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The University of California, San Diego Foundation Board held a special awards ceremony March 16 at University House to honor three outstanding supporters of the university. At the ceremony, UCSD benefactors Herbert Kunzel, Marianne McDonald, and the Charles Lee Powell Foundation, were presented with the honor of "Civis Universitatis" by UC San Diego Foundation President Jerome Katzin. According to Katzin, they are the first recipients of this new award that will be bestowed annually by the foundation.

McDonald, a longtime patron of the university, as well as an adjunct faculty member, was honored "in recognition of her accomplishments as a scholar, her devotion to the furtherance of the arts and humanities, and her exceptional support of UCSD, as evidenced by her status as a respected adviser, devoted friend, and generous benefactor," said Katzin.

McDonald, a resident of Rancho Santa Fe and president of Olbos Enterprises, established the Hajime Mori Chair in Japanese Language and Literature in 1984, and in 1992, endowed the Kirstie McDonald Graduate Fellowship in the Theater Department at UCSD. Over the last decade, McDonald has been involved in numerous UCSD boards and activities, and is a member of the UC San Diego Foundation board.

La Jolla resident Herbert Kunzel, president of the Charles Lee Powell Foundation, was recognized for "his vision and leadership as a member of the UC San Diego Foundation Board of Trustees," said Katzin, "along with his business expertise and philanthropic acumen which has helped to dramatically increase private financial support to the university."

As president of the Charles Lee Powell Foundation, Kunzel has positively shaped and nurtured the future of research and teaching in engineering and the physical sciences at UCSD.

The Charles Lee Powell Foundation, since it was established in 1982, has made major contributions to the quality of teaching, research, and academic facilities in science and engineering at UCSD. The foundation supports graduate students and young faculty, the Center for Interface and Materials Science, and the internationally renowned Charles Lee Powell Structural Laboratory, a unique laboratory which is at the forefront of earthquake research. The foundation has also endowed a chair in mathematics and supports a summer math teacher institute.

The UC San Diego Foundation is a non-profit corporation established in 1972 to cultivate and manage private support for UCSD. The Foundation is governed by a board of trustees comprised of prominent leaders in the community as well as campus representatives, including the chancellor.

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