

2012 Orange County Titan Award Remarks

by Supervisor Bill Campbell

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Milt, I am here representing the Orange County Board of Supervisor and all the people of Orange County to thank you for your service as president of California State University, Fullerton. I am especially honored to present to you the Orange County Titan Award.

Walter Isaacson the biographer of Steve Jobs also has written biographies of Benjamin Franklin and Albert Einstein. He has said that what made these three men similar is their extraordinary intellectual capacity in the sciences and the humanities. President Gordon is of this same caliber. His Ph.D. in mathematics and his continued leadership on national mathematics and sciences boards demonstrates his science acumen. Dr. Gordon used his administrative skills at Cal State Fullerton for the past 21 year, where he established the presidents scholars program to attract top students, oversaw the construction of over \$600 million in new and renovated facilities, hosted a monthly campus television show, where more students from community colleges matriculated than any other university in the United States, where he established one of the first doctorate programs in education. Also, I certainly could not forget to mention his strong support for the Cooper archeo-paleo program with the County of Orange. All of these demonstrate his human skills.

The difference between Milt and those three prominent men I mentioned is that Milt is here with us now. We can say thank you and honor you for your service.

Milt have a wonderful retirement. Knowing you, as I do, retirement maybe the one subject area that you might not get a passing grade in. We are all going to be calling on you to keep you involved. Congratulations and thank you!