David Gerber is one of Pacific’s most outstanding and accomplished alumni. He attended Pacific after serving in the US Air Corps in Europe during World War II, where for 13 months he was held as a prisoner of war. Gerber graduated from Pacific in 1950 and began a lifelong career in the television and movie industry. As a television executive, Gerber revitalized several major television companies – Columbia Pictures Television in the late 70s, and from 1986 to 1992, MGM Television.

For his achievements in television, Gerber has been recognized with the Emmy Award, the Christopher Award, the Peabody Award, and the Golden Globe Award. The Publicists Guild of America named him “Showman of the Year,” the Casting Society of America granted him their “Lifetime Achievement Award,” the American Film Institute bestowed on him the Charles W. Fries TV Producer of the Year Award,” and in 2000, he received the “Jack Webb Special Achievement Award” from the Los Angeles Police Department’s Historical Society. In 2002, the industry’s Caucus of Independent Producers, Writers and Directors honored him with their “Lifetime Achievement Award.” In January of 2007, Gerber was honored with a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

David Gerber was the Executive Producer of the “Flight 93” film, based on the real-life story of United Airlines, Flight 93, which crashed into a Pennsylvania field on September 11. This story told of the heroic efforts of the passengers who prevented the airplane from crashing into the terrorist’s assumed target of Washington DC. “Flight 93” gave A&E its highest rated viewer audience within their network history.

Gerber and his wife, Laraine, have been actively involved with Pacific for many years. Laraine, also known as Laraine Stephens, has starred in many television shows and several film features. After marrying David, she developed a 100-acre vineyard in the Sierra foothills and has been producing prize-winning wines under the “Laraine” label.

Gerber was a member of Pacific’s Board of Regents from 1987 to 2001. Laraine and David both served on the Advisory Board of the School of International Studies and have generously endowed the Gerber Lecture Series.