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From the Earliest Days Until Today, Professor's Ties To USD Have Remained Strong

Philosophy Professor John Swanke started teaching at the College for Men in 1968 and says his department and the philosophy department in the College for Women were the last to merge when the two institutions, along with the School of Law, combined forces to become what is now the University of San Diego.

It took a meeting on the second floor of Serra Hall, with then-Provost Sister Sally Furay instructing professors from both schools not to leave until they had come to an agreement. Finally, six hours later, even though debates over teaching styles, content and curriculum were still underway, Sister Furay opened the door and told them the merger was complete. The decision was made for them. Despite their differences, they were now one department.

“Art Hughes was a miracle worker for us,” says Swanke, of the first president of the merged University of San Diego. “He was a finance expert, he was intelligent and he was well-liked by the faculty. Under his watch, the merger went very smoothly.”

Swanke taught at Alcalá Park from 1968 to 1993 when he retired. He wore a suit and tie every day, he used the courtesy titles Mr. and Ms. when speaking to his students, and he assigned regular term papers, as well as book reports every other week.

He thought he was an easy grader. His students, however, thought otherwise.

“I didn’t tolerate a lot of nonsense, but I tried to teach them well and I filled up a classroom every

semester,” he recalls. “But after 25 years, I was 66 years old and was ready to go on to other things.”

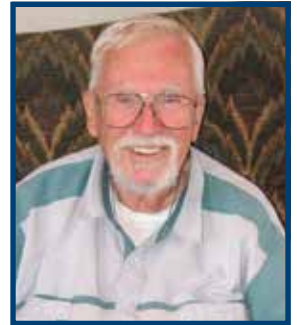
Professor Swanke, however, always stayed connected to the University of San Diego. He established the Anne Catherine

Swanke Memorial Scholarship Fund, named for his daughter, who would have graduated from USD in 1985 with a Bachelor of Arts in music.

“The scholarship can go to any student in the university, but most of the time it goes to a music major because my daughter was a musician,” says Swanke, who established the fund in 1984, the year his daughter died.

Professor Swanke thought when he left USD that he’d never teach again. But six months into his retirement, he was contacted by the Missionaries of Charity, established by Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Administrators there asked him to teach the seminary students in Mexico. He worked for them an additional six years.

“For six years I drove to Mexico,” Swanke said. “I became personal friends with Mother Teresa. She was a remarkable woman. She radiated God and holiness. She was a lovely woman and I really loved her.”



Philosophy Professor John Swanke taught at USD from 1968-1993.

Leaving a Legacy at USD

By John A. Phillips

Planning for the future and considering the legacy you will leave is one of the most effective ways to ensure a lasting impact on the world in which you live. For many people who are considering their legacy, ensuring that their loved ones will be sufficiently cared for in the future is of paramount importance. Making a charitable bequest to the University of San Diego (USD) is one of the easiest ways to guarantee that your legacy endures and makes a long-term impact on students, faculty, programs and departments.

What Is a Charitable Bequest?

A charitable bequest is a written statement in your will or trust directing that a gift be made to USD, or any qualified charity, as part of the disposition of your estate. A charitable bequest is one of the most flexible estate planning tools because it can be changed at any time. This ability to remain in complete control of your property during your lifetime makes a charitable bequest one of the most popular methods of giving.

What Options Can I Consider?

There are several types of charitable bequests. Depending on your needs and objectives, one type may be better suited for your estate plan:

- Gift of a specific dollar amount
- Gift of a percentage of your estate
- Gift of a specific asset
- Gift of the residue of your estate
(the assets that remain in your estate after other bequests, tax and administrative costs have been satisfied)

How Would My Gift Be Used?

The motivations of USD donors are as varied as the programs their gifts support. While unrestricted gifts allow the university the greatest flexibility to allocate funds where they are most needed, donors may designate their gifts to specific schools, programs or organizations within the university.

Sample Wording for an Unrestricted Gift

I give (insert dollar amount, property to be given, percentage of the estate, or “the remainder of my estate”) to the University of San Diego, a California nonprofit corporation, located at 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA 92110-2492, for its general use and purposes. The University of San Diego tax identification number is 95-2544535.

Sample Wording for a Restricted Gift

I give (insert dollar amount, property to be given, percentage of the estate, or “the remainder of my estate”) to the University of San Diego, a California nonprofit corporation, located at 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA, 92110-2492, to support (insert designation or purpose) at the University of San Diego. The University of San Diego tax identification number is 95-2544535.

The Legacy You Leave

Any individual who has informed us of the inclusion of the university in their estate plan is invited to join the Puente de Oro Society. “Puente de Oro” is Spanish for “Bridge of Gold,” signifying gifts of generosity from one generation to another. Members are recognized at an annual lunch reception and can choose to be recognized in university donor publications.

The Office of Planned Giving can help you determine the type of charitable bequest that suits your objectives. We will provide you with confidential information that will ensure you receive the maximum tax benefits as you shape your legacy for future generations. Call John Phillips today at (619) 260-4523 or send an email to jphillips@sandiego.edu.

Bridges Scholarship Corner — Honor Roll of Donors

The Bridges Academy Endowed Scholarship has grown over the years with the support of generous attendees of the Bridges Academy Lecture Series. This year, our student scholarship recipients received the largest awards the endowment has produced so far. We would like to thank each and every one of our Bridges Academy participants who have made a gift in the past year. We hope our donors can take great pride in the amazing accomplishments of the students they help to support. Thank you again!

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How Bequests Make a Difference

Every gift to USD, no matter the size, makes a difference to our students and our programs. Here's a quick look at how bequests have helped departments across campus:

School of Leadership and Education Sciences	\$10,000, \$5,000
Athletics Annual Fund	\$151,470
Student Center construction	\$40,000
Center for Science and Technology	\$100,000
Nursing Scholarships	\$25,000, \$20,000, \$5,000
Athletic Building Fund	\$4,000,000
Law Student Aid Scholarship	\$40,000, \$241,200, \$4,000
SOLES Lecture Series	\$425,000
Children's Advocacy Institute, USD School of Law	\$100,000
Fine Arts Department	\$10,277
Missions Café and Fitness Center Construction	\$4,800, \$6,772, \$9,900
Unrestricted gifts	\$18,000, \$3,500, \$650,000

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