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BARRY AND MOLLY SWENSON TO RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREE FROM SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

DEGREE HONORS THEIR PHILANTHROPIC WORK IN THE SILICON VALLEY COMMUNITY



JUNE 12, 2019, SAN JOSE, CA – Santa Clara University recently announced it will confer honorary degrees to Barry and Molly Swenson for their philanthropic work with numerous Silicon Valley organizations over the years. Presented at the undergraduate commencement on Saturday, June 15, at Steven's Stadium, the event will also include a commencement address from actor and activist Martin Sheen.

"The Swensons are renowned for giving back to the community, particularly to organizations that educate and support children. They have generously aided Cristo Rey San Jose Jesuit High School, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley and dozens more," said Michael E. Engh, S.J., president of Santa Clara University. "They have modeled the Jesuit values that Santa Clara teaches its students—to be women and men for others. We are honored to award them the honorary Doctor of Public Service degree."

Barry Swenson is known for building many iconic structures in Silicon Valley, while Molly Swenson helped start the Children's Discovery Museum and build History San Jose, as well as being one of the original signers of the articles of incorporation for what was previously the San Jose Historical Museum Association. Both have long associations with many nonprofit groups and charities throughout the valley.

Mr. Swenson has developed and built more than twenty million square feet of projects in California – from residential high-rises and corporate campuses to medical and industrial complexes. Restoration and revitalization efforts are also a key effort of Mr. Swenson’s energy. Lauded by associations and peer groups throughout the golden state, Mr. Swenson is a celebrated captain of industry with countless awards, commendations and a U.S. Patent to his name.

The Swenson's dedication to community causes are visible in education, human services, and the arts; and their pledge to help people on all projects and ventures is legendary.

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