



**The PhD Project
Hall of Fame
Inaugural Inductee - 2011
Andrew J. Policano, Ph.D.
Dean of The Paul Merage School of Business,
University of California, Irvine**

- A constant at our annual conferences, Dr. Policano has co-presented "The Ph.D. Lifecycle: Setting the Stage" at every PhD Project annual conference since 1994. He is also a strong champion for The PhD Project at his university, and in speaking engagements throughout the academic community.

Andrew J. Policano has been Dean of The Paul Merage School of Business at the University of California, Irvine since August, 2004. In his first 7 years as Dean of the Merage School, over \$50 million has been pledged to support the School's vision and mission. The School has hired 20 faculty members, established eleven new chairs/professorships and is planning a new facility. The Paul Merage School is highly recognized and acclaimed. In many rankings of business schools by a variety of media outlets the School ranks among the top 5-10% of accredited schools in the US. In 2009, the *Financial Times*, *US News* and *Business Week* ranked placement of MBAs at Merage **number 1** in the US above Harvard Wharton and Kellogg, with 92% of students placed at 90 days after graduation.

Policano serves on the Board of Directors of two public companies and is a trustee of Payden and Rygel Mutual Funds. He currently is immediate past Chair of the Board of AACSB Int'l, and has also served on the Board of Directors of the Graduate Management Admissions Council. He is an active member of the community and is currently a member of the Investment Committee of the Orange County Community Foundation, The Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year Selection Committee and the Forum for Corporate Directors Board Member of the Year Selection Committee. He has also a member of the PhD Project Steering Committee and has been a participant in the program since its inception.