



Lyles Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

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Lyles Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Welcomes New Board Members

Fresno, Calif.-- The Lyles Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship would like to welcome their two newest members to the Lyles Advisory Council, Lee Ann Eager and Mike Betts.

Eager is currently the President/CEO of the Fresno County's Economic Development Corporation. Before she became CEO she served as the Chief Operating Officer of the EDC for about three years. In 2005 Eager earned a Juris Doctor degree from UC Davis.

Betts is the CEO of Betts Spring Company; he is the sixth generation leader of the family business. The company holds over 35 years of continuous employment and is one of the oldest family owned businesses in California.

Nancy Ervin, Accredited Valuation Analyst at Baker, Peterson & Franklin, CPA, LLP has been elected as the Vice Chair of the Lyles Advisory Council. Ervin has served on the council for the past year.

Other members are Chair of the Advisory Council, Riley Walter of Walter & Wilhelm Law Group, Claude C. Laval III, of Claude Laval Corporation, Richard Gemperle of Gemperle Enterprises, Inc., City of Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearengin, Robert Huebert of Lee's Service and Fresno State President John Welty, Will Lyles of Lyles Construction Group, and Ed O'Neill, President of O'Neill Properties.

The Executive Committee includes Brad Triebsch, a partner in the Central Valley Fund, and Scott Rhodes, Regional Vice President of Wells Fargo Bank and Timothy Stearns, the Executive Director of the Lyles Center.

According to Dr. Timothy M. Stearns, Executive Director the Lyles Center is one of the nation's most highly regarded entrepreneurship centers and offers programs to students on campus in support of entrepreneurship, which has been one of the fastest growing majors at Fresno State. It is also the host to the highly regarded Entrepreneurship Mentor Program where students are paired with business leaders in the Valley over the course of a year.

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