Wallis Annenberg awarded USC’s University Medallion

USC’s longest-serving trustee, Wallis Annenberg, is the fourth person in USC’s history to receive this prestigious honor. Annenberg, meanwhile, announced a surprise $10 million gift to the Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism.

USC Trustee Wallis Annenberg received special recognition, as students, faculty, and senior leadership celebrated the university’s 36th annual Academic Honors Convocation in Town and Gown.

Annenberg—whom USC President C. L. Max Nikias refers to as “the dean of our trustees”—received the highly prestigious University Medallion, awarded to those who have made extraordinary contributions to the university. Since USC’s founding in 1880, she is only the fourth recipient of this stellar distinction; the first was her father, Walter H. Annenberg.

In 2010, Annenberg provided a historic naming gift for Wallis Annenberg Hall, which stands at the heart of the University Park Campus.