



**In Memory**  
**Steven O. Spelman, Jr.**  
**1960 - 2011**

The Orange County Academic Decathlon Association is deeply saddened to share of the passing of board member, Steve Spelman. Steve was a dedicated board member, volunteer, and donor for 18 years. During his high school years, he was a decathlete at Dana Hills High School.

In a 1993 OCAD publication, Steve commented as follows regarding his involvement with the Academic Decathlon:

“While I am proud to have represented my high school team as a participant in the Orange County Academic Decathlon, I have derived even more pleasure in serving on the OCAD Association Board of Directors. I have been able to participate in the annual OCAD competitions as a speech judge, hand out awards to deserving scholars at the annual awards banquet, and as Treasurer of the Association, write the checks to the universities the scholarship winners attend each year.

In the quest for continuous improvement and total quality which most of the world is embracing today, I feel a strong sense of satisfaction knowing that I can, through my participation as an OCAD Board member, help students progress in the framework of those ideals and strive to become valuable, contributing members of our society.

The OCAD program is an excellent vehicle to instill a spirit of achievement, teamwork, commitment, and competitiveness in the high school students of today who will become the leaders of tomorrow.”

Donations to OCAD are being accepted in Steve’s honor, and will be used to fund a scholarship in his name. Donations can be mailed to:

OCAD Association  
P.O. Box 9050  
Costa Mesa, CA 92628-9050  
Attn: Kristin Rigby

Please make checks payable to “OCAD Association” and note Steve’s name on the memo line so donations made in his honor can be acknowledged.

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