

Honorary Doctorate To Be Awarded to Marilyn Warrens at CSU, Chico, 2008

Marilyn Warrens, one of Chico's best known and most respected citizens, will be awarded honorary doctorates at California State University, Chico's 118th commencement later this month. (2008)

Warrens will receive the Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts, and Grossman will receive the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, conferred by the California State University Board of Trustees and CSU, Chico. The ceremony will be Sunday, May 25, 2008 as part of the University's commencement exercises.

Warrens has been one of the most active members of the Chico community for many years. She has been **president of the California Medical Association Auxiliary** (Alliance), **president of the Butte-Glenn Medical Society Alliance**, founder of the Chico Area Pan-Hellenic, founder of Fiesta /Rancho Chico, founder of Las Senoras of Chico and Los Caballeros, founder and chair of Operation Poppy on Oroville Dam, chair of the Chico Area Bicentennial Commission and a board member of the Chico City Light Opera.

Warrens has also been a major contributor at CSU, Chico, where she received a fine arts, diversified bachelor's degree in 1975. She has served as chair and board member for the University Foundation, chair and member of the University Advisory Board, chair of the Laxson Auditorium Refurbishing Project, founding board member of the Chico Museum Association, and a member of the Friends of Court Theatre. She has established a scholarship in the Department of Theatre and annually supports the University's Bach Festival and the North State Symphony. The Albert E. Warrens Reception Center, formerly the President's Mansion, was refurbished with the generous assistance of Warrens, and is named for her late husband, Albert E. Warrens, a long-time Chico physician and supporter of CSU, Chico.

A recipient of numerous awards, Warrens has been honored with the Excellence in Community Service Award by the Chico Economic Planning Corporation, in 2007; the Chico State Distinguished Alumna Award for the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, in 1999; the Pat Lappin Award for Community Service by the Chico Chamber of Commerce, in 1981; and the Community Service Award by the Rotary Club of Chico, in 1978.