

Outstanding Alumnus 2005
Conrad Newberry

A native of Independence, Dr. Newberry, an aerospace engineer, professor emeritus and author, graduated from the Independence High School in the spring of 1949 and attended Independence Community College, then known as Independence Junior College, in the fall of 1949 majoring in pre-engineering, active in the Engineering Club and Debate Squad. He served as Sophomore Class Vice President and was a member of the Pirate Track Team.

"I graduated with an Associate of Arts Degree in the spring of 1951," said Dr. Newberry. "I had acquired 77 semester units of credit during those two years. The University of Southern California accepted 70 of those units when I transferred to that university in the fall of 1951 - they said they didn't accept more than 70 from any junior college."