

Smittcamp leads list of 13 Top Dogs to be honored by Fresno State

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William S. Smittcamp, 2014 Fresno State Alumni Association Top Dog

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Local business leader William S. Smittcamp will be honored as the Fresno State Alumni Association's Top Dog at a Nov. 7 gala at the Save Mart Center.

Smittcamp graduated from Fresno State in 1975 with a degree in business administration and began a life of business and community service. In 1985, he became president and CEO of Wawona Frozen Foods and oversaw the growth of the business from 15 million pounds of fruit processed per year to more than 125 million pounds.

Smittcamp also serves on the boards of Children's Hospital Central California, Central Valley Community Bank, Garfield Water District, Fresno State Agricultural Food Science, Sigma Chi Foundation and Every Neighborhood Partnership.

The Smittcamp family is deeply involved with Fresno State. After joining the Sigma Chi fraternity at Fresno State, Smittcamp met Linda, his wife of 37 years, also a student at Fresno State. Their son Blake is a graduate of Fresno State's Craig School of Business, and their daughter Blair is a Fresno State alumna who works for the Alumni Association. Their son Bradley is a graduate of Universal Technical Institute.



Another honoree is Brad Fischer, vice president and operations support manager for Premier Valley Bank, who will be recognized for his service to Fresno State and the community with the Arthur Safstrom Service Award. The Fresno State Alumni Association will also award \$140,000 to students based on their academic achievements, community service and financial need.

Smittcamp heads a 2014 class of Top Dog alumni recipients, all of who will be recognized at the event.

The other honorees are:

- Lacy Barnes, former Bulldog track star, member of the 1996 U.S. Olympic team and Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame inductee.
- Andrew E. Hoff, retired Fresno State professor, dean and interim vice president for academic affairs and provost.
- James Melikian, owner of The Popcorn Man.
- Harry Moore, owner and president of Moore Twining Associates, Inc.

- Tamsen Nichols Munger, managing general partner of Munger Properties.
- Yolanda Partida, retired public administrator and active volunteer.
- Kay Provost, active volunteer and supporter of Fresno State, Hinds Hospice and the Henry Madden Library.
- W. Richard Smith, retired assistant superintendent of schools working nationally as a professional development consultant.
- Todd Suntrapak, president and CEO of Children's Hospital Central California.
- Scott Vick, attorney, social entrepreneur and youth advocate.
- Leo Wilson, president and CEO of Wilson Homes.
- Rob Yraceburu, executive vice-president of National Food and Agribusiness at Wells Fargo & Co.

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