

Distinguished Alumnus

CHUCK SHELLENBERGER ENDOWS NEW ACCOUNTING SCHOLARSHIP

Chuck Shellenberger '72 (Accounting) enjoyed a rewarding and challenging 30-year career as an accountant with Rockwell International and The Boeing Company. For 16 of those years, he also taught accounting to Fullerton College students in the evenings. It was partly his exposure to all those students that inspired him to create a \$30,000 endowment for the new Charles B. Shellenberger Accounting Scholarship at Mihaylo College, and through a corporate matching program, The Boeing Company added an additional \$3,000 to the gift.

“We like the idea of helping young people get an education,” says Janet Shellenberger. “We put Chuck through college on the GI bill while I worked, and we had a young daughter at the time. We know what it’s like to work and study, and not have a lot of money.”

The couple had thought about donating for some time, but it was a recent article in Cal State Fullerton’s *Titan* magazine that spurred them to action. They saw that a friend, Frances Kay



Chuck '72 and Janet Shellenberger understand the challenge of working and going to school.

Krausman '75, '88 had established an endowed scholarship for the College of Education and decided it was time to do the same for the department of accounting.

Chuck Shellenberger was honored as Accounting Alumnus of the Year at the fall Accounting Awards Banquet on November 29, 2007, hosted by the Accounting Society and student accounting fraternity, Beta Alpha Psi, of which he is a charter member. ■

For more information about scholarship giving, contact Marcia Harrison, 714-278-4869, mharrison@fullerton.edu.

MBA Alumni

GO TO VIETNAM TO EXPLORE AMERICAN-VIETNAMESE EDUCATION

A representative of the Vietnamese-American MBA Alumni (VAMBA) Chapter, Tam Nguyen '05, and University President Milton A. Gordon recently returned from an education conference in Vietnam. They were invited by the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi to the conference, titled “American Support for Education in Vietnam: A Brainstorming Session for American Stakeholders.” The two-day event allowed attendees to discuss how cooperation between the American private and public sectors could enhance the efforts of all participants to reach their educational goals, including increasing the flow of Vietnamese students to the United States and creating stronger links between the American and Vietnamese universities.

“As a Vietnamese-American, I’m very happy that Cal State Fullerton’s leadership gives support to not only help educate future leaders regionally but globally, particularly in Vietnam,” says Nguyen, who earned his MBA at the College and is the alumni chapter co-founder and immediate past president.

The visiting Cal State Fullerton delegation also participated in a roundtable discussion with the U.S. Consulate. Following the visit, Doug Sonnek, economics officer for the consulate, said in a thank-you letter to VAMBA: “I personally learned more during our two-hour discussion than with virtually any other group I’ve met so far in Vietnam ... it’s always great to talk to people with one foot in Southern California and the other in Saigon.” ■

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