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California Lutheran University's Dr. Charles Maxey
Elected to the Ventura County Community Foundation Board of Directors

(CAMARILLO, CA – November 30, 2006) — Dr. Charles Maxey, dean of the business school at California Lutheran University, has been elected to the Ventura County Community Foundation board of directors.

Dr. Maxey brings a broad background of research and analysis to the county as well as extensive experience on key Ventura County Community Foundation initiatives. “We are honored and pleased to have Dr. Maxey’s expertise and commitment to our county and its future harnessed to the Ventura County Community Foundation agenda,” said VCCF Board Chair Mary Schwabauer. “His deep knowledge of the county, his relationships with the research and academic community along the central coast, and his commitment to the future of the region are all assets to our work. We are delighted to have him join us.”

In addition to his work with the Ventura County Profile of Health & Human Services, Dr. Maxey has been active with the Civic Alliance, serving on various committees and the current updating of the State of the Region Report first unveiled in 2002. His community service includes the VCEDA board, Central Coast Venture Forum and the Ventura County Advisory Boards of the UCSB Economic Forecast Project and Santa Barbara Bank & Trust.

Dr. Maxey received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Philosophy from the University of Illinois. He received his Master of Arts and a Ph.D. in industrial relations, sociology and public administration from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations.

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Prior to coming to California Lutheran University in 1991 as the dean of the business school and co-director of the Center for Leadership and Values, he was a visiting professor at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand's Sasin Graduate School of Business Administration. Dr. Maxey also served as the senior associate dean of the School of Business Administration at the University of Southern California, a research associate at the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University and as the director of field research for the National Study of Labor Relations in Healthcare.

Dr. Maxey's recent publications include the following articles and research monographs:

- Ventura County Agriculture: "Issues and Opportunities for Workers and Growers"
- State of the Workforce 2004: "Challenges and Choices: Closing the Gap Between Unskilled Workers and Unfilled Jobs"
- State of the Workforce 2003: "Next Step, Economic Self-Sufficiency"
- 2003 State of the Workforce: Sonoma County
- State of the Workforce 2002 for the Ventura County Workforce Investment Board
- State of the Workforce: Santa Barbara County

Dr. Maxey has participated in numerous conferences as a panelist or presenter including a panel on Immigration Policy Reform at the Western Regional Conference for the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) at California State University, Channel Islands, in June 2006.

In 2004, he made presentations on "Measuring Skill Gaps" to the annual meetings of the California Workforce Association in San Diego and on "Closing the Skills Gaps" to the Ventura County Workforce Investment Board conference in Oxnard.

The Ventura County Community Foundation is a family of charitable funds whose combined assets are nearly \$100 million. The Foundation distributed \$8.5 million in grants in FY 2006. The Foundation's mission is to promote and enable philanthropy and to build long-term capital to benefit Ventura County. For more information, visit www.vccf.org.