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# When you envision your future college or university, what **DO YOU SEE?**

Is it a place where the dynamic intellectual environment inspires you? Are your professors not only educators, but also mentors who empower you to engage the critical issues that define our complex and ever-changing society? Do your fellow students share a passion for making a difference in the community and the world around them?

At the University of San Diego, we see limitless possibilities for our students, our society, and our world. Since its founding in 1949, USD has been committed to the full development of our students through an education that incorporates Roman Catholic ethics and tradition with a solid foundation in the liberal arts. Our goal is to pave your path to success by providing the resources and support you need to succeed, both in and out of the classroom.

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## Achieve **Academic** Excellence

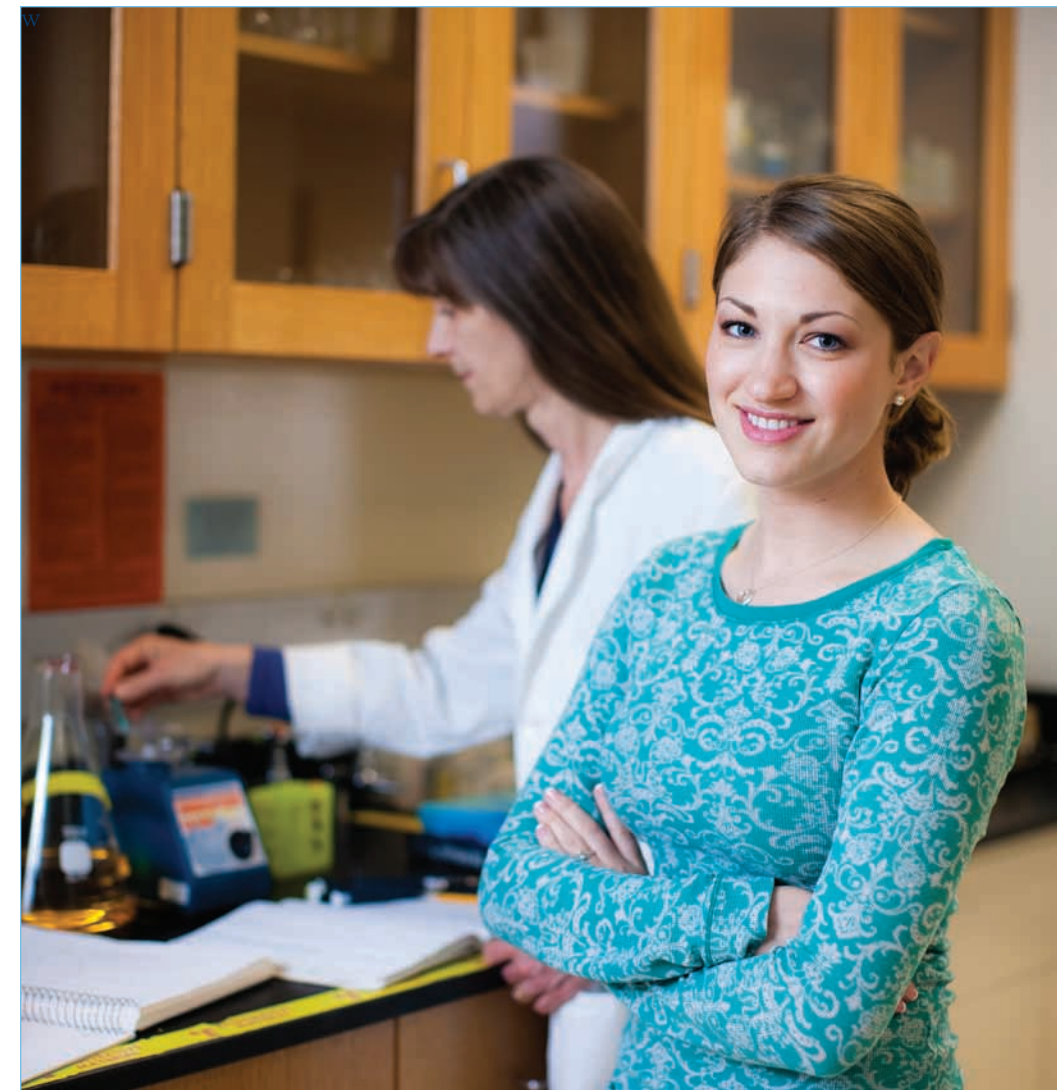
The University of San Diego offers a values-based education where ethics and intellectual inquiry form the foundation of the learning experience. The abundance of academic programs, facilities and resources means that you're sure to find a course of study that is both challenging and thought provoking.

minds through collaborative inquiry, and participate in a free exchange of complex ideas.

Our students are passionate about learning and our award-winning faculty are passionate about providing them with the resources they need to succeed, both in the classroom and in life. Through dynamic group discussions, focused research opportunities and meaningful internship positions, our students are empowered to engage the issues that define our diverse and ever-changing global community.



An education at the University of San Diego is founded on a single and unwavering principle: the pursuit of academic excellence. It is a place where students are encouraged to develop critical thinking skills, stimulate their curious



**STUDENT:** Kiera Schlansky  
**CLASS:** Senior  
**MAJOR:** Biology  
**MINOR:** Chemistry  
**HOMETOWN:** Sacramento, Calif.  
**ACTIVITIES:** Honors Program; American Medical Student Association; Phi Delta Epsilon pre-medical fraternity; Pre-health peer advisor; Preceptorial assistant

“My experience at USD has been one of **incredible growth**, both personally and intellectually. Because of the dedication of my professors, I know what I want to do with my life, and I know I have the tools to do it. One of the reasons I chose to attend USD was the **close interaction with faculty**. The personal attention I have received in every one of my classes has been invaluable to my success, and I know it was only possible because of the type of learning environment USD provides.”

## Explore Your Opportunities

There are 47,085 University of San Diego alumni residing in all 50 states and in 95 countries around the world. They are working in fields like business, law, health, non-profit organizations, sports and education.

Some of their careers include:

- Assistant Coach, NBA's Chicago Bulls
- President, St. Vincent de Paul Villages of San Diego
- Two USA Olympic medalists
- Auxiliary Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego
- Recording singer, songwriter and musician
- President and CEO of Verizon Wireless
- President and COO of Ruiz Foods
- President and CEO of WD-40 Company
- President of Qualcomm, Inc.

- United States Congresswoman
- General Manager of the Boston Red Sox
- Executive Vice President of Sharp Healthcare
- Director of the Navy Nurse Corps
- Superintendent of National City School District

### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

After earning their degree, 75% of students are employed and almost half received job offers before graduation. Eighteen percent choose to further their education by enrolling in graduate or professional programs. The rest

typically spend their time traveling or volunteering for organizations like the Peace Corps or City Year. Of those who work right after graduation, 75% plan to pursue an advanced degree in the future.

### INTERNSHIPS

Internships have become a vital part of a college education and students at USD take full advantage of the vast internship opportunities available to them throughout the San Diego area.

- ABC Channel 10
- NBC Channel 7/39
- City of San Diego
- Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute
- Old Globe Theatre
- San Diego Padres
- San Diego Superior Court Pretrial Services
- San Diego Zoo
- Scripps Laboratories
- San Diego Gas & Electric Company

### RESEARCH

Students are encouraged to participate in research with faculty. Each year, their work is showcased at an event where students from all academic disciplines are able to discuss their research project and show what they've learned from the unique opportunity to work one-on-one with our faculty.



**STUDENT:** Mary Sanders  
**CLASS YEAR:** 2005  
**MAJOR:** Sociology  
**HOMETOWN:** El Centro, Calif.  
**PROFESSION:** Research Assistant, Harder + Company

“As a sociology major, I was interested in researching cultural issues that divide our society. Through coursework and field studies, USD prepared me to actively seek out solutions to the problems—not just accept the status quo. Attending USD was absolutely the right choice for me. The experiences in the classroom, as well as the research in the field, have helped define my professional path.”

## Create a Better World

“The University of San Diego is a Roman Catholic institution committed to advancing academic excellence, expanding liberal and professional knowledge, creating a diverse and inclusive community, and preparing leaders dedicated to ethical conduct and compassionate service.”

— USD Mission Statement



At USD, these aren't just words; they are the cornerstone of our vision for building a better world, one student at a time. We strive to create a welcoming environment that compels our students to understand and appreciate the broad spectrum of cultures that comprise our diverse and dynamic global community.

Looking to learn more about living the USD Mission? Go to [www.sandiego.edu/about/missiongoals/mission.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/about/missiongoals/mission.php).



**STUDENT:** Jade Gomez

**CLASS:** Sophomore

**MAJOR:** Business Administration

**MINOR:** International Business

**HOMETOWN:** Santa Ana, Calif.

**ACTIVITIES:** National Communication Coordinator, Residence Hall Association; Co-founder, Net Impact

“I feel that **cultural diversity** is a really important part of the overall experience at USD. There are a variety of events that students can participate in that really bring into focus how important it is to understand and embrace different cultures and ways of life. One of the best examples of this is the All Faith Service. It's a **celebration of culture and faith** and has participants from all around the world. It's exciting to see growth of diversity between now and when the school opened 60 years ago, and USD continues to make improvements as time progresses.”

## Expand Your Horizons

Our global community is as diverse as it is dynamic, and at USD, you'll have the opportunity to connect with the people and places that exist beyond our borders.

Through coursework, service projects and study abroad opportunities, you will gain the invaluable experience and perspective that will enable you to better understand our world, and empower you to change it. Step outside your comfort zone, and see what life is like on the other side of the horizon.



### CHOOSE FROM OVER EIGHTY PROGRAMS, INCLUDING:

- Argentina
- Australia
- Austria
- Brazil
- China
- Costa Rica
- Dominican Republic
- England
- France
- Germany
- Ireland
- Italy
- Jamaica
- Japan
- Mexico
- Spain
- West Indies

### ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

- International Relations
- Peace and Justice minor
- Trans-Border Institute
- Women Peace Makers
- International Business
- Asian Studies

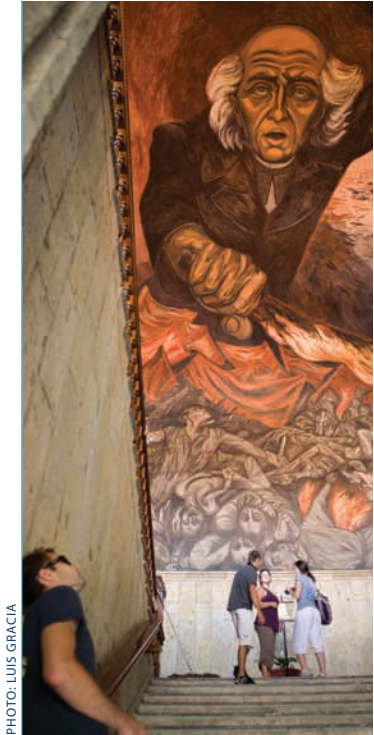


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**STUDENT:** Gia Ballash  
**CLASS:** Senior  
**MAJOR:** English  
**MINOR:** Italian; Communication Studies  
**HOMETOWN:** Las Vegas, Nev.  
**ACTIVITIES:** Writing Center Tutor; Honors Program; Torero Squad (Orientation Leader); Campus Tour Guide; TREE (Totally Rad Environmental Enthusiasts); NBC 7/39 San Diego Student Intern

"I knew I wanted a school with a great study abroad program, and that's one of the main reasons why I chose USD. I studied in Milan, Italy during the fall of my junior year, and I know that it will always be one of the best experiences of my life. Studying under Italian professors in Milan was an entirely new and wonderful experience. Not only did my Italian improve, I also truly began to feel like a local despite not hearing a word of English being spoken in the streets. The lessons I learned during my travels have forever changed the way I live, work and learn."

## Get Your Game On!

If athletics are your thing, then you've definitely come to the right place! At USD, you can participate in one of the numerous intramural, wellness and recreational activities we have available, or cheer on any of our 17 NCAA Division I athletic programs. With an ideal climate and an active student body, it's easy to take your game to the next level!

### INTRAMURAL SPORTS

- Basketball
- Football
- Innertube Water Polo
- Kickball
- Soccer

- Softball
- Tennis
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball

### CLUB SPORTS

- Cycling
- Equestrian
- Kiteboarding
- Lacrosse
- Roller Hockey
- Rugby
- Soccer
- Surfing
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Water Polo
- Waterskiing

For additional information on sports, recreation and wellness programs at USD, go to [www.sandiego.edu/campusrecreation](http://www.sandiego.edu/campusrecreation).

### NCAA DIVISION I SPORTS PROGRAMS MEN

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Rowing
- Soccer
- Tennis

### WOMEN

- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Rowing
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming and Diving
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Volleyball

For additional information on athletics at USD, go to [www.sandiego.edu/athletics](http://www.sandiego.edu/athletics).



**STUDENT:** Henry Perazzelli

**CLASS:** Freshman

**MAJOR:** Marine Biology

**HOMETOWN:** Los Angeles, Calif.

**ACTIVITIES:** Men's Crew Team; Outdoor Adventures; Entrepreneurship Club; Frontline at USD Sporting Events

“Being a part of an athletic program like men's rowing rounds out part of my experience here at USD. It's taught me a lot about how my individual abilities can contribute to the overall success of the team. That's one of the great things about going to school here at the University of San Diego. There are SO many opportunities to get involved in campus life. Whether you're interested in sports or not, there is going to be something for you to enjoy, and you're likely to meet some really good people along the way.”

## Come See For Yourself

The University of San Diego has long been recognized as one of the most beautiful campuses in the country. The amazing architecture, stunning landscapes and prime location will provide you with one of the most idyllic spots imaginable to learn and live.

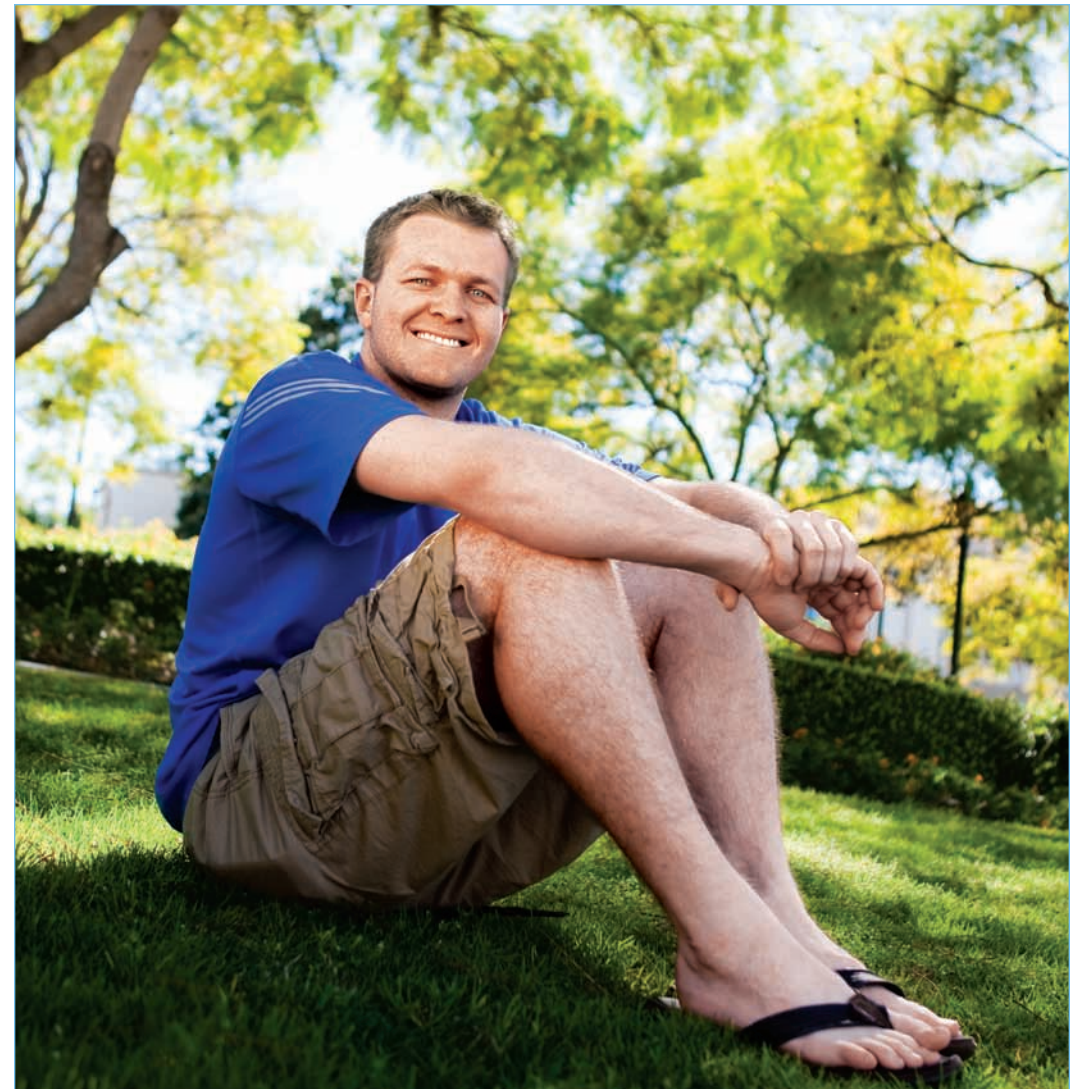


Situated atop a 180-acre mesa with sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean and downtown San Diego, the university is blessed with sunshine nearly 300 days a year, and an average daily temperature of 70.5 degrees. Add in the fact that beautiful beaches,

mountains, and deserts are just minutes from your door, and it becomes clear why there is no better place to be than USD!

### SCHEDULE A VISIT

Planning a visit to the University of San Diego is easy. Just visit our Web site, [www.sandiego.edu/campustours](http://www.sandiego.edu/campustours) to schedule a tour of our campus. Tours are offered twice a day, Monday – Friday at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. In addition, you can also find information on hotels, directions to campus, and additional insight into USD and the surrounding San Diego community.



**STUDENT:** Matt Leigh

**CLASS:** Senior

**MAJOR:** Mechanical Engineering

**MINOR:** Business Administration

**HOMETOWN:** Kansas City, Mo.

**ACTIVITIES:** Campus Tour Guide; Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity; Order of Omega Greek Life Honor Society; Mortar Board; Tau Alpha Zeta Engineering Honors Society; Assoc. Students Concert Crew

“I came from the Midwest, and believe me, I love going to class in December in shorts and sandals! But the weather really is just a small part of the overall USD experience. The school’s location allows you access to just about any kind of outdoor activity you can imagine, and the city of San Diego is a great place to experience a wide variety of arts, culture and music. As a musician, I really enjoy getting a chance to listen to the different types of bands that play on campus as well as the venues downtown, which is basically right outside your doorstep.”



## Apply for Admission

Admission to the University of San Diego is highly competitive, and we are looking for students who not only have a strong record of academic success, but also possess the personal qualities and commitment to service necessary to thrive in a dynamic and progressive campus community.



For freshman admission, students may apply either through our Early Action program (November 15 deadline), or our Regular Decision program (January 15 deadline). Interested applicants may apply through either the Common Application ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)), or the university's own online application at [www.sandiego.edu/application](http://www.sandiego.edu/application).

Decisions on Early Action applications will be made by the end of January. Decisions for applicants under the Regular Decision program will be made by April 1.

Applications from transfer applicants are also welcome during the fall or spring semester. The deadline to apply for the fall semester is March 1. Applicants wishing to transfer into the spring semester should apply by October 1.

## Find What You're Looking For

For 60 years, the University of San Diego has provided an education that serves to promote the highest standards of intellectual inquiry and academic freedom. As a student at USD, you will be able to choose from a wide variety of academic programs. These programs are designed to provide you with the knowledge to understand complex issues, and the expertise to articulate informed opinions.

- College of Arts and Sciences
- Engineering Program
- School of Business Administration
- School of Law (graduate degrees only)
- School of Leadership and Education Sciences
- Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science (graduate degrees only)
- Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies (undergraduate minor and graduate degrees)

### MAJORS

Incoming students are not asked to declare a major until sophomore year. Students can select from the following majors:

- Accountancy
- Anthropology
- Art History
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Business Economics
- Chemistry
- Communication Studies
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Electrical Engineering
- English
- Ethnic Studies
- Finance
- French
- History
- Industrial and Systems Engineering
- Interdisciplinary Humanities
- International Business
- International Relations
- Liberal Studies
- Marine Science
- Marketing



- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Theatre Arts
- Theology and Religious Studies
- Visual Arts

### MINORS

In addition to a major, students can select a minor in any of the major areas (except Biochemistry, Engineering, Interdisciplinary Humanities and Liberal Studies) as well as these additional minors:

- Architecture
- Asian Studies
- Catholic Studies
- Classical Studies
- Environmental Studies
- Gender Studies
- German
- Information Science
- Information Technology Management
- Italian
- Law and Ethics
- Leadership
- Management
- Peace and Justice Studies
- Real Estate
- Supply Chain Management

Students can also enhance their education with a pre-professional program, including the Pre-Health programs and Pre-Law.

## Get The Facts

We know that applying to colleges is about finding a good fit. We encourage you to look over this information on our community, our classes and the general academic profile of incoming freshman and transfer students, and decide if USD is the right fit for you.

### OUR COMMUNITY

- 5119 undergraduate students who come from all 50 states and represent more than 60 countries worldwide
- A total enrollment of 7,832
- 45 percent of our undergraduates come from outside California
- 3 percent come from over 60 countries outside of the United States
- 28 percent are students of color
- 55 percent are Catholic

### OUR CLASSROOMS

- Average class size: 15-25 students

### PROFILE OF OUR ADMITTED FRESHMEN

- Average Weighted GPA: 3.9
- Average SAT Reasoning Score, not including Writing: 1240
- Average ACT Composite Score: 28

In addition, we admit students who have challenged themselves in school and have worked hard to make a difference in their schools and communities.

- All classes are taught by our faculty, not teaching assistants or graduate assistants
- 15:1 student to faculty ratio
- We require a comprehensive core curriculum rooted in the liberal arts

### PROFILE OF ADMITTED TRANSFERS

- Students come from 4-year universities and community colleges
- Average college GPA: 3.2
- Minimum of 24 units required
- Minimum of a 3.0 GPA from all college work



## Financial Aid

Our tuition is competitive with other private, selective universities.

Freshmen are required to live on campus and housing is available all four years. Tuition and room and board charges can be found at [www.sandiego.edu/admissions/undergraduate](http://www.sandiego.edu/admissions/undergraduate).

Over 70% of students receive financial aid and both need and merit-based forms of aid are available. Families should complete the FAFSA to be considered for need-based aid.

Merit Scholarships are automatically awarded in the admissions process. They are reserved for students in the top portion of our applicant pool.

Athletic, choral and music scholarships are also available.

USD has a ROTC program for students who are selected to participate.



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