

LeMay Award for Excellence in Teaching

In honor of Professor H. Eugene LeMay, Jr. on the occasion of his retirement, his friends and colleagues announce the establishment of the LeMay Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award will reward and encourage outstanding teaching in the College of Science at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Professor LeMay has been a faculty member of the Department of Chemistry at the University of Nevada, Reno, since 1966 and is retiring in 2004 after a distinguished career. During that time he served as Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor, and as Vice-Chairman and Acting Chairman of Chemistry.

Professor LeMay has an extraordinary record of achievement of teaching in Chemistry. He has received a multitude of teaching awards, including the Alan Bible Teaching Excellence Award (1985), the Residence Hall Honor Society Teacher of the Year Award (1987), the UNR Distinguished Teaching Award (1991), the Board of Regents Teaching Award (1997, first awardee), and Carnegie Foundation Nevada Professor of the Year (2000). Having won all the highest awards for university teaching at the University of Nevada and in the state of Nevada, it is fitting that a new teaching award be named in his honor.

LeMay has also been a leader in chemical education, as coauthor of *Chemistry: The Central Science*, one of the best and most successful chemistry textbooks ever written. This book is the most widely adopted textbook in the world for teaching chemistry to college students. In over a quarter century in its ten editions, it has been used by more than two million students in the United States, and has been translated into Spanish, German, Russian, Italian, and Korean.

The retirement of Professor LeMay coincides with the creation of the new College of Science at the University of Nevada, Reno. The establishment of this award is intended to promote the high standard of excellence in teaching in the College of Science that has epitomized Professor LeMay's career at the University of Nevada, Reno.

The LeMay Award for Excellence in Teaching is to be given annually for outstanding teaching by faculty in the College of Science at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Donations in support of the LeMay Award endowment fund may be made payable to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation and sent to the Department of Chemistry/216, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV 89557.