

Theodore L. Gildred and James Lemke awarded the Chancellor's Associates Medals at the annual Chancellor's dinner dance

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The Chancellor's Associates Medal, a newly established award recognizing distinguished service to the University of California, San Diego, was presented for the first time Friday, July 8, to two San Diego residents.

The medals were given to Theodore L. Gildred, president of the Gildred Foundation, and James Lemke, vice president of Eastman Technology, Inc., whose contributions of time and resources on behalf of the university during the past year were described as "outstanding and of far-reaching benefit for UCSD."

The presentations were made during the 11th annual Chancellor's dinner dance held on the campus to honor members of the Chancellor's Associates and the UCSD Board of Overseers. The idea for the new award was suggested by Associates' member Marvin Schwartz who also designed, produced and gave the gold medals for the annual awards.

Schwartz and Clayton Brace, current chairman of the Associates, presented the medals to Gildred and Lemke in a brief ceremony during the dinner dance.

Gildred, a member of the Chancellor's Associates, was responsible for the leadership gifts which sparked the fund drive for the Gildred Cancer Center and the establishment of the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies at UCSD.

In addition, arrangements have recently been finalized to locate the Institute of the Americas on the UCSD campus entailing a \$5 million investment of the Gildred Foundation and including a building for the Institute as well as the establishment of several endowed chairs.

The award stated that "this Center will provide a facility and an organization that will make a major contribution in improving relationships with Latin America."

Lemke has been actively involved in linking together the high-tech industry of the San Diego area with the recently established Division of Engineering at UCSD. He has worked with UCSD Extension in the development of engineering programs and has been active in the organization of the Industrial Liaison Program on the campus.

According to the award, "his real coup was his influence, his diligent effort, and persistence in securing the Center for Magnetic Recording Research" for the UCSD campus. "The competition for this Center was very keen among the prestigious research universities, but Jim Lemke deserves the credit for being the decisive influence in securing this valuable resource for UCSD and the community," the award read.

The Center is expected to attract close to \$11 million for the campus in the next several years with its location here.

The Chancellor's Associates, which began in 1966, is made up of friends of the university who contribute annually to the discretionary fund of the chancellor. There are currently some 235 members of this support group.

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