“I very much appreciated the unique culture of Caltech. Being taught by Nobel Prize-winning faculty, having the freedom to discuss and spread ideas among fellow students, and the honor code provided a wonderful working background environment that may not be duplicated anywhere else. I’m delighted that continues to this day.” – Albert Whittlesey (BS ’62, Blacker)

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Caltech is where history is made. You feel it when you walk around our campus, because at every corner something great has happened—and is happening. As Caltech celebrates its 125th year, I continue to be awed by our discoveries new and old, our rich traditions, and our bright future. It’s a future made possible by your generosity.

The Caltech story is written by students, researchers, faculty, and alumni. It includes characters like Albert Whittlesey, class of 1962, who has supported Caltech and stayed involved every year since. His personal story is detailed on the back of this letter.

Some of Caltech’s success lies in our investments to attract the best and brightest to come to Pasadena and tackle the biggest challenges in science and society. Stories like Albert’s are proof that, with the right resources and environment, a small and mighty community of scholars can change the world.

You are a key partner in our success. As I reflect back on Caltech’s last 125 years, I am struck by what a difference our donors have made over the decades. Support from alumni, parents and friends ensures there will always be opportunities for us to be curious, fearless, and transformative in our teaching and research—and to create a brighter future. Additionally, your participation can impact Caltech’s ranking and improve our chances of securing funding from foundations and corporations.

Will you invest in the power of a Caltech education by making a gift today? Give today and help us continue our legacy of creating an exceptional educational experience for future generations of Techers.

With gratitude,

Jannah Maresh
Director, Caltech Fund & Parents Program
Albert received his B.S. in Physics from Caltech in 1962. Immediately after graduation, he began a career in engineering at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)—a career that lasted 52 years without interruption! At JPL, he had the opportunity to help design and build space vehicles including JPL’s Voyager, Galileo, Cassini, and Juno spacecrafts. Albert credits his Caltech education as being massively helpful in understanding the concepts of scientists as he helped engineer their dreams.

"I appreciate and value my Caltech education for its direct impact on my career, and for the benefits of its fine reputation among my peers and others. I’m fond of quality organizations, and for me, Caltech is at the top—and it’s only getting better. For those reasons I try to return the favor. I hope that others will be inspired to do the same."

Why I support Caltech

Albert celebrates his 55th Caltech Reunion in 2017!

Standing a mere 6'5", he indulged in Caltech sports, including cross country, basketball and two-man volleyball.

He co-wrote the book “Guide to Mitigating Spacecraft Charging Effects”.

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