The Order of the Blue Shield, UCLA's first and oldest support group, was founded August 9, 1935. The mission statement was and still is "to further UCLA's interest and to guard the institution's welfare". The goal of our three meetings a year is to foster collegiality, learn more about the university and develop further support and alumni leadership.

Our membership of 120 represents nine decades of alumni. Earlier this year lost Sherman Grancell shortly after his 103rd birthday.

Every Blue Shield member has been a significant contributor to UCLA and is a life member of the UCLA Alumni Association. The roster includes regents emeriti of the University of California, past presidents of the UCLA Alumni Association, chairs of endowment campaigns, as well as members and officers of the UCLA Foundation Board of Governors and Board of Directors, Coaches Roundtable and Chancellors Associates.

The speakers have included UCLA chancellors, faculty and coaches and University of California past presidents Gordon Sproul, David Saxon and Robert Dynes. Other speakers, each one with a unique UCLA connection, have been Nobel Laureates, Olympic champions, United States presidential candidates, and UCLA Athletic Hall of Fame inductees.

Annual academic year activities include three dinner meetings plus one or two events at the UCLA Library. We support the UCLA Library with honoraria for each speaker and in memory of recently deceased members as well as individual contributions to our endowment fund at the library.

The Order of the Blue Shield supports the UCLA Library. The UCLA Library is the core of UCLA and serves all students, faculty, alumni and friends of UCLA. Members are invited to several events at the library every year including the Powell Society dinner. Previous Powel Society speakers have included A.O. Scott and Ray Bradbury. Bradbury wrote Fahrenheit 450 in the UCLA library on a 10 cents/30 minute rental typewriter.

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