

# BRIGHT PAST, STELLAR FUTURE: PASSING THE TORCH AT CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY

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## A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Mathematician Daniele Struppa brings a passion for creative connection and a vision of national prominence to his new role as president of Chapman University.

More than utility, there's elegance and beauty in the equations that spread across the whiteboard in Daniele Struppa's office. Though the renowned mathematician has spent a decade as Chapman's chief academic officer, his ties to teaching and research are as close as the nearest marker.

While he revels in working through complex calculations, that doesn't mean Struppa inhabits his own narrow world. Just ask him and he'll show you: The meter of a Shakespeare sonnet, the grace of a Renaissance painting, the chords of a classic guitar riff all get their life blood through the artery of math.

"Everything I love," Struppa says, "is connected with mathematics or mathematical ideas."

His love of numbers and this passion for learning began as a child in his native Italy, where his parents—both lawyers—stoked his curiosity and encouraged him to explore. His mom especially coaxed him to see how one discovery

leads to another, connecting math to art, geography to history, the classical thinkers to the real world in front of him.

His heroes became people like Piero della Francesca, Alberti and Leonardo. And along a pathway that led him to study in America and build a career in academia, he became fluent in three languages, developed a deep love for classical music and climbed some of the world's most challenging peaks, all as he also penned publications with names like "Computations in the Ring of Quaternionic Polynomials."

"Great teachers need to know so much more than just the subject they teach, so they can see how everything

fits into the big fresco," Struppa says. "Ultimately, it comes back to passion. Throughout my life, I've never lost my passion for the intellectual enterprise. I really feel emotionally invested in that pursuit. Every time I read a book on a subject I'd never studied before, I feel new doors opening—I feel like a young kid. So as an intellectual, I'm still 15 years old."

Now Struppa is bringing that scholarly passion to a role for which he has spent a lifetime preparing. On Sept. 30, he'll be inaugurated as the thirteenth president in the 155-year history of Chapman University, where he's planning to build on the legacy of his friend and mentor, Jim Doti.

During his 25 years as president, Doti led Chapman through a period of unprecedented growth, taking the school from a small liberal arts college to its current position as a thriving midsized university with an expanding reputation for excellence. As chancellor for ten of those pivotal years, Struppa played a key role in that growth. Now as he assumes the presidency, he's

focused on helping Chapman take the next step in its own scholarly maturation.

"Daniele and Jim are two different people but both amazingly talented," says Wylie Aitken, vice chair, Chapman University Board of Trustees. "Daniele is an international scholar and author extraordinaire, but also a listener, consensus builder, and, like Jim Doti, a visionary. It will be exciting to be part of this new chapter as the Jim Doti legacy will be honored and built upon as Chapman continues to march into the limelight of national prominence with Daniele at the helm."

Struppa's goal is to guide Chapman to be nationally and internationally regarded as a center of academic and personal excellence. To do that, he sees Chapman

**Daniele's** ten-year tenure as chancellor makes him extraordinarily well-suited to lead the University at this exciting time in its history. We are ready to step onto the national stage.

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**Daniele's** student-focused vision for Chapman's future will have a profoundly positive impact on what is already a vibrant and engaged intellectual community.

JULIA ARGYROS PHILANTHROPIST AND COMMUNITY LEADER

further its growing emphasis on research and the sciences while continuing to support highly recognized programs in the arts, film, business, law and humanities. But for Chapman to succeed in a realm "where our competitors are going to be major league," Struppa says. "The University will need to think bigger and get better across all colleges, schools and departments."

"We need to continue to hire great faculty, recruit great students and then have everyone push each other to pursue achievement," Struppa says. "We need to be driven by this goal of being the very best at what we do and offering our students something that can't be replicated."

Struppa's passion for excellence is contagious, his colleagues say.

"He's dynamic and inspiring—has high expectations and challenges you to make a difference," says Nina Lenoir, vice chancellor for undergraduate education at Chapman. His focus is on improving the experience of students."

Joann Leatherby, vice chair, Chapman University Board of Trustees agrees. "Daniele values scholarship, research, teaching and personalized education, ensuring that Chapman students and faculty work together in learning and advancing knowledge. This has been the hallmark of his years as chancellor and will distinguish his career as president."

There's nothing quite like getting the chance to deepen the understanding of a student, Struppa believes. That's why he plans to continue teaching during his presidency, just as he did when he was dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at George Mason University and as chancellor at Chapman.



Chapman President Emeritus Jim Doti greets incoming President Daniele Struppa at opening convocation, 2016.

"As teachers, every day we experience the marvel of that connection," Struppa says. "As president, one of my goals is to encourage all of our faculty to find new ways to grow in that collaborative spirit."

But beyond the chance to inspire dozens of students in a class and the hundreds of professors on the Chapman faculty, he now has the privilege of pursuing a vision that unites the entire Chapman University community in a quest for next-level excellence.

And in a way, that pursuit brings Struppa back to his foundation in mathematics. As president, it's as if he gets to go inside one of his equations.

"I get to be the multiplier," he says with a smile.

**Daniele's** willingness to collaborate and engage with the Orange County business community illustrates his passion for preparing students to contribute to a society increasingly global in reach and understanding. DAVID PYOTT FORMER CEO, ALLERGAN



President Struppa with his wife, Lisa Sparks, Ph.D., and three of his four children: Arianna, Elena, and Athena. Son Alessandro is married to Kaitlin, and currently lives and works in Florida.

## You're Invited! Chapman Presidential Inauguration Events

To celebrate its new president, Chapman University has planned an extraordinary lineup of campus events reflecting the many and diverse interests of Daniele C. Struppa, Ph.D. Admission is free, but reservations are required. For complete information on all Inauguration events, visit [Chapman.edu/inauguration](http://Chapman.edu/inauguration).

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 8 a.m.  
**The Third Annual Fish Interfaith Center Conference on Science, Philosophy and Religion: The Concept of Holism.**

Creative thinkers from a variety of disciplines will explore the implications of "causation."

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 4 p.m.  
**Capstone Address by Sir Roger Penrose**

One of the most intriguing figures in the world of physics, Penrose will share ideas from his new book that illustrate his ability to provoke and inspire peers around the globe. To many, the ideas Penrose proposes represent a radical challenge to some of the most significant developments in physics today.

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m.  
**Through the Window of Consciousness: An Interdisciplinary Panel Discussion**

Bringing together high-profile leaders from the worlds of technology, academia and business, this panel will explore the ways consciousness illuminates their disciplines and work.

Thursday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m.  
**Celebrating the Inspiration of Creativity: A Talk with Werner Herzog and Performances by Chapman Faculty and Students**

The evening features the renowned film director and producer Werner Herzog sharing his perspectives on creativity and artistic production, and will also include artistic collaborations in music, dance, theatre and literature.

Friday, Sept. 30, 9 a.m.  
**Interfaith Service**

Interfaith leaders from throughout the region join together for an innovative service of blessing.





For Chapman's Legendary Jim Doti,  
**A FINAL CHAPTER—BUT  
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The last 25 years at Chapman University have been, in a word, Doti.

Jim Doti has redefined what it means to be a university president. His transformational vision has elevated what was once a small college into a nationally recognized powerhouse of a university, arguably with the fastest and most high-flying national rankings surge of any institution in higher education.

**Working together** for two and a half decades, we made miracles happen. JIM DOTI

Now, as Doti steps down from the presidency to return to teaching, at the peak of his talents, it's a fact universally acknowledged that he is the best-known face, the strongest affirming voice and the most active friend-raising representative of Chapman University.

He has been a friend to some of the most important people and organizations in Orange County—who have in turn become friends of the University itself. Because of him, they've given of their time, their collections, their vision and their treasures to help shape Chapman into what it is today: a university dedicated to a global, interdisciplinary education, located in the historic heart of the county.

"It's no secret that Jim Doti's tenure at Chapman has been the most dynamic era in the 155-year history of the University," said David Janes, chairman of the Board of Trustees. "Jim is a visionary who has the gift of making impossible-seeming ideas come true—and although it seems effortless, it takes planning and extraordinary people skills to make it all happen."

When Doti took office as Chapman's twelfth president in 1991, the University was still a college, and enrollment was 2,200. Now the student body numbers about 8,000, many of them in the six colleges that have been added during his tenure.

The number of buildings on campus has gone from 13

to nearly 70. There was one endowed chair in 1991; now there are 39, as well as 25 endowed professorships.

Then there are these remarkable figures: Since 1991, freshman applications have risen 1,867 percent, the average incoming SAT score has climbed more than 200 points, and Chapman's *U.S. News & World Report* student selectivity ranking has jumped from No. 92 to a position that toggles between No. 1 and No. 2, depending on the report.

"To be at 25 years and consider all that we've accomplished, it amazes me. Not that I accomplished it, but that we as a community accomplished it," says Doti.

While it hasn't always been easy, it's always been an education, he says.

"Mainly I've come to realize it's the generosity of people that has made what we've done here possible. It also goes back to growing up and learning from my mom and dad how important it is to thank others, and how important friends and family are in my life. People need to know that their generosity is having an impact. I want to help people understand that what they did is important—it's a legacy that has made Chapman a better place."

And now, respectfully, Doti is passing the torch to his trusted friend, former University Chancellor and President-Designate Daniele C. Struppa.

With the start of the academic year, Doti is headed to a place he knows very well: the front of a classroom. He's putting down the presidential mantle, but picking up the pencil of professor—and going back to where he started: "Teaching is the one thing that's even better than being president. There's nothing in the world like challenging students and seeing their self-esteem and confidence grow."

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*The vision and leadership exhibited by Jim Doti during his twenty-five years at the helm of Chapman University helped transform the school from a locally known college into a nationally recognized university. His recommendation of Daniele Struppa as the next president reflects an abiding commitment to the University and its long-term achievement. In turn, Dr. Struppa's ten years as Chancellor at Chapman provided a remarkable trajectory for his successful transition to become the University's thirteenth president.*



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Jennifer and Kay, along with their entire firm, wish to thank Jim Doti for the 25 years of tireless service and inspired leadership that transformed Chapman University from a sleepy, local college into the top-ranked, nationally known powerhouse it is today. In addition to the Fowler School of Law, Jim's vision has led to the creation of six new colleges, including the Dodge College of Film and Media Arts and the county's first School of Pharmacy. Add the Hilbert Museum of American Art, the Musco Center for the Arts, and the under-construction Center for Science and Technology for some idea of his legacy.

This Renaissance Man climbs mountains, has competed in more than 50 marathons, and created the hugely influential annual *Chapman Economic Forecast*, famous throughout the nation. In addition to authoritative econometrics texts, Jim has even found time to write two children's books: *A Christmas Adventure in Little Italy* and *Jimmy Finds His Voice*.

It is nearly impossible to capture what Jim Doti has meant to Chapman University. We will miss him terribly as a leader and a friend. But we know we're in good hands though, with Jim's handpicked successor, Daniele Struppa, taking the helm. Benvenuti, President Struppa! And Jim, don't let this be arrivederci!



Kay Anderle (left) and Jennifer Keller (right)

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*-Marybelle and Sebastian Paul Musco*



“Throughout our lifetime, we have been fortunate to meet exceptional people who personify the very best of humanity. Such a person is **Jim Doti**, a man we have admired and respected for many years. His leadership and dedication to Chapman University was and is our inspiration to be a part of his dream... to give Chapman University prominence by elevating it to the great university it is today and will continue to be. Congratulations, Jim, on your retirement as President, and all our best wishes to you as you return to your love of teaching.”

*-Marybelle and Sebastian Paul Musco*

“It has been my great honor to serve as dean for the last 25 years under the visionary leadership of President **James L. Doti**. His positive impact has touched every corner of our campus, from the bricks and mortar of the many buildings that he helped make possible, to the hearts and minds of the students, faculty, staff and entire Chapman community with whom he has engaged so energetically. As he now makes the transition back to teaching and the students that he loves so dearly, we are all profoundly indebted to him for his transformational legacy at our fine university. Thank you, Jim, for your inspiring leadership, always insightful advice and continued friendship for these many years - it’s been a great run.”

*-William Hall, D.M.A., Dean and Artistic Director, Musco Center for the Arts*



“As a professor of music at Chapman University since 1963, I have seen my fair share of new leaders. After having worked with Chancellor **Daniele C. Struppa** for nearly 10 years, I am delighted to now call him President Struppa. Daniele is precisely the person needed at this pivotal moment in the history of our institution, and I look forward to continuing to work with him to advance the university to even greater heights in the years ahead. With the opening of the Marybelle and Sebastian P. Musco Center for the Arts, Chapman University will excel at presenting events that educate, entertain and inspire. Congratulations to our new leader, President Daniele C. Struppa, and to scaling new peaks of academic and artistic excellence at Chapman University!”

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We congratulate Jim Doti for elevating Chapman University's national reputation, and we welcome Danielle Struppa, who will continue to advance the mission of excellence.



**A** huge thank you  
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Musco Center for the Arts

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Sound Image would like to congratulate James Doti and Daniele Struppa on their exciting new roles at Chapman University.

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Honoring President Struppa's interests in the arts and sciences, these special events bring some of the world's most creative thinkers to the Chapman University campus. For information and reservations, please visit [Chapman.edu/inauguration](http://Chapman.edu/inauguration).

Wed., Sept. 28, 9 a.m.

### Third Annual Fish Interfaith Center Conference on Science, Philosophy and Religion: The Concept of Holism

*Fish Interfaith Center*

Researchers at Chapman's Institute for Quantum Studies have discovered what might be the first example of top-down causation in physics. This conference will explore the implications of that discovery on several disciplines, from the arts to medicine. Invited speakers include Chapman Professor Yakir Aharonov, Ph.D., recipient of the National Medal of Science; ASU Professor Paul Davies, Ph.D., physicist, author, and director of BEYOND: Center for Fundamental Concepts in Science; Professor Andrew Briggs, the inaugural holder of the chair of nanomaterials at the University of Oxford, and many others.

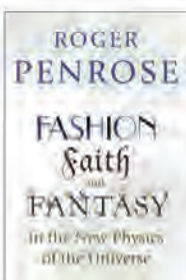
Wed., Sept. 28, 4 p.m.

### Capstone Address by Sir Roger Penrose, Ph.D.

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One of the preeminent physicists of our day, **Sir Roger Penrose** will share insights from his thought-provoking new book, *Fashion, Faith, and Fantasy in the New Physics of*



*the Universe*. He suggests that fashion, faith and fantasy could be leading researchers adrift in three of the field's most important areas — string theory, quantum mechanics and cosmology — and argues that researchers exploring the edges of physics are just as likely to be swayed by these everyday influences as anyone else.

Wed., Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m.

### Through the Window of Consciousness: An Interdisciplinary Panel Discussion

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This provocative discussion brings to the stage high-profile leaders from the worlds of technology, academia and business, discussing how consciousness illuminates their work and influences our perceptions of the world around us. Panelists include poet Carolyn Forché; Gopi Kallayil, chief evangelist for brand marketing at Google; entrepreneur Keith McCarty; and academics Pedro Noguera, Ph.D., and Najeeba Syeed, J.D.

Thurs., Sept. 29, 7:30 pm

### Celebrating Creativity in the Arts: A Talk with Werner Herzog and Performances by Chapman Faculty and Students

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Featuring the renowned film director and producer Werner Herzog, this special event provides a forum for him to share his perspectives on creativity and artistic production. The evening will also include collaborations in music, dance, theatre and literature performed by Chapman faculty and students.



For information and reservations, please visit [Chapman.edu/inauguration](http://Chapman.edu/inauguration).



**Jim Doti**  
Returning Professor



**Daniele Struppa**  
New University President

Abacus has had the pleasure of working with Jim Doti in implementing the new facilities on campus for the past 16 years. The renovated and new buildings have contributed to obtaining the academic goals of the University. We are proud to have had the opportunity to participate with Jim in his quest to transform the College into a well known and respected University in the City of Orange, California. Jim's leadership and guidance has taught us a great deal about his character and vision, as to how to create the best experience in higher education. We are excited to continue our work with Dr. Daniele Struppa as the New President of Chapman University. He has been instrumental in achieving the overall goals of the University for the past nine years and we will look forward to his leadership.

Best wishes to both Dr. Doti & Dr. Struppa on their continued success and adventures at Chapman University.

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*R.J. Noble family salutes Jim Doti for his years of service to Chapman and welcomes Daniele Struppa*

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- ▶ CFO James Ducote (MBA '02)
- ▶ Controller Jennifer Vega (MBA '16)
- ▶ Marketing Manager KaSondra Carver ('12)
- ▶ Sales Manager Austin Carver (Brandman '16)

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## Chapman University is Inspiring a New Era of Leadership



We proudly congratulate Dr. James L. Doti on all his accolades and accomplishments throughout his successful presidency.



We warmly welcome our new President, Dr. Daniele C. Struppa who will inspire a new era of leadership.

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