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James L. Doti honored for his efforts in supporting education and advancement by CASE (Council for the Advancement and Support of Education).

ORANGE, Calif., Oct. 3, 2003 Chapman University president James L. Doti has been named "CEO of the Year" by the Western Region of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

The Chief Executive Leadership Award, established in 1999, honors visionary institutional leaders for outstanding contributions to their campus communities, for efforts to promote public understanding of education and for support of advancement at their campuses. Doti was recognized for his ability to create a vision and inspire others, establish a positive image of the university while leading it to even higher levels of success, and increase the university's stature in the community.

Chapman alumnus and former chairman of the Board of Trustees George L. Argyros wrote in his nomination letter, "I believe Jim Doti is the finest university president in the United States." Long-time trustee Doy Henley wrote, "He is a great American. He is innovative, creative and a great champion of education."

The Awards Ceremony will be held at the annual conference of CASE's Western Region in Los Angeles, Friday, Dec. 5 in front of an audience of more than 600 advancement professionals and executive officers from colleges and universities throughout the western United States.

"This is an incredible honor, but the credit really should go to the advancement staff and how we work together as a team. Not only are we making progress, but we're having fun along the way," says Doti.

CASE is an international organization with thousands of member institutions created to honor and support advancement teams and officials involved with continuing education.

Dr. Doti holds a B.S. from University of Illinois, and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. He has been president of Chapman University since 1991 and on the faculty at the university since 1974, and he holds the Donald Bren Distinguished Professor of Business and Economics.