni Service Award from their alma mater at the 76th Annual USC Alumni Awards May 2, 2009, at the Westin Bonaventure in downtown Los Angeles.

The university’s Alumni Service Award “recognizes outstanding volunteer efforts on behalf of the university.” In the 50-odd years since earning their undergraduate degrees from USC, the Eddys have devoted countless hours to various university and alumni organizations, in particular the Half Century Trojans, USC’s thriving senior alumni group. Both have strong family ties to the university: James’ father, Arnold Eddy, founded the Trojan League of Los Angeles and served as executive director of the USC Alumni Association; Janet’s father, Park Ewart, joined the faculty of the USC School of Commerce (now USC Marshall School of Business) the year before she was born, and taught at USC for 40 years.

After graduating from USC in 1952, James spent nearly 40 years at California Federal Savings, rising to the position of regional vice president for 28 offices, before retiring in 1989. In addition to his work on behalf of Half Century Trojans, James is a life member of the Howard Jones Memorial Foundation and the USC Associates; co-chaired the Class of 1952 50-Year Reunion Committee; and is a 55-year member of the Trojan Club.

Twenty-two years after receiving her B.A. in education in 1954, Janet returned to USC in 1976 to work at the National Charity League/USC School of Education, a lab school for remedial reading, while she pursued her master’s degree; she received her master’s in 1978. Passionate about teaching and counseling students with disabilities, she joined the university’s Division of Student Affairs in 1984 as a learning specialist. By 1991, Janet had earned her Ph. D. and become director of disability services and programs — a position she held until retiring in 2001.

Janet is a founding member and past-president of the Trojan Guild of Los Angeles, past president of the Trojan Junior Auxiliary, a Norris Hospital volunteer, and a current member of the Trojan League of Los Angeles, Norris Cancer Center Auxiliary, Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Association and Town and Gown of USC.

In addition to the Eddys, the USC Alumni Association will recognize six other distinguished alumni for their achievements and contributions. Ronnie C. Chan MBA '76, chairman of the Hang Lung Group Limited in Hong Kong, will receive the Asa V. Call Alumni Achievement Award. Mark A. Stevens '81, MS '84, managing partner of Sequoia Capital, and Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Frances C. Wilson EdD '80 will receive Alumni Merit Awards. Dr. David M. Breslow PharmD '71, CEO of United Pharmacists Network, Inc., and Alexander L. Cappello '77, chairman/CEO of Cappello Group, Inc., will also receive Alumni Service Awards. And Ron Orr '79, associate athletic director of USC Athletics, will receive the Fred B. Olds Award.

“Through their many accomplishments and acts of service, these eight alumni have proven themselves to be exemplary members of the Trojan Family,” says Scott M. Mory, associate senior vice president for alumni relations. “We look forward to welcoming them, and our guests, to the 76th annual gala.”

Every year since 1932, the USC Alumni Association has paid tribute to distinguished members of the Trojan Family. The annual Alumni Awards gala is the premier event sponsored by the Alumni Association. All proceeds from the event support the Alumni Association's programs, services and scholarships. Past honorees include Grammy-winning trumpeter Herb Alpert, former Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, architect Frank O. Gehry, opera great Marilyn Horne, WNBA star Lisa Leslie and screen legend John Wayne. For more information, please visit <http://alumni.usc.edu/awards>.

ABOUT THE USC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1923, the University of Southern California Alumni Association honors through its many events and programs the university's rich history and the intellectual, cultural and economic contributions of the Trojan Family. A full-time staff headed by the associate senior vice president for alumni relations helps 300,000+ USC alumni worldwide build and maintain lifelong connections to their alma mater and one another. For more information, call (213) 740-2300 or visit <http://alumni.usc.edu>.

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