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USD PRESENTS FIRST ANNUAL ALUMNI AWARD

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Mr. J. Fred Widmer is the first recipient of the University of San Diego Alumni Association's Bishop Charles Francis Buddy Award, which was presented at the Alumni Annual Meeting Saturday, May 15 in DeSales Dining Hall on the USD Campus.

The award is presented to an alumnus or alumna who has proven outstanding in profession, leadership in the community, intellectual pursuits and service to the University of San Diego.

Finalists for the award were Reverend Neal T. Dolan, Director of Vocations for the San Diego Diocese; Mrs. James Eckmann, attorney; J. Michael Hughes, an attorney in Los Angeles; Sister Jacqueline Kearns, a missionary in Kenya; and Ned Wilson, Vice Principal at St. Augustine's High School.

Widmer, a State Farm insurance agent, served as Alumni President at USD from 1973 to 1975 and Annual Giving Chairman for 1974, and has been actively supportive of University programs since his graduation in 1963. He is currently Vice President of the Fathers' Club, All Hallows Church, La Jolla, and he and his wife Donna are Regional Board members for Marriage Encounter, a diocesan program. The Widmers have four children.

The Award, a hand lettered parchment certificate, was presented by Monsignor I. Brent Eagen, Chancellor for the Diocese of San Diego, and John Bowman, chairman of the Selection Committee comprising trustees, faculty, administrators, and alumni.

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