

BIOGRAPHY
Donald V. DeRosa
President, University of the Pacific

A former psychology professor with a love of the liberal arts and a commitment to academic innovation, Donald V. DeRosa became the 23rd President of University of the Pacific in 1995. He is only the fifth President to hold office since the University moved to Stockton in 1924.

During DeRosa's presidency, Pacific faculty, students, programs and alumni have received numerous national awards and distinctions; applications to the college of arts and sciences and to Pacific's eight professional schools have dramatically increased; and the endowment has more than tripled. The University raised more than \$330 million in a recent comprehensive campaign, highlighted by a \$100 million estate gift secured by DeRosa from the late Robert and Jeannette Powell.

Born in New Rochelle, N.Y., near New York City, DeRosa's experiences as a student, professor and administrator have taken him across the country. He attended American International College in Springfield, Mass., as an undergraduate, receiving his bachelor's degree in 1963 with a major in psychology. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in psychology at Kent State University in Ohio, completing his doctorate in 1967.

DeRosa remained in Ohio for 16 years, as a professor and then department chair in psychology at Bowling Green State University. At Bowling Green, he was twice nominated for top teacher awards and was an active advocate for balance between faculty teaching and research.

DeRosa taught on an American Council on Education Fellowship at the University of California, San Diego in 1984. A year later, he went to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where he was dean of the Graduate School from 1985-89 and vice chancellor for academic affairs from 1989-90. He then served as provost for five years. As chief academic officer of the 12,000-student university, DeRosa was responsible for overseeing all academic programs, admissions, financial aid, advising, continuing education and international programs.

DeRosa is passionate about living the Pacific mission of developing responsible leaders that make an impact within their careers and communities. "Universities must not only impart knowledge and prepare students for careers, but also educate and develop the whole student. The most successful and admired leaders are persons that have developed the capability to work effectively with others, and display social and emotional intelligence. And we have an obligation to make this educational experience accessible to all talented students, no matter his or her economic circumstances."

President and Karen DeRosa have two sons: Michael, who will graduate from Santa Clara University in June, and David, a junior at Lincoln High School in Stockton. He also has three adult children, Carol, Joseph, and Lauren, who live in North Carolina.