Business Recognition Program: Santa Clara University October 10, 2006 7 p.m. Santa Clara City Council Meeting

Tonight we have the pleasure of recognizing an outstanding Santa Clara business and educational institution, Santa Clara University founded in 1851 by the Society of Jesus as "Santa Clara College." On behalf of the entire City Council, I'd like to welcome the following University representatives to Council Chambers:

- Paul Locatelli, S.J., Santa Clara University President
- Jim Briggs, Executive Assistant to the President
- Bob Warren, Vice President for Administration and Finance
- Jeanne Rosenberger, Vice Provost for Student Life
- Jennifer Moody, SCU senior and President of the Associated Students of Santa Clara University



Mission Santa Clara and Santa Clara College, c. 1856

Santa Clara University is the oldest operating institution of higher learning in the state, and we are particularly pleased and proud to have them in the community. The college was established on the site of Mission Santa Clara, the City's

namesake. The Mission is one of our community's most recognizable landmarks. Mission Santa Clara was the eighth of the 21 original California missions.



John M. Burnett, Second Graduate of Santa Clara College, 1860 Photograph Courtesy of SCU Archives

The "college" originally operated as a "prep" school, and offered college courses beginning in 1853. Starting with only 12 students in 1851, enrollment increased after the Civil War and by 1875, the size of the student body was 250 students. During its first 60 years, the school experienced a slow but steady growth, becoming "The University of Santa Clara" in 1912 when the engineering school and a law school were added.

You may be interested to learn that in 1925, the high school/prep school part was separated from the University, taking the name of Bellarmine College Preparatory.

The Leavey School of Business opened in 1926, and within a decade, it became one of the first business schools in the country to receive national accreditation. In 1961, women were accepted to the full-time undergraduate program, making this the first coeducational Catholic university in California. The number of students and faculty more than tripled over the next ten years, and the University began a tremendous building program, constructing eight residence halls, a student union, and an athletic stadium.



Mary Somers Edmunds, the first woman to graduate from undergraduate program 1962. Photograph Courtesy of SCU Archives



Santa Clara College's first football team 1896 Photograph Courtesy of SCU Archives

In the early 1970s, the University Board of Trustees voted to limit the size of the undergraduate population, intending to preserve the character of the University and to ensure its quality for generations to come. In 1985, the University adopted Santa Clara University (SCU) as its official name.

More recently, a new "green" building on campus, the Commons on Kennedy Mall, was completed in 2005. It is the University's first "green" facility, with classrooms, meeting rooms, and common areas. The University's dedication to excellence extends to its commitment to the environment, with this "green" building showcasing sustainable building materials, solar technologies, and environmentally conscious construction. These features will be incorporated into other new Santa Clara University structures as well.

This June the University broke ground for a new commons and library. The new Learning Commons will be roughly twice the size of the current library. It will have the capacity to store 1.1 million volumes, with an automated retrieval system (ARS) that will expand the library's capacity to store and access well over a million volumes. More than a

book repository, the new library represents a state-of-the-art learning

center and gathering place for the entire University community, where teaching and learning scholars will create, retrieve and share knowledge.



From the City's perspective, the University is one of the most active environmental partners in our community. Not only are they educating a new generation on sustainable practices, but they are also putting those practices to work. In addition to their early coordination with City staff on the environmentally-friendly design of the Kennedy Commons building, their accomplishments are many and include: multiple rebate awards for energy efficient lighting, and heating and air conditioning systems; coparticipation in a Sustainability Day; a recent "I Switched to CFL's" (Compact Fluorescent Lamps) student outreach campaign; and more. We are also very proud to say that the University is a strong supporter and one the top purchasers in the City of Santa Clara Green Power. In other partnerships, for many decades, a joint committee of the City and the University, currently called the Neighborhood-University Relations Committee, has met regularly and served as a forum for ongoing communication and problem solving among City officials, neighborhoods, property owners and Santa Clara University officials and students.

The University has also partnered with the City and the community in habitat restoration for Ulistac Natural Area, 40 acres of open space in the City, which was designated by the City Council as a City park in 1997. Today this park is home to the Ulistac Natural Area Restoration and Education Project, a community-driven education project that teaches people of all ages about the Santa Clara Valley's natural and human history. The project is managed by the University's Environmental Studies Institute.

We have also been fortunate to have worked with the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics in the early formation of the City of Santa Clara's Ethics & Values Program. The Markkula Center is a premier center for research and dialogue on ethical issues in critical areas of American life.

The University's 106-acre campus, located in the heart of our City, has more than 50 buildings including 12 residence halls, two libraries, an exceptional museum, a student center, and extensive athletic facilities. Its



beautiful gardens are not to be missed any time of year, but especially in the springtime when the ancient wisteria vines adjacent to the Mission Church are in full bloom. Notable alumni include hundreds of names such as former
Assemblyman and Senator John Vasconcellos, several former Santa
Clara City Council Members such as Austen Warburton, former
California Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., former U.S. Representative
Leon Panetta, and former California Supreme Court Justice Edward J.
Panelli. Steve Nash, two-time NBA Most Valuable Player and former
Bronco basketball star, recently returned to campus to give the keynote
address at the University's Convocation, where he encouraged students
to take advantage of the Santa Clara experience.

Nash epitomizes the ethics of the University, to foster "competence, conscience and compassion" in its faculty, staff, administration and student body. Recently named one of *Time* magazine's 100 most influential people, he is known for giving back to the community, founding a memorial endowment fund in honor of a University volunteer staff member, and also establishing a foundation "to aid underprivileged children, in their health, personal development, education and enjoyment of life."

Today this Catholic, Jesuit university has a diverse community of



Students in the Bannan Engineering Building

scholars and about 8,400 students of all faiths, and emphasizes a valuesoriented curriculum. It has a highly admired and rigorous undergraduate curriculum in the arts and sciences, business and engineering. Santa Clara University also has nationally recognized graduate and professional schools in business, law, engineering, pastoral ministries, counseling psychology and education. SCU has received hundreds, if not thousands of award and accolades over its history.

The City of Santa Clara is truly fortunate to have Santa Clara
University as an integral part of our community and as a partner.
While the City has been recognizing the accomplishments of local
businesses for many years, a more formal Business Recognition
Program was established by the City Council in late 2003, upon the
recommendation of a committee of the City Council, the Mission City 21
(Economic Development) Committee. The recognition program is a joint
one with the Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce and ConventionVisitors Bureau. We have with us tonight Steve Van Dorn of the
Chamber/CVB who will also be making a presentation to the University.
The formalized business recognition program recognizes the valuable
contributions that all businesses make to the City of Santa Clara.
Santa Clara University is one of the oldest, active businesses in our
community.



The University is well-respected for its standards of excellence, ethics and community commitment. The City of Santa Clara would like to congratulate Fr. Locatelli, and Santa Clara University, on 155 years of outstanding service to the Santa Clara community!

Thank you. I would now like to introduce Steve Van Dorn, President & General Manager of the Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce and Convention-Visitors Bureau.