



## **Charles J. Soderquist AWARD**

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The Charles J. Soderquist Award was established by the trustees of the UC Davis Foundation in 2005 to acknowledge and honor “Charlie” Soderquist for his many contributions to UC Davis.

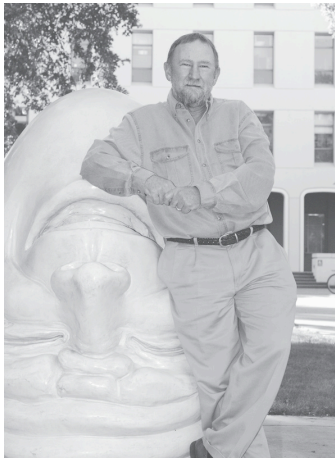
Charlie Soderquist was a prominent Sacramento-area entrepreneur, educator and philanthropist. His passion, leadership and support were extended throughout the Delta region he so loved, as he made a personal commitment to the business and investment communities, education, the arts, literature, the environment, science and technology.

A major donor to the University of California, Davis, where he received his doctorate, Charlie served on numerous boards and committees and taught a class on entrepreneurship at the Graduate School of Management. Charlie devoted countless hours to alumni affairs and fundraising and to bridging the gap between the private sector and the academic community. Charlie served on the UC Board of Regents, was chair of the UC Davis Foundation Board of Trustees, president of the Cal Aggie Alumni Association, founding chair of the UC Davis Connect board and a lead volunteer for the Lake Tahoe Environmental Research Center.

In 1998, Charlie published *Sturgeon Tales: Stories of the Delta*, an eclectic collection of short stories about life on the Sacramento River. In 2005, Sacramento’s regional public television station, KVIE, released “The River of Life,” a documentary about the Sacramento River, in recognition of Charlie’s life-long fascination with the river and its wildlife, and his concern about its health.

Charlie Soderquist founded and led several dozen companies including his first, California Analytical Laboratories, an environmental consulting and testing firm. It became a multimillion-dollar business. After it merged with another firm, Charlie became involved in nurturing young technology companies through his Technology Development Center in West Sacramento. He used his investment business to provide seed money to jump start high-tech companies in the area.

Charlie earned an M.S. in 1973 and a Ph.D. in 1978 in agricultural and environmental chemistry from UC Davis.



## **Award**

The Charlie Soderquist award is a cash prize of \$5,000 that the recipient then awards to a single UC Davis college, school or campus unit of choice. The recipient is honored at the spring UC Davis Foundation Board of Trustees meeting.

## **Past Recipients**

The first year's prize was given posthumously in May 2005 to **Charlie Soderquist**. It was received by his son, Chris Soderquist, and awarded to Professor Andy Hargadon in support of his research at the Graduate School of Management.

Legendary Oakland Raiders center **Jim Otto** received the 2006 prize. As chair of the UC Davis Cancer Center's Capital and Endowment Initiative, Otto awarded the \$5,000 prize to the Cancer Center Initiative at UC Davis.

The 2007 prize was awarded to **Michael W. Chapman**, M.D. '58, and his wife, **Betty Chapman**. The Chapmans, whose generosity has benefited many units across UC Davis, awarded the \$5,000 prize to the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery.

Last year's recipient, **Barbara Jackson**, had a long history of generous financial support and volunteer service to the Davis community with her late husband, Professor W. Turrentine "Turpie" Jackson. Jackson continues that tradition of generous philanthropy and has played a vital leadership role, inspiring other volunteers as well as potential donors with her amazing energy, enthusiasm and munificence. Jackson awarded the \$5,000 prize to the Barbara K. Jackson Graduate Fellowship in Student Conducting.

## **Criteria**

The Charles J. Soderquist Award is given in recognition of exceptional volunteer leadership and support of philanthropy at UC Davis and honors and celebrates those individuals whose accomplishments as volunteers have made a significant and lasting impact on UC Davis. Specifically, it recognizes an individual (or couple) who has demonstrated exceptional volunteerism and leadership by advancing the mission and vision of UC Davis through the identification, cultivation, and stewardship of major donors; the establishment of a major fundraising program; personal giving; or a combination of these contributions.

## **Nominations**

Each confidential nomination requires completion of the attached nomination form and a statement of support.

The statement of support should not exceed two single-sided pages and should summarize the nominee's accomplishments as they relate to the criteria.

**2009**

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NOMINATION FORM**

**Nominee Information:**

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Title Full Name

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Mailing Address

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**Nomination submitted by:**

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**Please submit letter of nomination and this form  
by February 27, 2009**

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