“We are here to dedicate something more than just another college; we are here to dedicate an institution of opportunity and fulfillment.”

Governor Ronald Reagan at the Dedication of Saddleback College
October 5, 1968
Gov. Reagan Makes It Official:
We’re A College Town!

At 4:31 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 13th on a flawless fall day, Gov. Ronald Reagan dedicated Saddleback College, officially making Mission Viejo a college town. The Governor, surrounded by educators, students, and local residents, sat under a clear sky against a backdrop of rolling hills, heard California’s governor issue his call for a fresh surge of the nation’s educational spirit, and proudly dedicated something more than just a campus.

The governor said, “We are here to dedicate an institute of opportunity for the future. We believe that education is the foundation of education to help each individual grow to the fullest extent of his potential.”
Letter from Governor Ronald Reagan to Saddleback College

Congratulations to you of Saddleback College on this, the dedication of your new campus and the third anniversary of the Saddleback Junior College District.

Sixteen months ago it was my pleasure to witness the dedication of the interim campus. I am pleased to see that the “Sweetheart of Southern Orange County” has come into her own with an attractive campus of 20 buildings and 2,000 students. Today’s dedication is added evidence of the great strides made at Saddleback College in your efforts to provide an outstanding institution of higher education.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN
Governor
The White House
Washington

September 30, 1986

I am delighted to congratulate the administration, staff, and students of Saddleback College on its 20th anniversary.

When I was Governor of California I had the privilege of dedicating your campus. At that time the College served 2,000 students. In less than two decades that number has multiplied tenfold, and I can scarcely think of a higher tribute to the College and its faculty. Saddleback now offers education for every need: for the students seeking academic degrees, for students changing careers, for those who want to pursue the pleasures of the mind, and for professionals seeking to sharpen their skills. Your college is a tremendous asset to the community.

Nancy joins me in wishing you continued success. God bless you.

Ronald Reagan

1986
Letter from President Ronald Reagan to Saddleback College
October 27, 2008

Board of Trustees Approves Naming of Ronald Reagan Board of Trustees Room
“It is the function of education to help each individual grow to the maximum extent of his capabilities, to help him fulfill his great potential – and it is our job as responsible citizens to provide that opportunity. That this community has decided to move ahead in providing this opportunity is an action which I commend – and an action which will provide great rewards for the community.”

Governor Ronald Reagan
October 15, 1968
Saddleback College Dedication
Thank You!