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USC Alumni Association to Honor Mark Stevens, One of the Nation’s Top Venture Capitalists; Former NFL Wide Receiver Curtis Conway, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Dalila Corral Lyons and LPGA Professional Golfer Lizette Salas, Among Prominent Trojans to Be Recognized at 82nd Annual USC Alumni Awards

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Los Angeles – Mark Stevens ’81, MS ’84, one of the nation’s top venture capitalists, will receive the Asa V. Call Alumni Achievement Award, the University of Southern California’s highest alumni honor, at the 82nd Annual Alumni Awards on April 25, 2015, at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

In addition to Stevens, the USC Alumni Association will recognize six other Trojans for their achievements and contributions to USC. Curtis Conway ’94, former NFL wide receiver and current PAC-12 Network studio analyst; Dalila Corral Lyons ’81, a Los Angeles County Superior Court judge; and Dickran Tevrizian ’62, JD ’65, the first Armenian American federal judge in U.S. history, will receive Alumni Merit Awards. Lizette Salas ’11, an LPGA professional golfer, will receive the Young Alumni Merit Award. JoAnne Rogers ’60, former Alumnae Coordinating Council chair, and George Stoneman MD’65, former president and current member of the Keck School of Medicine of USC’s Salerni Collegium Alumni Association, will receive Alumni Service Awards.

“Through their many accomplishments and acts of service, these seven alumni have proven themselves to be exemplary members of the Trojan Family,” said Associate Senior Vice President for Alumni Relations Patrick E. Auerbach EdD ’08. “We look forward to welcoming them, and our guests, to the 82nd Annual USC Alumni Awards on April 25th.”

The USC Alumni Association will also confer honorary alumni status to Leo and Ivy Chu in recognition of their dedicated efforts to extend USC’s global reach in the Pacific Rim. As founder of the Association of Pacific Rim Universities, Leo Chu has leveraged his and Ivy’s connections to create and cultivate relationships between USC and its Asian counterparts, including partnerships between the Keck Medical Center of USC and China’s medical providers and universities. In 2012, he received the USC Price School of Public Policy’s Global Ambassador Award.

Mark Stevens, the 2015 Asa V. Call Alumni Achievement Award honoree, is a special limited partner and former managing partner at Sequoia Capital, a leading technology venture capital firm. A fixture on Forbes magazine’s annual Midas List of the top 100 venture capitalists—
climbing as high as 10th place in the ranking—Stevens is jointly responsible for some of the most spectacular investments in the high-tech industry, including Google, Yahoo!, NVIDIA and YouTube. Stevens is also a member of the USC Board of Trustees and the USC Viterbi School of Engineering Board of Councilors. In 2004, he and his wife Mary donated $22 million to found the USC Stevens Institute for Innovation, which helps turn USC research into products for public benefit through licensing, collaborations and the promotion of entrepreneurship and innovation.

“Mark Stevens is the epitome of a dedicated Trojan,” said Amy A. Ross PhD ’86, the president of the USC Alumni Association Board of Governors. “We are proud to present him with this year’s Asa V. Call Alumni Achievement Award.”

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 hosted by the USC Alumni Association. Past honorees include Apollo 11 astronaut Neil Armstrong ’70, world-renowned architect Frank O. Gehry ’54, opera great Marilyn Horne ’53 and Academy Award-winning filmmaker Robert Zemeckis ’73. All proceeds from the event support the USC Alumni Association’s programs and services. For more information, please visit http://alumni.usc.edu/awards/.

ABOUT THE USC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The USC Alumni Association’s mission is to support the overall advancement of the University of Southern California by engaging all alumni for life, building a culture of philanthropy among the Trojan Family, and being the representative voice for all USC alumni.

The USC Alumni Association annually hosts hundreds of events and programs around the globe. Providing a wide variety of benefits and services to all of its 360,000 members worldwide, the USC Alumni Association supports more than 100 affiliated alumni clubs, alumnae support groups and multicultural and generational alumni communities. These groups collectively distribute nearly four million dollars each year in scholarships for USC students. The 2014-15 USC Alumni Association Board of Governors president is Amy A. Ross PhD ’86 and USC’s Associate Senior Vice President for Alumni Relations is Patrick E. Auerbach EdD ’08.

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