

# Fresno State alumnus receives President's Medal of Distinction

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Armando Rodriguez, a retired Fresno County Superior Court judge and Fresno State alumnus, received the President's Medal of Distinction from Fresno State for his distinguished legal career and service to the community.

The President's Medal of Distinction is given to citizens of the region, state or nation whose professional achievements or public service are of national or international significance.

Rodriguez, the ninth of 12 children, served four years as an Air Force code specialist in the Korean War.

He attended Fresno State on the GI Bill, graduating in 1959 with a bachelor's degree in political science.

He earned his law degree from the Lincoln School of Law in San Francisco and established the first California Rural Legal Assistance program.

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