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Brandman University's roots lie on the El Toro Marine Base as the College of Life Long Learning. The College of Life Long Learning, which was still operated by Chapman College at the time, opened its doors in 1958 as an off-campus site, mainly to serve military personnel. Chapman established similar off-campus sites on military bases throughout California and Washington to serve the needs of non-traditional students. Over the years, it changed its name to University College and finally to Brandman University in October 2009 after the Brandman Foundation contributed \$10 million to the school. Brandman's largest program is its teacher credential program, and currently has the second largest teacher credential program in the state.

**Gary Brahm**, previously Chapman's Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer, has had a very active role in Chapman's growth through his involvement in both Chapman and Brandman University. He came in 1994 and helped steer Chapman through a period of tremendous building and expansion before becoming Chancellor of Brandman. He served both institutions in 2007 as COO of Chapman and Chancellor of Brandman before taking over full-time as Chancellor of Brandman University. One thing he prides Brandman University on is its contributions to furthering educational opportunities for students in the face of economic struggles: "Access nowadays really means being affordable, and this allows students to afford going to school."

### Interview with Chancellor of Brandman University Gary Brahm



