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Kurt Reick will accept the Betty Hutton Williams Medal, awarded to the outstanding business school student for 2002-03.

ORANGE, Calif., May 13, 2003 - By virtue of his 3.94 grade point average, demonstrated leadership, and commitment to service, Kurt Reick, 23, of Costa Mesa has been named the 2003 outstanding senior in Chapman University's George L. Argyros School of Business and Economics.

A double-major in accounting and business administration, Reick will receive the prestigious Betty Hutton Williams Medal in front of more than 800 guests at Chapman's 37th annual Economic Forum, Wednesday, May 29, at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach. Reick graduates from Chapman in May and in August will begin work in the audit department of Ernst & Young, where he participated in a mentorship program.

While at Chapman he was selected to receive scholarships from the Kiwanis Foundation and the American Society of Women Accountants. He was a founding father of the Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity as well as the treasurer. Reick, who married in February 2003, has served internships at Salomon Smith Barney, Inc. and for First District County Supervisor Charles Smith.

The annual award, established in 1994, is the highest academic honor given to a Chapman business or economics student. The medal honors the spirit and accomplishments of the late Betty Hutton Williams, once one of Orange County's leading philanthropists and a globe-trotting entrepreneur. She was a member of Chapman's Board of Trustees and a major supporter of the Economic Forum event, often sponsoring tables and inviting students as her guests. Williams' legacy at Chapman and throughout Orange County is one of achievement, generosity and leadership.

The award presentation will precede the keynote address by Robert T. Parry, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. The Economic Forum event benefits Chapman's scholarship fund.