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Every veteran's journey is different, but most start by going to college. Like many others, I got out of the Navy to utilize my GI Bill benefits. I started at a junior college, which led me to the University of San Diego as a transfer student in the fall of 2015. I wasn't looking to join a veterans' association or even stand out as a veteran amongst my peers. I was already older than many students, a mother of two, and an active duty Navy wife. I was simply looking forward to obtaining new knowledge and a bachelor's degree so I could find another life after the military.

Changing students perceptions of veterans – especially female veterans – was more encouraging than anything. While everything I learned in the classroom was invaluable, the greatest lessons I learned at USD were not found in a book. It was the interactions with my peers and professors. I was taught that all aspects of communication have value if and only if you can integrate them into your daily life. Those lessons become part of you: your perceptions, how and what you say, and why you say it. To my professors, thank you! I learned so much more than you ever could have possibly lectured.

I used to send messages of silence when it came to being a veteran. Because, let's be honest: can you really spot a female veteran from any other woman? The answer is no. We like to be incognito. We are used to being forgotten, or our service mocked as cute, or support to the real heroes. USD taught me to find my voice and make that voice heard. Now, I help other female veterans find their voice and the support they need to succeed. For the last six months I have been working with the Foundation for Women Warriors after speaking on a female veteran panel for the USD Veterans Association. Our slogan is Honor Her Service by Empowering Her Future.

**ON VETERANS DAY, PLEASE DON'T FORGET THOSE STUDENTS SITTING NEXT TO YOU.
TO ALL THE VETERANS AT USD, PAST AND PRESENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!**

JENNIFER GIVENS '17



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STUDENT FEATURE!

We're taking a moment to recognize the team at USDtv.

This past week the San Diego Press Club hosted their 45th Annual "Excellence in Journalism Awards." USDtv brought home second and third place for **"Best College TV Newscast."** USDtv competed against colleges all across San Diego. The winners were judged by a panel of professional journalists working in print, radio and television. Our student journalists work hard to keep the campus community informed and up to date with the latest news. Creating a newscast isn't a one man show, it's is a team effort. Students who contributed to the winning episodes include **Victoria Holmes, Izabella Salinas, Melissa Carin, Melanie Yost, Cynthia Yantz, Lauren Lofe, and Alexa Cimino.**

Congrats to our student journalists!



STUDENT UPDATE



Dr. Brinson invited her LLC class to Julian, CA for an overnight. Together they went on a gold mine tour, discussed the topic of voting, watched "The Post", went dancing, made art, and played games.



To celebrate Dia de los Muertos, Dr. Tullis and her “End of Life” class as well as Dr. Mena’s “Chicanx Religious Identities” class put together a beautiful altar to honor loved ones who have passed away.

Dr. Tullis says, “the experience was transformative and cathartic for those who participated. While we might be sad remembering our loved ones who have died, it’s really a celebration of life. The students and I spent almost 4 hours putting the altar together with hundreds of marigolds (a seasonal flower cultivated in Mexico more than 2000 years ago), ofrendas (offerings), student made artwork, and cajitas (small decorated boxes).

The event included a reading of a poem by Gloria Anzaldúa, a description of the significance of Dia de Los Muertos and the symbolic meaning of the symbols, followed by speeches from students about the experience contributing to the altar. We closed the event with a ritual to remember a loved one that included placing a marigold on the altar and then speaking the name of people we wished to honor.



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION

FEATURING DR. TULLIS' END OF LIFE COMMUNICATION CLASS
AND DR. MENA'S CHICANIX RELIGIOUS IDENTITIES CLASS

SHE'S BACK: and Celebrating her 30th Year in COMM STUDIES!



DR. HUSTON

"wah gwaan!"

Born and raised in Berkeley, Dr. Huston received her bachelors and masters in California. She trekked up to the University of Washington and received her PhD—her specialty in interpersonal/intercultural communication and research methods. She is the co-author of a third edition Communication Research Methods textbook.

What has she been up to?!

What was up with your administrative positions?

I wanted to challenge myself outside of the department and I was fortunate to work last in the Provost's office as the Associate Provost. I have always loved teaching. Administrative work let me focus on the intrinsic problems in academia to see what kind of change I could do from the perspective of the student.

What did you learn from that experience?

I have a strong passion for learning at lots of levels! I learned that I am better equipped now to have a heated discussion, to effectively argue and not get emotionally paralyzed by the experience. I learned how to do this mostly as an administrator!

What's up with 30 years? Take us back to the beginning.

When I came to USD in 1989, I was the 4th hire in Communication Studies. It was a very different experience back in the day—much more homogenous and conservative campus with more obvious wealth. During my time as chair, I'm proud of my hires, such as Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Chung and Dr. Pierson!

What's up with your research now?

I am still very invested in theories/learning about how an individual can change as a result of a learning moment.

Proud accomplishment?

I am a purple sash on my way to a brown sash, and eventually a black sash, in Kung Fu.

Did you plan to stay for 30 years?

NO! I thought it would be less than 10. There have been other tempting job offers from time-to-time. I am glad I stayed.

What do you mean?

I love what happens with students when the light goes on-- when students know that they figured out something important. The best thing is that you know you are forever changed.

Comfort Food: Dark Chocolate

Where is home for you?

Wherever I happen to be.

What does your award winning kung Fu master have to say about your skills?

He is inspired by me. He told me that he has absolute confidence in my ability to reach any standard I set for myself



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4 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS!	5 VETERAN'S DAY!	6 TIME TO VOTE!	7	8 SDAFF BEGINS!	9 	10
11 REMEMBRANCE DAY	12 VETERAN'S DAY!	13 HANDSHAKE & LINKEDIN DAY!	14	15	16	17 SDAFF ENDS! :(
18 MEXICAN REVOLUTION DAY	20	21 BREAK BEGINS!	22 THXGIVING! 	23	24	
25	26	27 COLACHIS PLAZA WINTER WONDERLAND 	28	29	30	



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