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### **2014 Pacific University Legends Hosted by Tommy Thayer Once Again Scores Big for Boxer Athletics**

FOREST GROVE -- The 2014 edition of Pacific University Legends hosted by Tommy Thayer took place on Friday, July 11 at the exquisite Stoller Family Estate near Dayton, Ore., with proceeds benefiting the university's 24-sport NCAA Division III intercollegiate athletics program.

Presented by Stimson Lumber, Legends 2014 provided an exclusive and intimate evening of wine tasting, a gourmet dinner, an auction, fabulous music and fellowship, for approximately 120 invited guests who had bid on the dinner at Legends 2013 along with other generous sponsors.

Auction items included several vacation getaways, spa packages, handcrafted home furnishings and a Denver Broncos VIP football experience. In all, Legends 2014 helped secure nearly \$250,000 in funding for athletics department operations and facilities improvements.

Thayer, the lead guitarist of KISS and a member of the Pacific University Board of Trustees, has hosted Legends since 2007, and in doing so, helped raise more than \$600,000 for the Boxer Athletics.

Joining Thayer for the much-anticipated concert this year were The Doors guitarist Robby Krieger, Chicago founding member and former drummer Danny Seraphine and others.

Other attendees included Pacific University president Lesley Hallick, former Stimson Lumber chief executive and current board chairman Dan Dutton; Pacific alumnus, trustee and Express Services co-founder Bill Stoller '74; retired Weyerhaeuser executive and Pacific University trustee Rich Hanson and wife Joy; and PAC/WEST co-founders and Pacific alumni Nancy '77, '82 MAT and Paul Phillips '78. Nancy is a current member of the Board of Trustees and Paul is a trustee emeritus.

Nearly half of the undergraduate student body participates in intercollegiate athletics at Pacific University. Success from Legends has helped pay for athletic equipment, uniforms, travel and facilities upgrades, and been instrumental in the expansion of opportunities for Pacific students.

The Hansons provided the lead gift for the roof project at the 2013 and 2014 Legends events. The stadium, formerly Lincoln Park Stadium, has been renamed Hanson Stadium in their honor. A ceremony recognizing their leadership and generosity will take place during the football team's home opener at the stadium on Saturday, Sept. 6.