

Charting Our Course:

Embry-Riddle celebrates two of its finest

John “Jay” C. Adams and James “Jim” G. O’Connor have spent more than 60 years combined working to advance the mission of Embry-Riddle. In November 2006, many in the Embry-Riddle family came together like never before for “Charting Our Course,” a black-tie event to celebrate their legacy of leadership and service.

“These two guys have given so much of their time to help Embry-Riddle become what it is today,” said Jim Henderson, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

In recognition of all that Adams and O’Connor have given in service to and support of Embry-Riddle over the years, attendees of the gala gave plenty themselves, raising more than \$500,000 to establish a new scholarship for Embry-Riddle students - the John “Jay” C. Adams and James “Jim” G. O’Connor Scholarship Fund for Student Leadership and Service.

“It’s a fitting tribute to Jim and Jay that this event raised significant support for scholarships,” said Dr. John Johnson, Embry-Riddle president. “For both of these men, it has always been about one thing: our students.”

Jay Adams, who has served in various capacities on the Board of Trustees since 1968, helped move Embry-Riddle from Miami to Daytona Beach in 1965. Jim O’Connor, a leading board member for 20 years, served 11 years as chairman and helped lead the university through some of the most challenging times for the country and the industry.

“Jim and Jay have truly made a difference,” said Dr. Johnson. “They’ve led us with enthusiasm, insight and courage.”

