Robey H. Clark Distinguished Professorship Award Ceremony

On November 8, 2005, President Jenkins of the LSU System announced the funding of the Robey H. Clark Distinguished Professorship in Geology and Geophysics at LSU. The ceremony, held at the Lod Cook LSU Alumni Center on University Lake, honored donors and recipients of Chairs ($1,000,000 endowment), Distinguished Professorships ($200,000 or greater endowment) and Professorships ($100,000 endowment).
awarded throughout the LSU System, was attended by President Jenkins (right above), Chancellor Sean O’Keefe, Chancellor of LSU (2nd from left above), and Dean Kevin Carmen, Dean of the College of Basic Sciences (center, left above) and other state officials. The Department of Geology and Geophysics selected Prof. Brooks B. Ellwood (center right above) to receive the Clark Distinguished Professorship. Professor Ellwood has been a member of the LSU faculty since 1999 and has published over 100 refereed journal publications and a textbook titled “Geology and America’s National Park Areas.” He served as department Chair from 1999 to 2003.

Joanne and Robey Clark, in 1999 with Alumni Professor Gary Byerly, then Chair of Geology and Geophysics, at an AAPG Luncheon. Professor Byerly was the first recipient of the Robey Clark Professorship.

Mr. Clark was a distinguished alumnus of LSU Geology. He was born in Mound, Louisiana and went to schools in Tallulah. After graduating from LSU he became an officer in the Navy for the remainder of World War II where he was assigned to an LST in the Pacific Campaign, delivering combat troops during many of the critical assaults that eventually turned
the tide in favor of the Allies in the Pacific. He then attended the University of Wisconsin where he obtained an MS degree in Geology and met and married his wife of 57 years JoAnn. He worked as an exploration and production geologist for Magnolia and Mobil until he became Vice-President of Exploration and Production of Diamond Shamrock Corporation in 1971. During his industry career he published a number of papers on the petroleum geology of the deltas of Louisiana and the Anadarko Basin of western Oklahoma.
Mr. Clark was a 50-year member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, was national president in 1980-81 and later a member of the AAPG House of Delegates and a Trustee of the AAPG Foundation. He was given Honorary Membership in AAPG because of his "distinguished service and devotion to the science and profession of petroleum geology". Several years ago Mr. Clark joined with three other LSU Geology alumni who were AAPG Foundation Trustees to establish a $10,000 library gift to the Department. AAPG, with over 31,000 members, is the largest organization of geologists in the world. He also contributed, along with other members of the Geology Alumni Advisory Council, to establish an
endowment for the H. V. Howe Professorship in Geology at LSU. Doc Howe founded the LSU Geology Department in 1922 and taught at LSU for over forty years.

Robey Clark addresses alumni and guests at 75th Anniversary Banquet of LSU Geology Department

In 2003 he was inducted into LSU’s College of Basic Sciences “Hall of Distinction” after serving many years on its Advisory Council.