

Distinguished Alumni

Distinguished Alumnus Award - 1986

Michael Alan Morphy '50

Few alumni have embodied the spirit of Cate School's motto, "Servons," to the same degree as has this year's recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award, and few have given to the School so generously of their time, talent, and resources.

You have sent your three sons to Cate, have served as a member of the Board of Trustees since 1975, became president in 1977, and chairman in 1983. You have also served as chairman of the Development Committee, chairman of the Annual Fund, and were the founding president of the Mesa Association.

As president of the Board, you played a key role in the School's successful transition to coeducation, and you were instrumental in the \$3.8 million campaign for Cate, the largest capital campaign in the School's history. Your dedication to Cate, and your willingness to work long and hard on its behalf, has contributed significantly to the increased national recognition the School has achieved.

Over the past eleven years, you have become a familiar and welcome figure on the Mesa, and your interest in both students and faculty has been genuine and sincere. At the same time, you have greatly increased the Cate community's understanding and appreciation of the School's Board of Trustees.

You have been equally as successful and active in your business career, starting as a sales trainee for California Portland Cement Company in 1956 and rising to become chairman of the board in 1981. Your community involvement has included work with numerous charitable organizations, and, most recently, your role as the commissioner of equestrian events helped assure the unprecedented success of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games.

In recognition of your many accomplishments and loyal service to Cate School, it is with both pride and honor that the Alumni Association names you, Michael Alan Morphy '50, as its Distinguished Alumnus for 1986.