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USC Alumni Association to Honor Venture Capitalist and USC Alumnus Mark A. Stevens

Stevens and Seven Other Prominent USC Alumni Will Be Feted at 76th Annual USC Alumni Awards Gala

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Los Angeles – Mark. A. Stevens, a managing partner at Sequoia Capital in Menlo Park, California, will receive the Alumni Merit Award from his alma mater, the University of Southern California, at the 76th Annual USC Alumni Awards Gala on May 2, 2009, at the Westin Bonaventure in downtown Los Angeles.

The university's Alumni Merit Awards recognize "individuals whose remarkable accomplishments speak well for the range and quality of a USC education." Stevens, who earned his B.S. and M.S. from the USC Viterbi School of Engineering in 1981 and 1984, joined Sequoia Capital in 1989. Ranked one of the nation's top venture capitalists, Stevens is jointly responsible for some of the most spectacular investments in the high-tech industry, including Google, Yahoo!, NVIDIA and YouTube.

Dedicated to his alma mater, Stevens is a USC Trustee and a member of the USC Viterbi School of Engineering Board of Councilors. In 2004, he and his wife Mary donated \$22 million to USC to found the USC Stevens Institute for Innovation, a university-wide resource in the office of the Provost specifically intended to develop a new model for innovation at a major research university. The institute's mission is to harness and advance creative thinking and breakthrough research at USC for maximum societal impact, beyond traditional academic means.

In addition to Stevens, the USC Alumni Association will recognize seven 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. Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Frances C. Wilson EdD '80 will also receive an Alumni Merit Award. Dr. David M. Breslow PharmD '71, CEO of United Pharmacists Network, Inc.; Alexander L. Cappello '77, chairman/CEO of Cappello Group, Inc.; and James A. Eddy '52 and Dr. Janet Eddy '54, MS '78, PhD '91, of the Half Century Trojans will receive Alumni Service

Awards. 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 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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