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# English Dept. Newsletter



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- May 29: Final Grades Due
- May 29: Employee Picnic
- June 3: Summer Session classes begins
- Jun 14: Flag Day
- Jun 16: Father's Day
- Jun 21: First Day of Summer

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• **Mary Hotz, RSCJ**, will step down as chair of the English Department on June 30, 2013, after six years of service to the department. July and August will offer time for rest, vacation and retreat before her one-year sabbatical begins in earnest mid-September. She looks forward to some quiet study time and a chance to begin a project on emotions and money in Victorian England.



• **Cynthia Caywood, PhD**, as of July 1, 2013, will be the new English Department Chair. Cindy has been a member of the faculty since 1984. She currently serves as co-director of the London Summer Program. In the English department, Caywood offers undergraduate courses on restoration and eighteenth century British literature, world drama, and women's literature and graduate courses in seventeenth and eighteenth century drama. Her research interests include Aphra Behn, Jane Austen, and August Wilson, with special interests in British and American theatre history, stage production, and feminist theory. Cindy received her PhD from Duke University, her MA in English from University of Exeter, England; and her undergrad from University of Kansas. Cindy is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.



• **Barton Thurber, PhD**, as of June 30, 2013, will officially retire from USD. Bart taught at USD for thirty-five years. He taught classes in poetry, Romanticism and 19th century British literature; his research interests included those areas as well as the impacts of digital technologies on narrative and on the humanities generally. Recently, Bart was listed in the *Princeton Review's* 300 Best Professors. Bart received his BA degree from Stanford University and his AM and PhD degrees from Harvard University.



• **Jericho Brown, PhD**: the English Department has learned that Dr. Jericho Brown has resigned his position here at USD and will continue his work as an assistant professor of English and Creative Writing at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. We wish him well, especially as he prepares his second volume of poetry, *New Testament*, for publication by Copper Canyon Press. Congratulations, Jericho, and best wishes for your future.



• **Marcelle Maese-Cohen, PhD**, joins the English Department as new tenure-track full-time faculty in Fall 2013. Marcelle studies U.S. Ethnic Literature, Chicana/o Literature in particular. Marcelle received her PhD from U.C. Berkeley.



• **Koonyong Kim, PhD**, joins the English Department as new tenure-track full-time faculty in Fall 2013. Koonyong specializes in Asian American Literature and media theory. He received his PhD from Duke University and presently is concluding his post-doctoral work at the University of South Florida (Tampa).



• **Ivan Ortiz, PhD candidate**, joins the English Department as new tenure-track full-time faculty in Fall 2013. Ivan is a scholar of British Romanticism. He will receive his PhD from Princeton University.



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**Katie Johnson, 2013**, English major, is the female graduating senior awarded the prestigious **Alcalá Award**, which is presented at Commencement to two outstanding seniors (one female, one male) as evidenced by:

- Academic achievement (3.3 GPA or higher)
- Participation and leadership in extracurricular activities
- Citizenship and service to the university
- Potential for future achievement

This is, in effect, the “holism” award, presented to two seniors who have achieved the balanced development that is a goal of a USD education. **Congratulations, Katie!!**



The Department of English gives a BIG congratulations to all its graduating English majors!! Thank you, Class of 2013, for sharing part (no matter how long) of your life with us. Here are some pics from the BIG CELEBRATION!!! Class of 2013 photos— a sampling of photos taken over USD Commencement Weekend. Congratulations to all of our graduates: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usandiego/sets/72157633773854072/>.



*“Oh,  
the summer night,  
Has a smile of light,  
And she sits on  
a sapphire throne.”*

*—Barry Cornwall*

Phi Beta Kappa welcomes the following English majors:



- |                  |                   |                  |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| • Elizabeth Reed | • Joseph Holland  | • Madison Levine |
| • Toni Deguire   | • Sarah Jorgensen | • Jamie Shea     |
|                  |                   | • Anna Halligan  |

Phi Beta Kappa is the nation’s oldest and most prestigious academic honors society. Congratulations to our English majors!

## THE WRITING CENTER

*Is Closed for Summer—*

*We will Re-open in the Fall on Wed, Sept 18th*

[www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/writing\\_center/](http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/writing_center/)

(619) 260-4581

***Have a great summer!!***





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUMMER READING:

- ***The Ghost Map*, by Steven Johnson** is the “USD Just Read!” selection for next year. In a triumph of multidisciplinary thinking, Johnson illuminates the intertwined histories of the spread of disease, the rise of cities, & the nature of scientific inquiry, offering both a riveting history & a powerful explanation of how it has shaped the world we live in. USD Just Read! encourages literacy and deep dialogue on social themes presented through outstanding literature. 
- ***Sea Change*, by Shannon Wheeler** (Macmillan, 2013), USD English major with the Creative Writing emphasis. To view the *Sea Change* book trailer go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dH-WUTLdR3o>. A powerfully written debut from a young fantasy author, *Sea Change* is an exhilarating tale of adventure, resilience, and selflessness in the name of friendship. Source: <http://us.macmillan.com/seachange/SMWheeler>. 
- ***I Love a Broad Margin to My Life* by Maxine Hong Kingston** (Vintage International), 2012. Hong Kingston will be our featured guest at the **10th Anniversary** Lindsay J. Cropper Memorial Series event to be held in Spring 2014. In *I Love a Broad Margin to My Life* Hong Kingston reflects on her sixty-five years. She circles from present to past and back, ...from her long marriage to her arrest at a peace march in Washington. The result is a marvelous account of an American life, of great purpose and joy, and the tonic wisdom of a writer we have come to cherish. Source: [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). 
- ***The Selvage: Poems* by Linda Gregerson** (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt), 2012. Gregerson will be our speaker at the Barrie Cropper Lecture on Creative Writing in September 2013, and will read from her poetry at the Lindsay J. Cropper Memorial Writers Series in September 2013 as well. In eloquent poems about Ariadne, Theseus, and Dido, the death of a father, a bombing raid in Lebanon, and in a magnificent series detailing Masaccio's Brancacci frescoes, *The Selvage* deftly traces the “line between” the “wonder and woe” of human experience. Source: [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). 
- ***Racial Things, Racial Forms: Objecthood in Avant-Garde Asian American Poetry* by Joseph Jonghyun Jeon** (Contemp North American Poetry), 2012. Jeon will be our guest speaker at our bi-annual Joanne T. Dempsey Lecture Series to be held in April 2014. In addition to appealing to those interested in Asian American studies and race in American literature, *Racial Things, Racial Forms* addresses readers interested in contemporary poetry, art, and visual culture, paying particular attention to the intersections between literary and visual art. Source: [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). 
- ***Missing You, Metropolis: Poems* by Gary Jackson** and Yusef Komunyakaa (Graywolf Press), 2010. Gary Jackson will be reading at our Lindsay J. Cropper Memorial Writers Series in Spring 2014. With humor and the serious collector's delight, Jackson imagines the comic-book worlds of Superman, Batman, and the X-Men alongside the veritable worlds of Kansas, racial isolation, and the gravesides of a sister and a friend. Jackson is the winner of the 2009 Cave Canem Poetry Prize. Source: [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). 
- ***Spit* by Esther Lee** (Elixir Press), 2011. Lee will be reading from her work at our Lindsay J. Cropper Memorial Writers Series in Spring 2014. Winner of the Elixir Press Poetry Awards. “*Spit*, Esther Lee's debut collection...are visceral poems in which gardens are watered with urine, family members are marked by each others' ‘spit and fingernails,’ where love is tempered with violence. Still, the violence of the family life is a reflection of the ironic violence of the [C]orean immigrant experience in America, one in which its participants must leave one politically disrupted culture to join the other that helped to destroy it...Fresh and brutal, serious and comic, *Spit* is a deeply heartfelt examination of family, language, and personal connection in this multi-ethnic, multi-historied America.” --Paisley Rekdal. Source: [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). 

“Like a welcome  
summer rain,  
humor may  
suddenly cleanse  
and cool the earth,  
the air  
and you.”

—Langston Hughes





## STUDENT NEWS



**Diana Velazquez**, English major and Latin American Studies minor, is featured in an *Inside USD* story: "Self-discovery is a daily gift ready to be opened. Life's valuable lessons, like love, patience, understanding, confidence, humility and knowledge, are found inside. What happens with this gift is entirely up to the individual. Diana Velazquez, who graduates this month from the University of San Diego has taken self-discovery to wonderful heights." For full article: <http://www.sandiego.edu/insideusd/?p=30777>.

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## ENGL 494-06 A Digitalized World: New Media & Transnational Culture



Explore the prismatic worlds of transnational digital culture by reading anime, manga, cyberpunk, social media, electronic literature, video art, and online computer gaming!

**CRN #4040**  
**TR 5:30-6:50pm**  
**Dr. Koonyong Kim**

For more info: [kykim@sandiego.edu](mailto:kykim@sandiego.edu)



*"Tears of joy  
are like  
the summer  
rain drops  
pierced by  
sunbeams."*

*—Hosea Ballou*

## ENGL 225-04

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## Chicana/o Literature, Art, & Feminisms



**Dr. Marcelle Maese-Cohen**  
**MWF 9:05-10:00am • CRN #3689**  
For more info: [marcelle@sandiego.edu](mailto:marcelle@sandiego.edu)

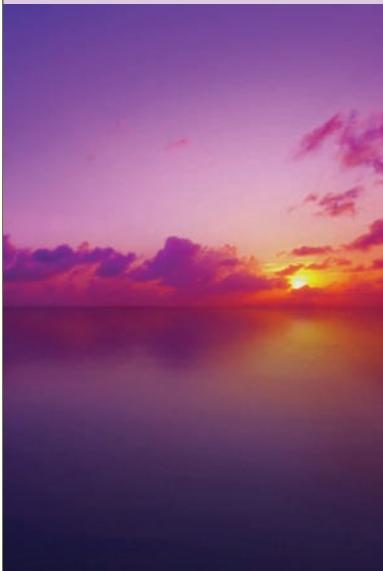
*Explore Chicana feminisms  
through art, film, and literature,  
and local Chicana/o murals  
in San Diego's Chicano Park.*



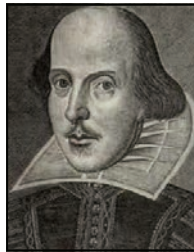


*“Summer afternoon,  
summer afternoon;  
to me those have  
always been the  
two most beautiful  
words in the  
English language.”*

*—Henry James*

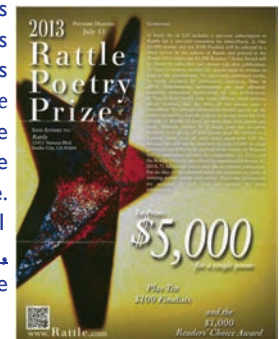


## STUDENT NEWS



**Study Abroad in London!** Consider the **English Program Abroad**, offering SHAKESPEARE IN LONDON for Intersession 2014!! English 280/420, January 3-24, 2014, with David Hay. We will spend three weeks in London reading five plays and seeing three or four productions as well as visiting historical sites relating to Shakespeare such as The Tower of London, Middle Temple Hall, The Globe Theatre and Exhibition, Westminster Abbey, and a walking tour of Shakespeare's London. We will also spend one day in Stratford-Upon-Avon. Productions booked so far are Richard II, with **David Tennant**; Henry V, with **Jude Law**; and King Lear, with **Simon Russell Beale**. Other productions will be determined by what is up while we are there, and field trips will relate to plays we are studying. Five free weekend days will allow students to explore on their own. Emphasis in the class will be on close reading and viewing, and on making Shakespeare real, understandable, and enjoyable. **Registration deadline: Oct. 15, 2013.** More info: [http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/program/courses/study\\_abroad.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/program/courses/study_abroad.php).

**2013 Rattle Poetry Prize.** 1st Prize: \$5,000 for a single poem, plus ten \$100 Finalists, and the \$1,000 Readers' Choice Award. Open to writers worldwide; poems must be written in English. No previously published works, or works accepted for publication elsewhere. Send no more than four poems per entry. Entry fee of \$20 includes a one-year subscription to *Rattle* (or a one-year extension for subscribers). Multiple entries by a single poet are accepted, however each group of four poems must be treated as a separate entry, with its own cover sheet and \$20 fee. Manuscripts will not be returned. Send entries to: Rattle, 12411 Ventura Blvd., Studio City, CA 91604. Postmark **Deadline: July 15, 2013.** Electronic submissions are accepted as well. Visit our website for exact details and more information: [www.rattle.com](http://www.rattle.com). †



## STUDENT WORK/INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**USD Summer Business Institute (SBI): June 3—June 21, 2013.** Build a foundation of Business concepts and practices with our University summer program. This is an exclusively designed intensive summer college program for current college students and recent college graduates to earn a Summer Business Certificate. The Summer Business Institute is a unique opportunity for students to immerse themselves in a three week long intensive program at the University of San Diego, that focuses on developing business skills needed to succeed in the current marketplace. Why **liberal arts majors** college students and recent college grads should attend: Build a base of knowledge in major areas of business from highly acclaimed experts; Enhance their marketability for employment opportunities; Nurture their personal and career development skills; and Gain an exposure to a wide variety of business areas to help identify clearer career directions. SBI's interactive classroom environment promotes students' learning through case studies, company visits, featured guest speakers and teamwork opportunities that enable students to build strong business foundations. On-campus accommodations (optional). Some scholarships are available. Space is limited. [www.sandiego.edu/sbi](http://www.sandiego.edu/sbi).

**SBI**

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## FACULTY NEWS

**Gail Perez, PhD**, English and Ethnic Studies Departments, was recognized at the annual Honors Convocation this month. She was awarded the **2013 Davies Award for Teaching Excellence**. Congratulations, Gail, on this prestigious honor!

At the annual College of Arts and Sciences End-of-Year Celebration, several English Department faculty were recognized for the following milestones:

- **Bart Thurber, PhD**, upon his retirement at the end of this academic year for his 35 years of dedicated service at USD.
- **Joe McGowan, PhD**, for his 20 years of dedicated service at USD.
- **Carlton Floyd, PhD**, for his 10 years of dedicated service at USD.
- **Sister Mary Hotz, PhD**, for her 6 years as English Department Chair. Sister Hotz is stepping down from this roll at the end of this academic year.

Congratulations to all on these milestones!

**Stefan Vander Elst, PhD**, attended the 48th International Congress on Medieval Studies held at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan over May 9-12, 2013, and presented "Gesta Francorum, Hystoria Iherosolimitana, and the Chansons de Geste" for the Crusades I panel.

**Halina Duraj, PhD**, completed her short story collection & submitted it to agents & contests for publication. Duraj also completed & submitted other work, such as excerpts from her novel *Fatherland* for publication in journals. *The Harvard Review* accepted one of her novel excerpts for publication and is it now published in the Winter 2013, Issue No. 43 (print copy only).

**Maura Giles-Watson, PhD**, will be heading to Sweden in June to present a paper, "Tristis Orestes?--The Surprisingly Happy Orestes of English Renaissance Drama," in the colloquium on The Trojan War and the Making of the Modern World at the University of Uppsala. After the conference she will be in London conducting research at the British Library for her book on the Henrician playwright John Heywood.

**David Cantrell**, adjunct faculty, was named **Faculty Mentor of the Year** at the annual banquet for the **McNair Scholarship Program**. The Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement program, known at USD as the TRiO McNair Scholars Program, is funded by the U.S. Department of Education. This program identifies and prepares eligible students for graduate studies leading to the Ph.D. by providing research training and early scholarly experiences to high-achieving undergraduate USD students. Congratulations, David!

**Wed, May 29, 1:00-4:00pm at Manchester Valley Athletic Field: USD Annual Employee Picnic.** Employees are one of USD's most valuable assets. The university recognizes that employees do make a difference. As a way to express its appreciation, the university holds an annual community picnic for all faculty, staff and administrative employees and their families. The event is filled with entertainment, games, contests and delicious food. Please feel free to bring your family, your kids, significant other, or a friend — all are welcome!

- **The Manuel Hernandez Staff Employee of the Year** is announced and presented with an award at this event.
- **Carnival Games.** We will have carnival games available for the kids and adults. The games include a flamingo ring toss, bean bag toss, a bottle toss and more!
- **Musical Chairs Scavenger Hunts.** We'll be looking for 15 competitive USD employees and 15 children from ages 10-17 to participate in this year's two Musical Chairs Scavenger Hunts. You never know what to expect with this game — other than a bunch of people running around grabbing stuff. If you have never seen or played this game, you're in for a treat!

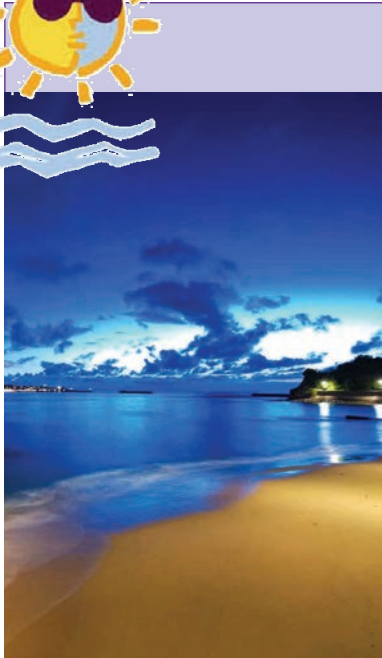
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*"Rest is not idleness,  
and to lie sometimes  
on the grass under trees  
on a summer's day,  
listening to the murmur  
of the water,  
or watching the clouds  
float across the sky,  
is by no means  
a waste of time."*

*—John Lubbock*






*“Deep summer  
is when  
laziness finds  
respectability.”*

*—Sam Keen*



## FACULTY NEWS

- **Trivia Contest.** Ten questions are posted on the HR website at: [http://www.sandiego.edu/hr/employee\\_relations/employee\\_picnic.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/hr/employee_relations/employee_picnic.php). All questions must be answered. The Winner will be the person with all and/or most of the correct answers. All answers must be submitted to the HR Office (Maher 101) on Tues, May 28 by 5:00pm. The winner will receive a prize and have a reserved table at the community picnic. The winner will be contacted the morning of the picnic.
- **Torero Cup** is a relay competition between teams from the president and each vice president area for a chance to win the cup to display in their respective offices. The defending champions are the team from Business Services.
- **CHR@USD 50/50 Raffle.** The Community of Human Resources (CHR@USD) 50/50 Raffle tickets are on sale now in the HR Dept (Maher 101), and may also be purchased at the picnic. Tickets are 2 for \$1 or 12 for \$5.
- **Chicken Toss.** As always, the Chicken Toss will be taking place at this year's picnic so don't miss out on it. Bring your team of four and be prepared to sign up for the game at the picnic. 
- **Sunflower Seed Count Contest.** Can you guess how many sunflower seeds are in the container? At the picnic, stop by the sunflower seed jar and submit your guess. The closest guess without going over wins a fit card and the jar of sunflower seeds. One guess per employee.
- **Dessert Contest.** Explore your inner wellness and join the bandwagon for eating more fruits and vegetables! In a dessert? Of course! Your entry must contain a fruit or vegetable (not just a garnish) no less than 1/2 cup. To participate and get all the “dirt” contact Joan Wolf at [wolfj@sandiego.edu](mailto:wolfj@sandiego.edu). The winner will take home a great gift card.

Hope to see you all at the Employee Picnic! The food is wonderful! Bring your friends & family.

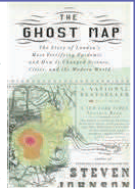
**Tue, Jun 4, 12:00–1:00pm in the UC Forum B: Suzie's Farm CSA Information Session.** An information session for the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) at USD Work Program with Suzie's Farm will be given by Shannon from Suzie's Farm, who talk about the program. We hope to start the program in mid-June. More Suzie's Farm info at <http://suziesfarm.com/>. Come find out what CSA is all about!



**Fri, Jun 28, 2:00-3:00pm in MRH 135 (SOLES): CEE/ATS Friday Tech Talk.** Register for this event at: [www.sandiego.edu/cee](http://www.sandiego.edu/cee), 619-260-7402, or [cee@sandiego.edu](mailto:cee@sandiego.edu).

**SAVE THE DATE! Tue, Aug 13: Adjunct Faculty Welcome and Orientation.**

**Faculty, USD Just Read! Selection for 2013-2014:** *The Ghost Map*, by Steven Johnson is the “USD Just Read!” selection for 2013-2014 academic year. USD Just Read! encourages literacy and deep dialogue on social themes presented through outstanding literature, within the USD community. USD Just Read! presentations, book discussions, and other events will be announced in upcoming CEE newsletters and registration will be available through other CEE website. **Please contact the CEE if you are interested in possible programming, course and syllabus integration, or any other collaborative projects for next year.** [www.sandiego.edu/cee](http://www.sandiego.edu/cee).



**Language Improvement Training:** The International Center is offering 3 or 6 month memberships of **Rosetta Stone** to all faculty, administration and staff who are full-time benefit based employees. With each membership comes unlimited access to every language and level available in the program at a special discounted rate of \$40 for a 3 month membership and \$75 for 6 months. You can also access Rosetta Stone from any computer or iPad, on-campus or off. If interested, make sure to sign-up soon as memberships are limited! For additional information, please visit the website at [www.sandiego.edu/international/faculty/development.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/international/faculty/development.php).





## ALUMNI NEWS

**Ariana Haro, 2011**, is in her third year of teaching high school English. She is happy to report as of this year, she is tenured in her school district. In addition to teaching, Ariana has begun working on a Master of Educational Technology degree through Boise State University. In her free time she blogs, volunteers for the University of San Diego, and her local chapter of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.



## BE BLUE, GO GREEN



**USD E-Waste Collection Center Ranked #1!** The results are in and the University of San Diego has won the electronics division of the 2013 RecycleMania Tournament. USD beat out participating colleges and universities across the country by collecting 80,000 pounds of old computers, monitors, cell phones and other e-waste. USD “out-cycled” the competition by collecting more than eight pounds of e-waste per person on campus, almost doubling the rate of its closest competitor and collecting the third-largest amount of e-waste overall. Open 6 days/week, located at 5330 Linda Vista Rd., 619-294-9014 or [usde-waste@gmail.com](mailto:usde-waste@gmail.com). What they accept: [www.sandiego.edu/ewaste/](http://www.sandiego.edu/ewaste/).



## COMMUNITY

### **The Immaculata Church announces Camp Oliver - Summer Fun for Kids**



Camp Oliver is holding summer camps, 7 sessions in all, from June 23 through August 23, 2013 with 7 different themes. This camp is run by the Sisters of Social Service, and has been operating summer camp for over 60 years. Campers enjoy swimming, arts and crafts, archery, nature conservation, outdoor cooking, hiking, campfires, low ropes course and more! Financial assistance is available. For more information visit our new website at [www.campoliver.org](http://www.campoliver.org) or [info@campoliver.org](mailto:info@campoliver.org) and you can also call the office (619) 445-5945. Camp Oliver is located in Descanso, just 40 minutes outside San Diego.



## DID YOU KNOW?

**Did You Know? USD Summer Camps & Conferences:** there’s a lot happening on campus during the summer! In addition to USD’s Summer Session classes, there are numerous summer camps and conferences occurring throughout the summer months:

### Camps:

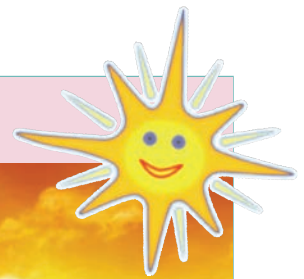
- Baseball Academy
- Sherri Stephens Adult Tennis Camp
- Girls Soccer Camp
- Boys Soccer Camp
- Men’s Basketball Camp
- All Sports Camp
- Baseball Camp
- Volleyball Camp
- Football Camp
- Women’s Basketball Camp
- Masi/Collins Tennis Camps
- Masters Swim Camp

- Softball Camp
- USTA Nationals (tennis)
- Cheerleaders Camp

### Conferences

- CMLI (Catholic Ministries Leadership) Conference
- Jostens (Yearbook) San Diego National Summer Workshop
- California Landscape Contractors Association Conference
- Photographers Workshop Conference
- plus more!

One sees large groups wandering campus with matching name tags and/or conference tote bags and the SLP is typically full at lunchtime with one or more large group occupying the dining space!



*“Summer has filled her veins with light and her heart is washed with noon.”*

*—C. Day Lewis*

