

Service Recognition Event

May 5, 2010, 5 pm – 6:30 pm

University House

Remarks by Chris Fiorentino, Director

Jan & Bud Richter Center for Community Engagement and Service-Learning

Most of us here this evening know that John Welty has been a leading advocate for engagement and service since his first days at Fresno State. What some of you may not know is how personally involved he is in volunteerism.

Whether it requires pounding nails at the University HOPE house, moving boxes – pallet loads of boxes – on a hot day during an emergency food distribution event, or donating blood, which he does regularly, this is a man who does more than talk about service, he walks the talk! In the last two years alone, John Welty has volunteered more than **1,800 hours!** (Thank you, by the way, for regularly completing your faculty/staff service log, which is how we knew that little statistic!)

Matt Jendian arranged for a special award we could present President Welty with this evening. The *President's Call to Service Award* is similar to the President's Volunteer Service Award that many of the students received tonight. The Call to Service Award, however, is a little different. It honors the completion of a minimum of **4,000 hours** of volunteer work over a lifetime.

President Welty, on behalf of everyone here tonight, thank you for your leadership and for your service. I'm happy to present you with this *President's Call to Service Award*.