

Malin Burnham, Class of 1945

Academics (Business/Philanthropy)

Malin Burnham's name is highly respected in the business and philanthropy communities far beyond the borders of San Diego. He has, in fact, played a major role in putting San Diego on the nationwide map as a thriving region.

He has co-founded 14 organizations in his career, most providing direct benefit to San Diego, California and the United States. His accomplishments are simply too great to list.

A native San Diegan, Mr. Burnham graduated from Stanford University in 1949 with a degree in Industrial Engineering. Later, his extensive involvement with SDSU led state university trustees to confer upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. He is also associated with the Rady School of Management at UCSD and the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate at USD.

Mr. Burnham is currently the Chairman of Burnham Real Estate. He is also the Chairman of nine non-profits and his name appears on such endeavors as the Burnham-Moore Center for Real Estate at the University of San Diego and the Burnham Institute for Medical Research in La Jolla. His vision extends to the future with the San Diego Foundation's Malin Burnham Center for Civic Engagement, charged with creating a 20-year vision that advances the aspirations of the entire region.

Many honors have been bestowed upon Mr. Burnham, including Junior Achievement of San Diego's Business Hall of Fame; Philanthropist of the Year by the National Society of Fund Raising Executives; Civic Entrepreneur of the Year by the Economic Development Corporation; and Mr. San Diego by the Rotary Club of San Diego.

He is also the youngest person to win world sailing championships in the Star class, crewing in 1944 and skippering in 1945.

