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Finding learning opportunities from challenging circumstances



As I reflect upon the academic year just past and look to the year ahead, there is so much for which I have to be both proud and grateful. Our students are arguably the best equipped and most capable in the university's history. They have demonstrated once again their capacity to learn and to live in a complex, highly-connected, rapidly-changing world in which the unrelenting avalanche of information challenges them to be the most engaged, critical, discerning and responsive generation the planet has ever known.

Their success in being able to meet that challenge and to live responsibly in the world is of more than little consequence to the rest of us.

Our talented and devoted faculty, coaches and staff work daily, supporting our students' growth and development and preparing them for long and productive lives of professional competence, civic responsibility and personal integrity. Our treasured alumni, parents, donors, corporate partners and other friends continue to encourage us with their extraordinary generosity, loyalty, praise and gratitude, in both the brightness of daylight and the darkness of night.

For a brief interlude this April, a long shadow cast itself across our campus when the national media focused on a former basketball player who is alleged to have influenced the outcome of a game. Yet the outpouring of support and encouragement from many of you, our alumni, families and friends, dissipated the darkness and illuminated for all the resilience and devotion of our Torero family.

And so we learn again that each academic cycle at USD is a series of questions and discoveries, hopes and disappointments, attempts and failures, teaching moments and learning opportunities; not just for our students, but for our entire USD family. We are changed forever by each experience, by each relationship, by each challenge, and by our response every time we are called to account by our mission statement: 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. This is "true North" for USD. This is what we are here to do. This is who we are.

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Giovanni Marsano '12 has always had a heart for service. And his heart was always set on USD — which is known for combining academic excellence with a commitment to service. Thanks to scholarship support, he made his way to Alcalá Park and now helps young adults in the community make the transition from high school to the working world. Give hope. Give an opportunity. Give a WAY.

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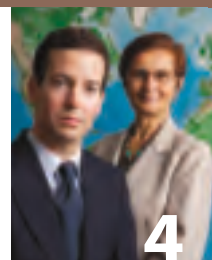


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REVOLUTIONARY ROAD

USD professors give insight on the Arab Spring

by Nathan Dinsdale

It's been a while since Avi Spiegel crossed paths with a razor. The burgeoning stubble on his face is threatening to break out into a beard at any moment. His brisk gait barely slows as he unlocks his office door and jettisons an armful of documents onto the desk in one deft motion. "It's been a hectic last few months," Spiegel says with an apologetic grin. "Which you can probably tell by looking at my office." Moving boxes stacked on the floor are half-empty. The walls are bare except for unadorned picture hooks. Only the desk — overflowing with papers, folders, books and an Apple laptop — bears any sign of active habitation. Spiegel has had more pressing

matters to consider. He did, after all, begin teaching a USD course called "Politics in the Middle East" precisely when conventional sociopolitical wisdom about the region took an abrupt detour out the window. "The entire class was set up around the question of why authoritarianism is so durable and democracy so elusive in the Middle East," Spiegel points out. "That's one of the core questions that scholars have been looking at for years. Which is why this is such a pivotal moment." The groundswell of revolutionary fervor started in Tunisia, then quickly gripped Egypt and continued to spread during this so-called Arab Spring throughout the Middle East and North Africa.

In a matter of days, countries that barely registered on the global radar were thrust into the spotlight. "It's exhilarating, there's no doubt about it," says Necla Tschirgi. "When you see a situation that's basically been frozen in time change so dramatically, it's certainly a momentous period in history." The seismic shift in geopolitics just happened to coincide with the arrival of two professors at USD — Spiegel and Tschirgi — whose academic expertise is steeped with years of experience in the region. Given their grassroots experience, neither professor was surprised about the underlying causes of the widespread insurrection against long-standing authoritarian regimes known for

the often-brutal subjugation of their citizenries. "It was entirely predictable," Tschirgi says, "and yet nobody saw it coming." What shocked Middle East scholars and foreign policy experts was how suddenly governments either disintegrated or were severely shaken given the iron-fisted leadership of rulers like Tunisia's Zine El Abidine Ben Ali and Egypt's Hosni Mubarak. "It's not just that these leaders fell but how quickly it happened," Spiegel says. "To see these regimes that were so firmly entrenched collapse basically overnight — and by young people literally marching themselves free of authoritarianism in a matter of weeks — is unbelievable." That tangible immediacy — along with the use of technologies like Facebook, YouTube and Twitter — has translated into a surge of enthusiasm within USD classrooms. "I've never seen students more interested, more

engaged, more captivated," Spiegel says. "As a professor, you can't ask for anything more." In the days, weeks and months since the Arab Spring first began, Tschirgi and Spiegel have been called upon repeatedly to provide commentary and analysis. It's a task for which both are uniquely qualified. Tschirgi, a native of Turkey, studied political science at the American University of Beirut, taught at the American University of Cairo and has worked for organizations like the International Peace Academy and the Peacebuilding Support Office at the United Nations. Spiegel, who is fluent in Arabic, has spent years conducting research (including for his PhD dissertation at Oxford) into the changing dynamics of young Islamist movements throughout North Africa and the Middle East. "I've been listening to — and focusing on the mobilizing potential of — young people on the ground in the Middle East for a long time," Spiegel says. "A lot of the signs and rhetoric coming from the protestors were very familiar to me. Still, I think all of us are still trying to make sense of why it happened, why so quickly, why now and what it means for the future." Spiegel is in a unique position to provide answers with his upcoming book, *The Next Islamist Generation: Religion, Politics and the Future of the Middle East*. And as this chapter in Middle East history continues to unfold—with particular uncertainty surrounding Libya, Syria and the repercussions of Osama bin Laden's demise — there is an opportunity for academics like Spiegel and Tschirgi to provide intellectual context going forward. "This is really the moment for academics and scholars to contribute to ongoing policy debates," Spiegel says. "The endings of these revolutions have not yet been written." ☎

[faculty news]

Finding Justice

Assistant Ethnic Studies Professor May C. Fu is a founding member of a national transformative justice network that unites grassroots activists and organizations dedicated to building community-based accountability and alternatives to punitive justice systems, especially in relation to sexual assault. She is also the lead organizer of the San Diego County Ethnic Studies Consortium, a collaborative of faculty, staff, students and community members in American Indian Studies, Asian American Studies, Black/African American/Africana Studies, Chicana/o Studies and Ethnic Studies dedicated to scholarship, teaching, and community engagement. The consortium is currently creating articulation agreements that allow San Diego community college students to smoothly transfer their courses to USD and other San Diego County universities. Additionally, she is the faculty advisor for the new Asian Students Association student organization and is writing a book that explores Asian American radicalism and community organizing during the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Doing the Right Thing

USD's Trans-Border Institute (TBI) has been working in conjunction with the School of Law and Universidad Autónoma de Baja California (UABC) on a binational training program meant to help practitioners, law professors and law students prepare to implement new reforms and changes to Mexico's criminal justice system, remaking it into a more rights-based accusatorial system. The work is being coordinated by USD School of Law Professor Allen Snyder and UABC Law Professor Daniel Solorio. Additionally, TBI's David Shirk reports that the institute is "working now to make public work we've done to survey police in the violence-riddled border city of Ciudad Juarez, and to survey judges, prosecutors and public defenders about Mexico's conversion to new 'oral trials' like those used here in the United States."

Meltwater Lingers

A paper published this spring by a team of scientists that included USD Associate Professor of Marine Science and Environmental Studies Ronald S. Kaufmann reports that "icebergs influence oceanic surface waters and mixing to a greater extent than previously realized." The research, supported by the National Science Foundation, found a persistent change in the physical and biological characteristics of surface waters after the transit of an iceberg. The changes in surface water properties such as salinity lasted at least 10 days, far longer than had been expected. After 10 days, the scientists observed increased chlorophyll a and reduced carbon dioxide concentrations, compared to nearby areas without icebergs. These results are consistent with the growth of phytoplankton and removal of carbon dioxide from the ocean, a process that could affect the earth's climate. "We knew that iceberg melting affected the upper ocean in the Antarctic," says Kaufmann. "However, we didn't expect that the meltwater from an individual iceberg would be detectable as long as 10 days after the iceberg had passed." "These findings confirm that icebergs contribute yet another dimension of physical and biological complexity to the polar ecosystems," said Roberta L. Marinelli, program director of the Antarctic Organisms and Ecosystems Program at the National Science Foundation, which supported the study. ☎

[interconnected]

STATE OF MIND

Nursing researcher gets up close and personal for answers

by Trisha J. Ratledge

Ann Mayo's recent research may have used a relatively small sampling, but it could lead to big answers.

Mayo, a professor in the Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science, teamed up with co-investigators Jorge Riquelme, executive director at Bayside Community Center, and Connie Curran, Bayside senior program director, to screen 104 ethnically diverse older adults in the Linda Vista, Calif., community for functional status, cognition and social support.

"If you think of those three things as a constellation, the primary question I'm looking at is: 'Is functional status affected by one's cognitive status and one's social support?'" explains Mayo, who describes functional status as a seniors' ability to manage finances, arrange transportation and prepare balanced meals. "Would older adults in the community have poorer functioning if their cognitive abilities were compromised? Do those with weak social support systems also function at a lower level? I want to know how all three are associated with each other."

That the study's volunteers come from diverse backgrounds — including Caucasian, Hispanic and Japanese subjects — is significant. Studies on cognition, or how people process information, are often conducted through large academic medical centers, which draw a narrower sampling of volunteers, typically highly educat-

ed Caucasian professionals. And while one in seven persons over age 70 will develop dementia affecting cognitive abilities, community screening for cognitive impairment is rare, especially in ethnically diverse communities. Screening can help identify underlying causes of cognitive impairment, prompt early referrals, and help families adapt environments to promote safety.

"This is very new knowledge in terms of the science of cognition," says Mayo '90 (MSN), '98 (DNSc) of her current study in a multicultural community. "We're getting a picture of what might be going on in a more diverse population."

"We are always looking for new ways to learn about Alzheimer's or dementia," adds Connie Curran '90 (BSN), '95 (MSN), a former faculty member at the Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science. "If you do your testing in one place, it does not give you everything you are probably looking for. This is a beginning."

While data analysis will be completed in July 2011, preliminary findings indicate that factors such as age, education level and cognitive score together predict a high percentage of the functional status in the volunteers. What can the researchers do with this information? Two things, says Mayo.

"You reach a fork in the road at the end of a project like this and that is: 'What can we give back to the community in terms of programming that would be helpful,

and then what are the next steps in the research?'"

The co-investigators hope to use the study results to look at interventions that can be tested in additional populations, at Bayside and elsewhere, and also to develop support programs specifically for Bayside.

For instance, if lower functional abilities are connected to


advanced age, lower educational levels and lower cognitive scores, Bayside can invite individuals falling within certain parameters to the community center for specific programming that can improve their decision-making and functional status, or provide a stronger support system, or both. It's a way to identify the individuals most in need of inter-

vention, provide targeted support and help them immediately benefit from the research.

Collaborations such as this research project between Bayside Community Center and the Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science have benefits that go far beyond the two institutions.

"This is a really nice partnership," Mayo says. "It could take

years at a big, academic medical center to get the right people in for a research study like this. At Bayside, it took two and a half months. That was phenomenal.

"And for the researchers in cognition and decision-making — who are primarily at academic medical centers — this study advances the science in this field that is desperately needed." 



[gifts at work]

The W.M. Keck Foundation awarded \$250,000 to establish the Center for Undergraduate Research. The center will serve as the hub for undergraduate research activities, provide faculty workshops, share best practices and encourage the continued expansion of undergraduate research. College of Arts and Sciences Dean Mary K. Boyd, PhD, a recognized expert in undergraduate research, will supervise the center's development.

Ahern Insurance Brokerage has endowed a scholarship fund at USD. Established in the name of the late William Ahern, the firm's founder and father of Brian Ahern '85, the scholarship is designed to help deserving students finance their studies and achieve their academic goals.

The College of Arts and Sciences received a gift of \$500,000 from Carol Vassiliadis for the extensive renovation of the university's venerable Black Box Theatre. The theatre will be renamed in honor of the Vassiliadis Family.

The Fletcher Jones Foundation has awarded \$250,000 for a new scanning electron microscope in the Shiley Center for Science and Technology. This gift joins previous generous contributions from the foundation, including a gift of \$1 million to the Shiley Center and a \$500,000 gift to the School of Leadership and Education Sciences. Professor Lisa Baird will coordinate the purchase and use of the microscope, replacing outdated film-based equipment with improved digital technology which offers students the use of state-of-the-art equipment.



[adventurous]

In January, USD President Mary E. Lyons, PhD (center) traveled with two San Diego College for Women alumnae from the class of '59 to South America. The trip was part of a Road Scholar (formerly Elderhostel) tour. On the left is Angel Kraemer Kleinbub; Jean Hicks Miller is on the right. Accompanying them were their husbands, Fredrick Kleinbub and Kenneth Miller. Here, the trio is shown along the shore of one of Chile's largest lakes, with one of its many volcanoes in the back ground.

[originals]

DREAM BUILDING

USD's first pair of architecture majors graduate



by Karen Gross

As a junior tennis champion in the Netherlands, Milou Teeling didn't draw. She didn't doodle. She fiddled with Legos, but she had nothing to do with art. Teeling was headed for the pros, and there was simply no room in her busy life for anything remotely artistic.

"It was always the subject that, as an athlete, you were allowed to skip," she says with a laugh. "You were not going to need those skills anyway." That's what

she believed until a series of injuries sidelined her, forcing her to find fulfillment in an unexpected place.

On a tennis scholarship at USD, Teeling had initially chosen to pursue a bachelor's degree in business administration. But a freshman preceptorial in architectural history opened her eyes, and the next art course she took sealed her fate.

"In my sophomore year, I took my first architectural design

class," Teeling recalls. "I was sold. In love." Now, she's earned the very first degree in architecture granted by the University of San Diego. In the fall, she's headed to Princeton on a full scholarship to pursue her master's degree.

"She's very driven," says Can Bilsel, associate professor and chair of the department of art, architecture and art history. "She has this capacity of starting an idea and bringing it to completion, and she's able to not sleep for

Milou Teeling (left) and Jordan Anderson have both been accepted to top-tier graduate programs after earning their degrees in architecture from USD this spring.

weeks in order to succeed."

Eight years ago, when Bilsel arrived at USD, the department didn't offer any architecture courses. Since then, he's been dedicated to designing a world-class program, assembling a curriculum that gives students breadth and depth to explore their creativity. Bilsel has also attracted a stream of respected academics in the program, who work tirelessly with their protégés. They're certainly off to an auspicious start. "We've created an interesting niche for ourselves," he says.

There's no doubt that niche is expanding. The program's reputation and the new major are enticing a slew of interested students. And success stories like that of Milou Teeling and her classmate, Jordan Anderson, have played a key role. Anderson, a 22 year old from Dallas, majored in art history, with minors in visual arts and architecture. As it did for Teeling, Anderson's nascent love of design came as a surprise.

"I realized that I wanted more than just the history side of it," she says. "I wanted to design buildings and deal with space in a more hands-on way." La Jolla, California's majestic Salk Institute is where Anderson says she goes for inspiration. "I want to learn how to do that, how to make space impact other people that way," she says.

Next year, Anderson too will be seeking new sources of inspiration, as a master's student at New York's Columbia University. "I think she's going to take a leadership role in defining, or re-thinking how we inhabit spaces," says Bilsel. "She's going to join an elite group of designers." ☎

[three questions]

LARRY KING Q&A

Emmy winner speaks at Commencement

by Mike Sauer

Former CNN anchor Larry King has been asking famous people questions throughout his career. In advance of his appearance as speaker for this year's graduation ceremony for undergraduate arts and sciences, *USD Magazine* turned the tables:

Q: The Class of 2011 enters a world where the only constant is constant change. What do you see as their major challenges?

A: The world of tomorrow is a world of connection. The challenges are enormous because technology goes so fast. There's good in that; the news is instantaneous. The bad in it is the news is instantaneous; you get a lot of things wrong. It used to be that you had to double-check, triple check your information; have three sources. Those days are gone.

Q: In many cases, the degree a student earns does not determine what professional path he or she will take. Did you know right off the bat that you wanted a career in broadcasting?

A: The light bulb went on for me at age 5. I used to listen to every radio program I could, and I loved the idea that I could connect to people and places all around the world. I knew I wanted to communicate with people, and broadcasting was my way to do that.

Q: If a recent graduate asked you for a one-word description of what life is like after college, what word would you use?

A: I don't know about one word, but there is a phrase that I use that I feel really encapsulates what it's like to be a young adult trying to find your way in the world: Do not be surprised by surprises. Plans will go awry. Things will not be given to you on a silver plate. In five years, you very well may be doing something you never thought you'd be doing. Life's funny that way, you know? ☎



[etc.]

Tonight Show host Jay Leno invited USD students and their professor, Knapp Humanities Chair and historian John Heitmann, into his Big Dog Garage this spring in conjunction with their class studying the automobile and its place in American life. "This is one of the best experiences I've had at USD," said Ed Hickey '11. After their tour, students were invited to watch Leno's show at NBC Studios and met with him privately afterwards. "Such a great experience!" enthused junior Lexi Deol.

The Student Life Pavilion has achieved LEED Gold Certification, a measure established by the U.S. Green Building Council and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI). LEED is the nation's preeminent program for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings.

The university mourns the recent passing of USD trustees Kaye M. Woltman and Barrie Cropper. In her time as trustee, Woltman served on the executive, finance and student affairs committees and as corporate treasurer. Cropper's term on the board was from 2009-2011. He was involved with the Academic Affairs and Finance Committees. He and his wife, Dorothy, honored the untimely passing of their daughter, a 1998 alumna, by founding USD's Lindsay Joanne Cropper Center for Creative Writing.

Torero sports teams and individuals in conference play had a banner spring. The men's tennis team captured its first West Coast Conference (WCC) title in 21 years. Women's rowing won its second straight West Coast Conference team title and followed

up by capturing the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championship's All-Points Trophy. Golfer Alex Ching tied for medalist honors at the WCC Tournament, and the women's tennis team reached the WCC Tournament finals. As a result of their respective efforts, the men and women's tennis teams and the golf team qualified for NCAA postseason play. Individually, Jackson and senior Dean Ching were named WCC Player of the Year in their respective sports, while Allyn DeLozier was named WCC Coxsain of the Year. Tennis Coach Brett Masi (men) and Sherri Stephens (women) were each named WCC Coach of the Year, as was Kim Cupini (women's rowing); Tim Mickelson was named co-WCC Golf Coach of the Year.

Two new deans have been named. Stephen Ferruolo takes the helm as dean of the School of Law on Aug. 1. He comes to USD from the San Diego office of Goodwin Procter LLP, where he was the founding partner and chair. Jason Lemon, PhD, joined the university on June 14 as dean of professional and continuing education.

Speakers at USD's 2011 Commencement had some high-tech help this year when it came time to pronounce the names of graduates. USD Senior Web Administrator Jerry Stratton developed a nifty application that allowed students to record proper pronunciation of their names from their computer or a kiosk, then upload that audio to a password-protected website. Commencement speakers could then listen to individual MP3 files — alongside a photo of each student — and practice tricky pronunciation ahead of time.

[glory days]

TEAM TENACITY

25 years later, the USD Men's Alumni Rowing Squad is still making waves

by Mike Sauer

Anyone who's ever rowed competitively in college can attest that being a member of a varsity eight crew team is not for the faint of heart.

On the contrary, it's a full-throttle indoctrination into reaching your physical and mental limits and pushing past them. It's about rising with the roosters and putting oars in the water before most people hit the snooze button, and learning how to synchronize a boat full of unique personalities into one, cohesive unit.

It takes a special breed to excel in that type of environment. Twenty-five years ago, just such a group rowed their way into the USD history books with an upset win at one of the nation's premier collegiate rowing events, the San Diego Crew Classic at Mission Bay.

"Winning the Cal Cup at the Crew Classic was one of the most amazing experiences of my life," recalls '86 team member Neil Stehly, one of seven siblings to row at USD. "Everybody on that team shared such a strong bond. We've all moved on to different chapters in our lives, but getting back together to compete in the Crew Classic Master's Race has really been a great experience."

Thanks to the wonders of modern technology — in this case, a team Facebook page that served as part motivating influence, part comic relief —

Stehly, along with Treak Tasker, Mike Gerhart, Mike Weber, Brett O'Keefe, Will Creagan, Jamie Bea and Erik Henrion rekindled their commitment to crew racing, and made the group decision that they wouldn't just be happy competing in the Coach Del Beekley Volunteer Cup Masters' C race; they were in it to win it.

"You know, a lot of people get back together for these types of alumni races, and it's all about fun," says USD team coxswain Len Velez, the man responsible for keeping all eight members in time and on task during their 2,000-meter race. "But when these guys get together ..." he smiles, shaking his head as he watches the reunited crew hoist their boat and head towards the water for a practice run, "they just don't know how to do anything half speed. It's all or nothing."

Yet, in order to get into the kind of tiptop physical condition required to match strokes with formidable teams such as the Kent Mitchell Rowing Club — which is comprised predominantly of former Olympic and national crew team members — the '86 team knew they needed to take their preparations to a new level. That meant lots of time in the gym, and on the water.

"Hey, we're not exactly spring chickens," says Gerhart, "But I've been really impressed how all

eight of us are still physically capable of competing at a high level. We embraced the challenge and committed to each other to put ourselves through a grueling fitness program that has demanded, once again, self-sacrifice and physical suffering on behalf of the team."

Back when getting to class on time was their primary responsibility, that kind of commitment was a lot more palatable. But when there are businesses to run, mouths to feed and mortgages to pay, time management and personal motivation are critical. Thankfully, those who might've wavered when realizing the enormity of the task could rely on their teammates for support.

"Man, I hadn't touched an oar or been on the water since '86, but some of the boys had and they were pretty persuasive in getting us to come back," offers Tasker. "The training program got progressively harder each week, but everyone bought

into it and the race was on to get in rowing shape. Everyone's times improved week after week as everyone posted via email. Some of us truly had a long way to come, but the encouragement never ceased and no one fell behind."

After 16 weeks of intense training (during which the eight crew members dropped 137 pounds, collectively) a lean, mean rowing machine arrived fit and ready for battle at the 2011 Crew Classic. As the crews swept away from the starting line, it quickly became apparent that this four-team final would come down to a battle between USD and their arch-rival, Kent Mitchell. Halfway through the race, USD had established a clear lead, but their lane #3 position in the middle of the bay did them no favors down the stretch, as a strong headwind combined with the Mitchell team's advantageous positioning in the faster, shallow waters of lane #1 saw the lead

The Alumni Rowing Squad is, clockwise from bottom center: Mike Weber, Michael Gerhart, Will Creagan III, Treak Tasker, Jaime Bea, Erik Henrion, Neal Stehly, Brett O'Keefe and Leonard Velez.

diminish with 500 meters to go, and, ultimately, disappear.

While Stehly and his teammates take no great solace in their runner-up status, losing by a boat length to one of the premier rowing teams in the nation is certainly nothing to hang their heads about, especially when considering how their fans reacted as the two crews came ashore.

"There were several hundred people screaming for us on the finish and it was comical when we came into the beach because they were going nuts for our team," Stehly says. "Kent Mitchell was baffled as to why everyone was cheering for us after they just won the race."

Even 25 years later, these guys still know how to make quite a splash. 🌊



DAVE GATLEY

[impervious]

SHOT MAKER

When things can't get much worse, Gunner Wiebe tends to be at his best

by Mike Sauer

As soon as he hit the ball, Gunner Wiebe knew he was in trouble. Big trouble. And we're not talking about one of those glass-breaking, apologize-to-the-neighbors baseball accidents many of us remember from the sandlot days of our youth.

This was a high stakes, make-or-break moment at the 2010 USD Callaway Invitational, the university's signature golf tournament. Wiebe had buried his second shot into a pile of mulch 25 yards from the green, and, seemingly, his hopes of winning his match.

"I'm a feel player, and I'm always tinkering around with the way the golf club feels in my hands," he says, then deadpans, "I guess I should've tinkered a little more with that shot."

When he arrived to survey the lie and his subsequent options, it became clear that what he originally deemed a difficult shot was leaning more towards impossible. A right-handed player, Wiebe had absolutely no chance to hit the ball from his normal stance. To take a penalty stroke at that critical stage would surely have ended any hope of victory, both for him and his Torero teammates.

But golf is a game where nerves of steel and a capacity for creativity are what separate the great players from the good ones, and Wiebe capitalized on his considerable reserves of both; hitting his third shot left-handed to within about six feet of the pin, and draining a par putt that left his opponent reeling and rattled.

"It was ridiculous to win a hole hitting that kind of shot," he says. "You don't practice that. You just do it. I went on to win the hole and the match after that. It's defi-

nately one of my favorite moments on the course during my time at USD."

And there are plenty of memorable moments to draw from. Whether it was becoming only the fourth USD player in school history to win medalist honors at the WCC Golf Championship, being named Amateur Star of the Year by the San Diego Hall of Champions or outdueling USD Golf Coach Tim Mickelson in an 18-hole playoff to earn the lone amateur spot in a PGA Tour event at Torrey Pines, Wiebe seems to always hit the right shot when it matters most.

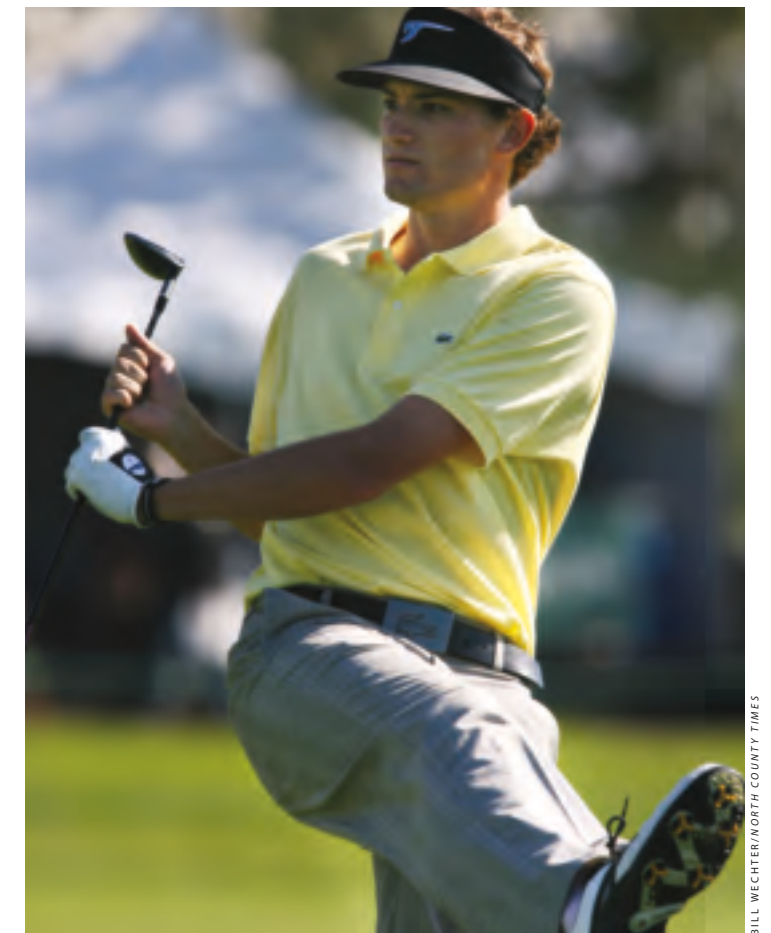
It's a trait that runs in the family.

Dad Mark Wiebe has earned his living for the past 30 years on both the PGA and Champions golf tours, earning four career victories along the way. He serves as both a mentor and a motivator to a son who, after graduating from USD, plans to follow in his father's footsteps and earn a spot on the PGA tour.

Perhaps most importantly, he's still got the game to keep the younger Wiebe on his toes, which has made for some awfully exciting father-son matches.

"Last summer, we played like eight times in 10 days," Wiebe says. "Dad beat me four or five times, and I beat him about the same number. I mean, it was really good golf, and we both ended up playing really well in subsequent tournaments after that. We definitely keep each other sharp."

Which will spell trouble for Wiebe's future opponents on the golf course. Big trouble. 🌊



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GOOD WORKS, ABUNDANT GRACE

The quiet generosity of Frances G. Harpst still reverberates

by Trisha J. Ratledge

Every Wednesday for more than 30 years, Frances Goodrich Harpst packed up the Meals on Wheels van for Coronado Hospital and motored the tree-lined streets, delivering meals to her homebound neighbors. What those recipients didn't know was that their steadfast Fran, fiercely loyal to the community she so loved, actually founded the Meals on Wheels program for Coronado, Calif., and bought the van that she and the other volunteers drove.

In fact, Harpst was the silent momentum behind countless good works in Coronado. There will never be a full accounting of the lives she touched. She certainly didn't keep track, and her philanthropic work was almost exclusively anonymous, so the people whose lives unexpectedly changed course never knew that she was the force behind their good fortune. That was precisely how she wanted it.

"She never wanted the notoriety," says the Rev. Michael Murphy, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Harpst's parish in Coronado. "I think that for her it was an offering and she didn't want to take anything away from giving glory to God."

"If anyone were to say to her, 'I heard you donated so-and-so,' she would shut you down so quickly and so wittily that you wouldn't know what just happened to you," says Sara Gilliland, Harpst's granddaughter. "It was a way for her to live under the radar. She was a woman who lived a simple life."

Harpst passed away peacefully in her home on April 7, 2010, at age 83. She left a list of gifts that reflected her love for Coronado, for the island's humanitarian concerns and for her faith. USD received a gift of more than \$3 million, which it used to endow the newly renamed Frances G. Harpst Center for Catholic Thought and Culture and to support student scholarships at USD. The bequest advances the work of the center in encouraging open dialogue about Catholicity on campus and in the local community.

A 50-year resident of Coronado, Harpst discovered the quaint island community in her youth, when her family would summer at the Hotel Del Coronado every year. Harpst and her daughter, Lynne, settled permanently in Coronado after her marriage ended, and she quickly got to work, serving on Coronado Hospital's boards and in the auxiliary program. Not content to limit her contributions to board meetings and bottom lines, she reached out directly through programs like Meals on Wheels.

"She saw the need, she was there to help out, and she did it very quietly," says Harriet Sangrey, manager of patient/administrative relations at the hospital. "There are not many individuals who live their lives the way she did. She left a great legacy of volunteer work."

Still looking for fulfillment early in her new life in Coronado, Harpst converted to Catholicism and joined the Sacred Heart parish, where she served everywhere

from the Finance Council to the Altar Society. For decades, she organized the children's Mass every Christmas Eve, and she ran the First Communion and baptism registry, filling her dining table with generations of sacrament paperwork.

Harpst was not only industrious, but she knew exactly what she wanted and communicated that very clearly.

"She was to-the-point," Gilliland says. "If you got her, you were her confidante and colleague because you didn't take offense to her straightforwardness. That is how she got so much done and made sure everything was being run in tiptop shape."

Harpst was as thoughtful in her giving as she was perceptive at finding the needs around her. Seeing that a fellow parishioner in frail health was having trouble keeping up her home's exterior, Harpst anonymously arranged for her gardener to maintain it. When the parish hall needed refurbishing, not only did she help pay for the work, but she was there pitching in.

A longtime supporter of the University of San Diego, Harpst was a former member of USD's board of trustees and helped fund a number of efforts, including the annual Monsignor Portman Chair in Roman Catholic Theology. And she is credited with putting "many, many" young people through school at USD.


Through it all, Harpst lived a simple life. She saw no need to

complicate her world with microwave ovens, DVD players or computers, and her rotary phone served her just fine. She was passionate about her friends and family — which includes her daughter, three granddaughters and five great-grandchildren — the church and peaceful pursuits such as gardening. Harpst would joke with friends about the car she drove.

"I think her car was older than mine," says a friend from Sacred Heart, who, much like Harpst, preferred to remain anonymous. "We used to laugh about who had the worst looking clunker in town."

An award-winning equestrian, Harpst's lifelong love for animals led to her continued support of the San Diego Humane Society, Horsemanship for the Handicapped and the Coronado Veterinary Hospital. She donated one of her homes to the Pacific Animal Welfare Society (PAWS), which was able to use the proceeds from the sale of the house to help build a new facility.

In her lifetime, Harpst gave selflessly and abundantly. To her family, Harpst exemplified the truest form of philanthropy — one that can only come from the heart.

"To me, she wasn't this person who donated considerable amounts of money," says Gilliland. "She was my grandma who was involved in the church and the hospital and other things. She taught me that you are a doer, not just an overseer. It's easy to be wealthy and to donate money, but not everyone is going to go clean out the sacristy. That's who she was to me." 



ALLAN BURCH

In Their Own Words

Freshly minted graduates (and one freshman)
reflect on their time at Alcalá Park

class of 2011

PHOTOGRAPHY BY TIM MANTOANI

The ritual is a familiar one: caps and gowns, pomp and circumstance, tears and smiles. Scores of cameras click incessantly, capturing this crowning moment when years of hard work are recognized — at last! — with a firm handshake, a deeply-felt “congratulations” and a suitably ornate diploma.

Yes, there will be hard work and challenges ahead, no matter the major, whatever the field. Carefully laid plans get changed, and life is filled with surprises. But whatever is to come, one thing is certain: The accomplishments represented by each one of this year’s USD graduates are already most extraordinary.

Please join us in congratulating all of those whose efforts we celebrate at this time of year, and read on to learn what some stellar representatives of the Class of 2011 — and one up-and-comer from the Class of 2014 — have to say for themselves.



class of 2014

standard bearer



JAYZONA ALBERTO is all about doing the right thing

ship classes and what it would take to get into pharmacy school. I didn't have anyone to show me the way.

It's hard to let go, but I know I am leaving USD in good hands. And seeing that I might have made a difference in some people's lives really gives me closure so I know I can leave and be okay."

— Jayzona Alberto '11, BA, Psychology

[AS TOLD TO TRISHA J. RATLEDGE]

"Coming into USD, I didn't think I was going to get involved. I did so much in high school and thought I just wanted to study in college, maybe get a job. But that definitely wasn't the path that was given to me.

I'm not the kind of person who can sit back and do nothing. Of course, I was at USD for school, but at the same time I wanted to make something of myself here.

At first, I was part of University Ministry and volunteered through my sociology class as a freshman. I raised awareness about healthy lifestyle choices the next year through Campus Connections and was co-chair of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

And then I found my home in the United Front Multicultural Center. I remember planning multicultural night when we started talking about having a dance for the UF, and now it's an annual tradition. That was exciting. After that, they actually hired me to be on staff. I took on that position in my junior year and also was director of multicultural programming for Associated Students, so all of my work tied together. That's when things got really busy.

Looking back, I had some struggles. My parents both went to school in the Philippines and I don't have brothers or sisters, so the hardest thing for me was to understand how to register for my psychology and leader-

I also noticed that a lot of my freshman friends struggled with not having one-on-one attention and they were not feeling connected, especially as underrepresented students. So, I co-founded the Link Peer Mentoring Program within the UF. We paired 44 students with 22 mentors this year, giving the new students someone to turn to who's already been through it all.

It's kind of a legacy I'm leaving here at USD.

My parents have taught me a lot about striving for your goals and doing what you know is right. Even so, they thought I was stretching myself too thin. But when I received the Woman of Impact award by USD's Women's Center in December, they realized how much of a difference I was making. They were so proud, and that made me want to work harder and to overcome anything.

I spent a lot of time with UF and as vice chair of the Torero Program Board this last year, and I am putting together a scholarship fund for a student who shows a commitment to diversity and inclusion at USD. That's something I can still be involved with. I don't think I could leave USD and just not care anymore.

I've invested a lot of my time and my efforts here. I've learned so much from my advisers, and my friends have said they want to follow in my footsteps. That validation pushes me to be an example that I hope others can follow.

"Ever since I was old enough to open a book, I've really enjoyed learning about history. The timelines of both classic and modern civilizations are filled with so many intriguing stories, and there are so many things that we can learn about ourselves, both as people and as a society, from the exploits of those who have come before us.

As a United States Marine and a veteran of four combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, I'm also acutely aware of the toll exacted on soldiers as they fight for the honor of their country in lands far from home, and the countless brave souls who never return.

In World War II alone, roughly 78,000 U.S. soldiers are listed as missing in action (MIA). Many of those MIAs were deployed to what was known as the South West Pacific theatre; a vast expanse of islands and atolls

ate of the Master's in Higher Education Leadership program at USD's School of Leadership and Education Sciences, I've been lucky enough to work with, and learn from some amazing professors, and they don't just provide you with theories, they really work with you on incorporating the ideas of leadership into your own life. I know that people like Dr. Reed and Dr. Monroe have really expanded my horizons, but it's not just the professors; it's the classes themselves, the interactions with fellow students along with the faculty, that really get me thinking about applying my education to real world situations.

Just this past year, I was named mission leader for the BentProp Project in Palau, and I got the chance to put my SOLES education to good use. The environment in the Palau Islands is demanding to say the least, as the daytime temperature can

By uncovering the past, DEREK ABBEY has found his future

stretching from the Philippines south to Australia. Some of the bloodiest battles of WWII were fought in that area, and the impact can be felt to this day through the stories of the veterans who were there.

Those stories are part of the reason that, over 65 years later, I travel thousands of miles to the remote Palau Islands with an amazing organization committed to recovering American military aircraft shot down by Japanese forces during WWII. Our group is called the BentProp Project, and we're headed by Dr. Pat Scanlon, a man who shares my passion for uncovering the clues that will lead to the whereabouts of the U.S. planes scattered throughout the islands, and, ultimately, the crews who flew them.

Along the way, I've learned a lot about the importance of strong leadership, and how quickly things can head south if there is none. As a recent gradu-

soar to 120 degrees, and the islands are a mixture of clay, coral and mangrove-strewn beaches that give way to dense tropical foliage as you head inland. It's tough to navigate at the best of times, but when you're carrying 50-pound backpacks full of equipment for research, things can get really dicey.

Making sure that everyone in our group communicated and worked together was no small chore, but the knowledge I gained from my time in the SOLES program proved invaluable. I'm really proud of the work that we accomplished on that trip, and all the work that BentProp has done in helping bring lost servicemen home."

— Derek Abbey '11, MA, Higher Education Leadership

[AS TOLD TO MIKE SAUER]

above and beyond



class of 2011

self-motivated



class of 2011

"I'm not going to lie, when I showed up on campus my freshman year, I thought the place was a bit of a country club. Beautiful buildings. Stunning landscape. Amazing views. The vibe just felt different than anything I had experienced to that point in my life. But, as I've learned since, different is good. No, different is great!

Coming from a liberally minded upbringing and a cosmopolitan city like San Francisco, I never in a million years would've imagined one of my best friends at USD would be a member of ROTC. But that's exactly what's happened, and I've learned so much from him in a variety of areas.

That's the really cool thing about USD; because of how small the campus and the classes are, you really get to know people. My perspectives on life have changed so much, and that shift in thinking has manifested itself in how I approach everything from schoolwork to potential business projects.

My degree is in industrial and systems engineering, which sounds pretty niche-oriented in terms of my career path. But to me, it's just the tip of the iceberg. I love business, and I'm constantly thinking about new ways to connect the research and problem-solving components of engineering with the innovation and outside-the-box perspective you need to turn a good idea into a

for feedback and collaboration. In a way, it's like a Facebook for aspiring entrepreneurs. I like to call it social idealism.

I'm also working on a site called chargesocial.com, which offers customers the opportunity to invest money from their credit and debit card purchases toward a charity of their choice. Much of the inspiration for this site came from USD's commitment to social responsibility.

We've all heard, 'Every little bit helps,' or 'A little goes a long way,' but as president of USD's Student International Business Council, I got the chance to see firsthand just how vital our support can be to those less fortunate.

About a year ago, I took a trip to Sierra Leone in West Africa with some fellow USD students, and we worked with a nonprofit organization called Peace-Links to provide support for aspiring women entrepreneurs in the region. We taught them how to market the Gara, a traditional piece of clothing commonly worn in the country, along with basic business practices like accounting, inventory and marketing. We had women traveling from all over the country just to hear us talk. That's when it really hit me how what we might deem as a relatively simple and straightforward project could have such a profound impact.

Sometimes I have to laugh when I think back to my first

DEEP BEDI is rethinking his approach to life

successful professional venture.

Right now, I'm developing two websites that I'm really excited about. One is cloudeas.com, and the basic premise is to create an online community for people who have some really great business ideas, and who are looking

impressions of USD. I never would've guessed that a place I kind of wrote off at first glance could've made such a huge impact on my life. But I guess it just goes to show that you can never judge a book by its cover."

— Deep Bedi '11, BA,
Industrial and Systems Engineering

(AS TOLD TO MIKE SAUER)

"People have mistaken me for a professor ever since I was a sophomore. A couple months ago I was in the elevator and a freshman asked me if I was accepting any research students into my lab this summer. I laughed and explained, 'No, no, I'm a senior.' It's amusing to me, but I also take it as a compliment. I've gotten to know the faculty here really well and I'm around them a lot and I'm always working in the lab, so maybe people just assume. I think that's really just a tribute to how open this department is.

I took chemistry in high school for the first time and absolutely loved it. I wasn't deterred by the difficulty of it; I just found it really fascinating. The idea that if you're staring at a table and you realize it's not just a table — it's made up of all these tiny little atoms —

Meet uber-nerd SHANNEN CRAVENS

I thought that was just really crazy and exciting.

I think coming to USD was probably the best decision I've made so far. It came down to USD, USC and UC Santa Barbara. I visited all three schools and met with someone from the chemistry department at each one. USD was my last stop. I met with Dr. Herrinton and he showed me the classrooms, labs and research facilities — and then he told me I could get a research project here my freshman year.

That totally blew me out of the water because it was unlike anything I'd heard anywhere else. The other schools basically said, 'Wait until you grow up' and become a graduate student. Honestly, I thought Dr. Herrinton was just making that up, but it convinced me to come here and then I literally got onto a research project my freshman year. So I guess he was telling the truth.

I joined Dr. Tammy Dwyer's lab in January 2008. I was really interested in trying to under-

stand how drug molecules interact with DNA. So if you have an anti-tumor drug, we know that it binds to DNA, but the question is how does it figure out where to bind? How is the drug actually reading the DNA sequence?

So what we do is take these molecules that look like DNA (but don't act like DNA necessarily) and we use Nuclear Magnetic Resonance spectroscopy and put them into a sequence to see if and how a drug binds to it. We analyze the data and make a computer model out of it so we can actually see the 3-D structure of the drug bound to the DNA.

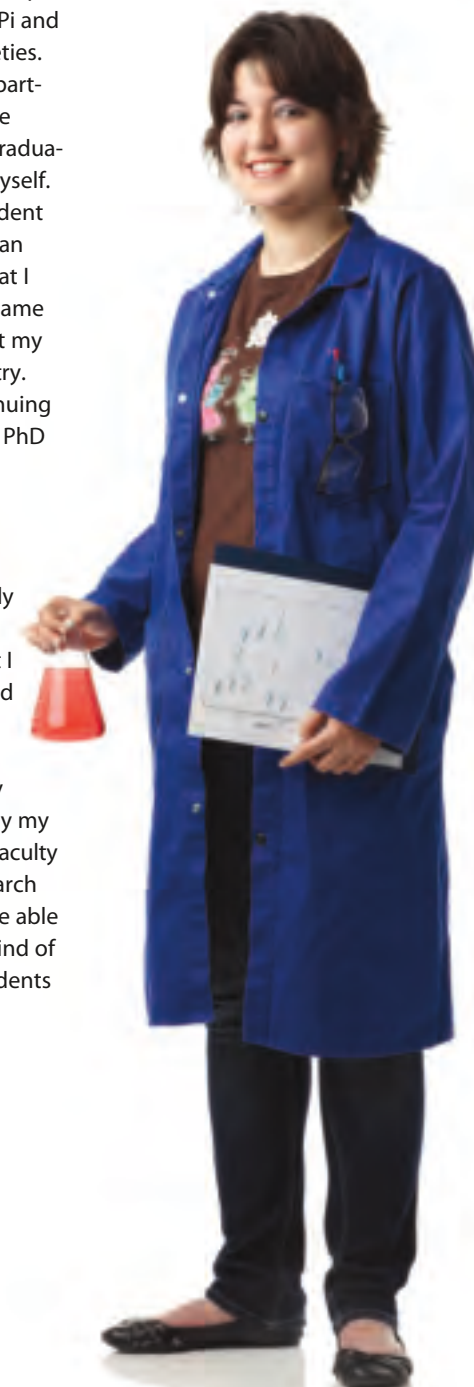
It took about two and a half years to really get the project together and working properly but it resulted in a publication for us — which was fantastic. It never crossed my mind that an undergraduate could publish, let

alone write the manuscript. Dr. Dwyer and Dr. Debbie Tahmassebi mentored me through the process and we were published last October in the *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, ironically enough on Mole Day — a holiday for chemists.

Actually seeing the publication with my name on it and knowing that I was the one who wrote it ... that was probably the best experience I've had here. Afterwards, the whole lab went to PF Chang's for dinner to celebrate.

I'm probably the biggest nerd in the building. If you need proof, just check out my American Chemical Society (ACS) special-edition Mastercard with the Periodic Table background. I'm also president of the chemistry club, which recently earned multiple ACS awards. I was lucky enough to be one of two students nationally — and the first USD student — to receive the Gladys Anderson Emerson Scholarship from the Iota Sigma Pi National Honor Society for Women in

super-achiever



Chemistry. I've also been accepted into the Kappa Gamma Pi and Phi Beta Kappa honor societies. The running joke in the department right now is that I'll be wearing enough cords at graduation to potentially choke myself.

I'm definitely more confident now than I was as a freshman and I'm more certain of what I want to do in the future. I came here thinking I'd maybe get my master's and go into industry. Now I'm dead-set on continuing with chemistry, getting my PhD

at Johns Hopkins, doing a post-doc and then hopefully becoming a professor.

I love doing research but I also really want to teach and both of those things were facilitated through my experience at USD. I've really enjoyed it here — especially my close relationship with the faculty and being involved in research early on — and I'd like to be able to help provide the same kind of experience for my own students some day."

— Shannen Cravens '11, BS,
Chemistry

(AS TOLD TO NATHAN DINSDALE)

in the spotlight



class of 2011

"I 'm about to take the biggest step I've ever taken in my life. I'm moving to Los Angeles to become an actor. I'm getting an agent and going for it. Reaching this decision wasn't easy.

Over the past four years, I've enjoyed rich academic study abroad courses in India, Jamaica and London. I was a tutor in the Writing Center for five semesters

CARR CAVENDER is ready for his close-up

after absorbing what I learned in a mind-blowing class with English Professor Dr. Irene Williams. The trip to India, studying religious diversity, was the hardest trip I've ever done — I lost 15 pounds — but it was also one of most important. I learned that in every religion, there are contradictions and people who contradict every religion. I spent five weeks at the Daraja Academy, a young girls' school in Kenya created by a USD alumnus. I took courses to become Catholic, getting confirmed in Founders Chapel.

But it's theater that defines me. I was so sure that on the first day of freshman classes I declared it as my major. I was a dancing skeleton, a kalaka, in USD Professor Evelyn Diaz Cruz's "Muertos" play my first semester. My sophomore year I played Schmendiman in "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," an idiot who comes in and makes people laugh for a few minutes.

When I didn't get cast in the next play though, I kind of questioned my desire. I didn't audition for anything in the fall of my junior year. I took a biology course

during Intercession, the first time I hadn't taken a trip anywhere in January. I contemplated just majoring in English, perhaps with a minor in theater arts, or adding sociology as a major.

What kept me on course was a slight change of scenery. I was asked to do a bit part as a door boy for a MFA program play. I had maybe eight lines, but it didn't matter. It really showed

me where I was at — and where I wanted to be.

I came back and auditioned for the fall undergraduate production of "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead." Based on two characters in Shakespeare's "Hamlet," it was a play where the main characters are on stage the whole time. I got the part of Guildenstern. I was so happy.

I came back my senior year and because I'd racked up so many units, I learned I could graduate early. The Guildenstern role changed that. I took three classes and focused on the role. After a January trip to New Zealand, I auditioned for this spring's "The Mail Order Bride," and landed another solid role.

I think that to be a good actor, you need to have a good understanding of yourself, where you're coming from, who you are. The reason I love acting, the reason I love theater and why I've stayed in it the whole time is that it ties so closely with the journey that is this life. You're always trying to figure out, 'Who am I? What makes me work the way that I do? Why are things this way?'

Theater arts always answered those questions for me."

— Carr Cavender '11, BA/BA Theatre Arts/English

[AS TOLD TO RYAN T. BLYSTONE]

"Growing up, I always kind of had that California dream, that maybe one day I would move to California. After I finished my master's in biomedical sciences in New Jersey, I was, like, 'Why not now?' So I packed two suitcases, got a summer sublet and I moved to San Diego. I took a risk and it paid off.

I feel like if this is all that there is — this is your life and your one chance — I don't want to get to the end of my life and be like, 'I wish, I wish, I wish I would have done this or that.' But my parents have always pushed me to be outgoing, and they've always exposed me to a lot of different things. They've always trusted me to make my own decisions.

I came to campus, and obviously aesthetically it was gorgeous. You see people lying on the grass, and it really looks like a movie. I went to an open house for the nursing program, and I met the former director of our program, Dr. Anita Hunter, and I was sold. I threw out my

For AKEMI MARTIN, nursing is about flexibility

other applications and I only applied to USD. I said, 'This is where I want to be' — just the feeling I got being inside the School of Nursing, the faculty and the administration that I met. It was just an amazing experience, and I was like, 'OK, that's it. If I could move here and take that risk, then I'm going to take this risk and only apply there and if it's meant to be, it's meant to be.' And I guess it was.

It's been really great. I've felt an enormous amount of support, and the faculty really want you to succeed. They really want you to get out of your head. They don't want you to worry so much about grades.

They want you to focus on the entire learning process of really digging in and jumping in and feeling comfortable in the hospital. I've felt the support from all levels and I think that's part of the reason why everyone comes out really successful in this program.

The number-one thing they've taught us is to be flexible in nursing, so we've learned how to bend.

I'm part of the board of the Graduate Nursing Students Association. We try to plan community service and educational workshops, but we also try to do social events. There are opportunities to have fun, which I think you need. I need to have balance. I definitely have developed a really close group of girlfriends in my class, and we go out and go dancing or go watch the sunset and get out of our 'nursing brains' and just remember to breathe and have a good time. I've definitely

made some lifelong friends.

I'm really looking forward to the next chapter in my life and also to exploring the other avenues in my life that have been put on the back burner during nursing school."

— Akemi Martin '11, Master's Entry Program in Nursing

[AS TOLD TO KELLY KNUFEN]

it was meant to be



peace offerings



class of 2011

"The year after I graduated from USD was the hardest, most important year of my life.

Working with homeless youth in Newark, N.J., I was spit on, hit, pushed ... basically, everything they did to each other, they did to me too, because they were so angry. These kids were from the streets of one of the harshest cities in our country. I was in court with them every day as their legal advocate.

I believe in justice. I thought the most powerful way I could

JUSTINE DARLING has found her mission in life

create justice would be as a lawyer, and I wanted to try out the system. After that year, I realized that the juvenile justice system is broken and I needed to find an alternative way to help our youth.

The master's program in peace and justice here was perfect. Within the first week or two, I stumbled upon restorative justice. I get so excited when I talk about it. It brings victims and offenders together in a face-to-face conference so everyone has a voice and together we can address the needs of all parties.

We mend the harm caused to the victim. We address what led to the offender's actions. It's a beautiful process.

Right now, I'm putting together a student-led restorative justice program at USD through the student conduct system, and we are working on setting up its home in the Center for Conflict Resolution at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice.

I have a lot to do. I'll be in Northern Ireland soon for an internship with their youth justice agency, which is converting to a system based on restorative justice. I'm working with a mediation program in San Diego that is studying the effects of restorative justice on our youth and advocating for restorative justice in the juvenile justice system. And for my thesis, I'll be surveying all of the U.S. universities using restorative justice to figure out best practices so we can have the best program in the country.

It's important to start at universities. If our educated youth — who are ultimately going to be our country's leaders and policymakers — understand the power of restorative justice as a way to resolve conflict, then our country's culture will slowly start to change. That's how we'll eventually be able to transform the juvenile justice system in San Diego, the U.S. and hopefully, in time, around the world.

There are so many people here at USD who are making this possible. It's almost like we all have had the same vision and now are finally coming together and saying, 'Yeah, I think it's time.'

I came into USD my freshman year as a very shy, unsure, anxiety-filled person. But I knew I had the passion and the drive to do something really wonderful and that God would put me on the path to find my mission in life. I really believe that USD helped me find it. I've been met with nothing but encouragement to do the right thing and to do what I love.

Now that I know how I will create justice in the world, I have peace in my heart."

— Justine Darling, BA, Psychology '08, MA, Peace and Justice Studies, '11

(AS TOLD TO TRISHA J. RATLEDGE)

"I'm from Colorado Springs. Actually, I'm kind of from everywhere. My father is retired Navy so we moved around quite a bit. I was born in the Philippines (U.S. Naval Base Subic Bay) right at the end of the Vietnam War. Then we lived in San Francisco (Naval Station Treasure Island), Vallejo, Calif. (Mare Island Naval Shipyard) and Zion, Ill. (Great Lakes Naval Station) before my dad became a recruiter in Colorado.

I never wanted to join the service myself. I wanted to go to college but the problem was how to pay for it. The main reason I joined the Navy — other than to serve my country, don't get me wrong — was for the educational opportunities. So there I was, 17 years old, heading to boot camp right here in San Diego.

I started out as a hospital corpsman and then became a medical technologist for a short time. I worked in a cell bank counting red blood cells, white blood cells and sperm. I knew that I liked the medical field but I

JASON MCGUIRE wants to do the right thing

quickly realized there had to be something better. Turns out, it was anesthesia.

I was accepted into an ROTC unit at the University of Colorado (earning my bachelor's in nursing) in 1992 and then served as a general practitioner nurse before getting my master's in anesthesia at Georgetown University and, now, my PhD from USD — both through the Navy's "Duty Under Instruction" scholarship program.

USD has been awesome. It really has. First and foremost, it was the faculty — their passion and scientific background — that brought me here. And USD's flexibility in allowing me to do my research at Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton was huge. I can't even imagine a better scenario for me.

I was recently hired as the newest faculty member in the

graduate nursing program at the Uniformed Services University in Bethesda, Md. I'm very excited. I get to do anesthesia, I get to teach my trade and I get to do research. It's the ultimate combination for me.

Nothing really drew me to anesthesia other than it's fun. It's this strange combination of 98 percent pure boredom and two percent terror because either things are just perfect or somebody is dying. There's no in-between. I'm also a nerd — I love the chemistry and biology of it — so for me it's that perfect marriage between the art and science of nursing.

Something I noticed in my practice — both in Navy hospitals and combat zones — was the number of young, active-duty service members who would wake up from anesthesia confused, combative, agitated and even belligerent. It's called emergence delirium.

The phenomenon is fairly common in children but very rare in the normal adult population.

However, my own experience suggested young combat veterans exhibit this condition at a significantly higher rate. We've been aware of it for a long time but nobody has really studied it in this specific population. So that became the focus of my dissertation.

My research sample showed an incidence rate of 20 percent, one in five, far above the 5 percent rate of the normal adult population. Up to this point, these episodes are essentially treated as isolated incidents. We give the patients medication to calm them down and then move on. But if an individual has multiple surgeries, those instances just stack on top of each other and that could have long-term consequences for brain function.

That's where this research

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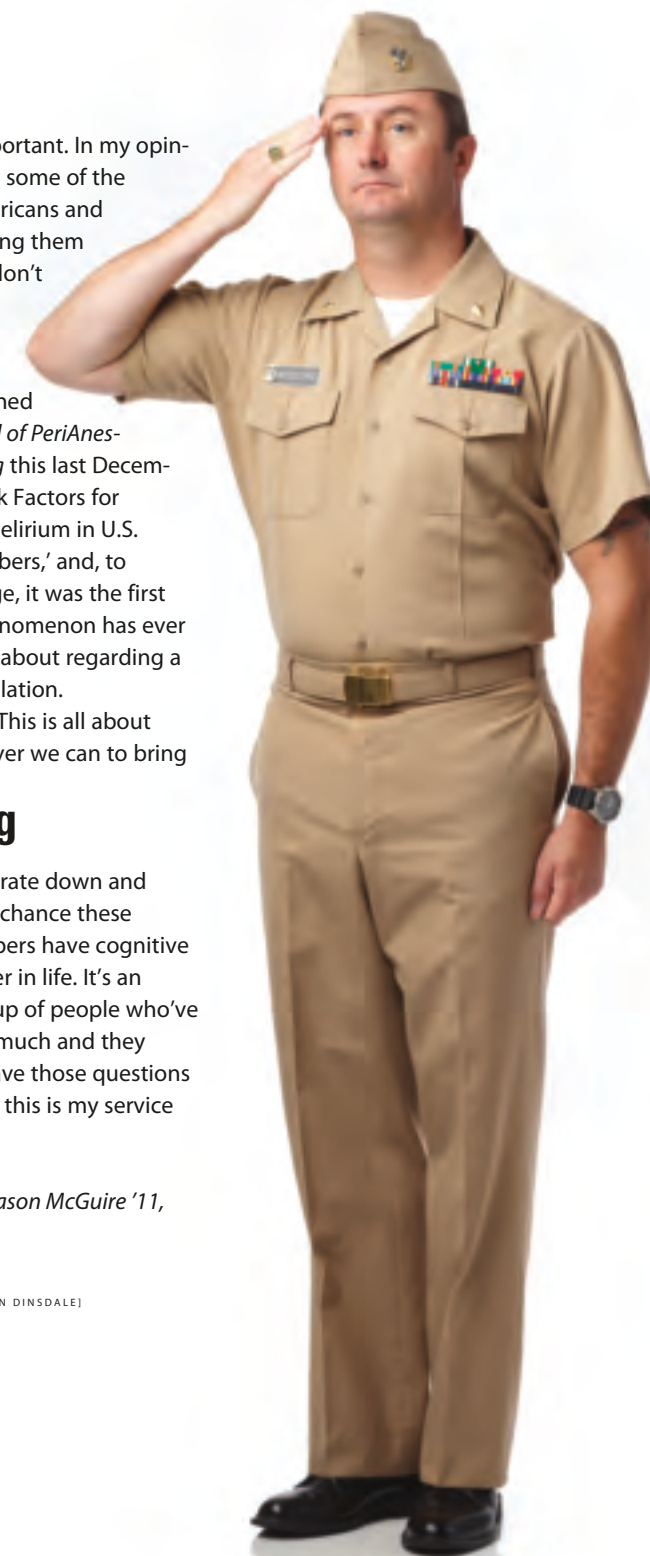
becomes important. In my opinion, these are some of the greatest Americans and we're not doing them justice if we don't try to solve this issue.

I wrote an article published in the *Journal of PeriAnesthesia Nursing* this last December titled 'Risk Factors for Emergence Delirium in U.S. Military Members,' and, to my knowledge, it was the first time this phenomenon has ever been written about regarding a military population.

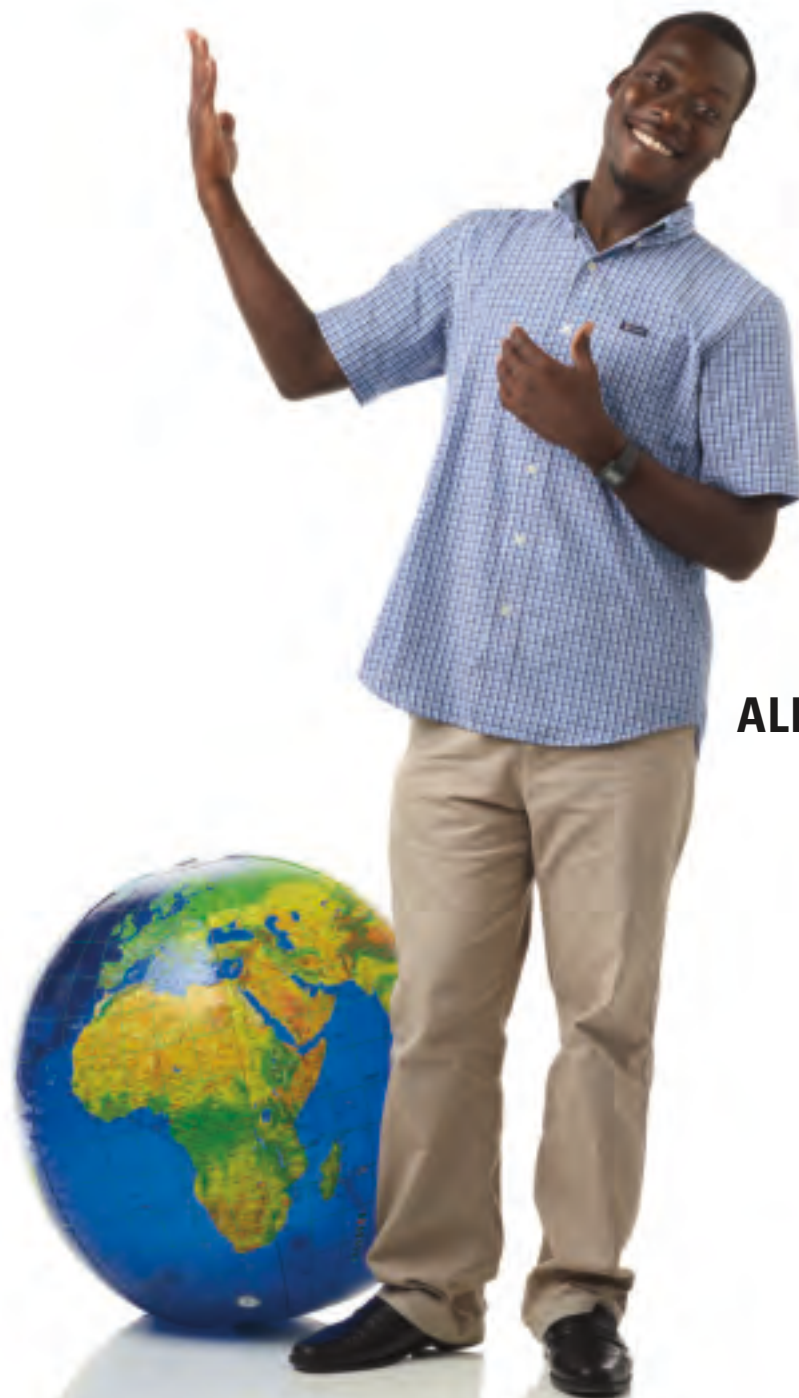
It's a start. This is all about doing whatever we can to bring

— Lt. Cmdr. Jason McGuire '11, PhD, Nursing

(AS TOLD TO NATHAN DINSDALE)



attitude shifter



class of 2011

I come from the small town of Gulu. It's in the northern part of Uganda. The district is popularly known for insurgency because that region of the country experienced war for a very long time.

During my years in Gulu University, I was interested in bringing about change in our community because so many children were being abducted by the rebels. When they escaped from the rebels and returned back home, some of them were stigmatized by people. When I was in the university, one of my commitments was that I needed to participate in changing people's attitudes toward these children. I was affected directly because my elder sister was abducted by the rebels. She spent close to nine years with the rebels, and she came back home. So you know, when you have been affected directly, your attitude toward the formerly abducted children also changes.

We came together — some university folks and I and some

ALEX OKELLO OUMA will change Uganda

community youth members — and formed a coalition that we called the Youth Coalition for Peace. Our main goal was to go out there to the community and tell people that, 'Hey, these are our children. They were abducted against their will. They were forced by the rebels to commit atrocities that they did not want to, so there is no need to stigmatize them. There's every need to welcome them back home and make them feel like part of the family and let them find a way of getting back their life.'

My sister escaped from the rebels in 2004. She returned back

from captivity with two kids out of forced rape, and my mother is keeping the kids right now. My sister is back in school studying nursing. She wants to become a doctor. We are so proud of her. The fact that she was able to return back home and start studying, it's really something amazing.

I like it in Uganda because that's where I will be able to effect any change. But I also like the opportunity to study here because I know I'm getting the best education to cause change back in my country.

I am one person who believes that however hard I work, I should also have fun. Fun is part and parcel of my life. Fun is part and parcel of my motivation. That's what re-energizes me. If I work very hard on campus, and I feel like my morale is low, I just go downtown and dance and listen to music, get together with friends and basically have fun. I've been having a lot of fun. I have also been doing a lot of hard work. Even in Uganda, that

is my lifestyle — work hard but have fun.

I am being sponsored as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. When I was coming here, it was members of Rotary who were there to receive me at the airport. I am very grateful to them. It's like another home away from home. You feel you have everything that you need.

I have a very strong feeling to get back to my community and help. I believe that the only way to transform any community is through education."

— Alex Ouma '11, MA,
Peace and Justice Studies

[AS TOLD TO KELLY KNUFKEN]

In life, the biggest challenge is to overcome people who tell you that what you want to do is impossible. My family always pushed me to achieve my dreams and my parents are the living example that for every dream, there is a path to success.

My path to San Diego and law school was shaped by my desire to learn English. Born in a French family with no American connection, since childhood, I had the inner desire to learn English and travel the world. Raised in Paris and Brussels, I had the chance to enter an International School in ninth grade offering the opportunity for a native French speaker to master English within a year.

As a high school student, I participated in The Hague International Model United Nations, the world's largest United Nations simulation for high school students. This experience started my passion for world politics and international relations. Being surrounded by children my age coming from all around the world was an amazing opportunity. I left high school with the hope of one day becoming a diplomat and working at the European Commission.

CAMILLE LUCIDI's adventure is just beginning

My journey continued at the University of Warwick in the United Kingdom. After graduating from its philosophy, politics and economics program, I realized that I wanted to pursue my studies. My mother, who had always been an incredible support to me, pushed me to go to law school in the United States, because she knew that living in this country was the reason I learned English in the first place. I am eternally grateful for her help, because she allowed me to fall in

love with a profession and find what I wanted to do with my life.

I toured many law schools before visiting San Diego but none of them convinced me that I was making the right decision. When I first came to USD's School of Law, I was invited to attend a torts class. Within 10 minutes, I was being asked by the professor to read a case to present it to the class. I knew where I was going to spend the next three years of my life.

Thinking about the last three years, I wonder how time passed by so fast. I was taught by brilliant professors and the school gifted me with a sense of legacy. One professor in particular helped me on this path to the law: Professor Roy Brooks. I spent countless hours in his office debating the underlying principles of seminal civil procedure cases, comparing the American legal system to the European legal systems and discussing international human rights law. He influences the life of each of his students by his unique teaching style and faith in the legal profession. I hope that one day I will be able to give to students what I received from him.

Next, my journey will take me

to New York City where I will prepare for the New York and the Massachusetts bar. In my baggage, there will be amazing memories from my time at USD and the confidence that I have been well-prepared to become a successful attorney.

I now depart with new dreams: to have an impact on the world, be passionate about my job, build a family, teach future generations, write books, discover new people and new cultures, and continue to learn every day."

— Camille Lucidi '12, JD

[AS TOLD TO KAREN GROSS]

intrepid dreamer



unflappable calm



class of 2011

"I 've heard it said that, in every one of our lives, there are a handful of defining moments that make us who we are. Even though I'm only 24 years old, I feel like I've had my share of those already.

More than my share, come to think of it.

Like the time just after I graduated from high school and realized that I had no interest in going to college. I went through

CORY NORRIS knows all about life's highs and lows

the motions and tried to make it work at a university near my hometown in Scottsdale, Ariz., but all I really wanted to be was a mechanic.

My parents were really supportive, and I quickly realized that I needed more than just a high school diploma to get to where I wanted to go in life. I also wanted to be the first member of my family to graduate from college, and those aspirations are what eventually led me to USD, where I'm about to graduate with both a bachelor's in accounting and a master's in taxation.

Then there was the time that I knocked on the office door of Men's Soccer Coach Seamus McFadden, heart pounding in my chest, and told him that I wanted a shot at starting on the team that fall. Not just making the team; starting on the team.

He looked at me like I was crazy, and, well, maybe I was ... but you never know unless you try, right? Practices were really tough, and the competition was intense, but I never lost sight of my goal, and eventually not only earned a starting spot on defense, but also received WCC All-Academic honors my senior

season in 2010.

I was on top of the world, but all it took was a plane flight from Amsterdam to Barcelona during a study abroad trip to bring me quickly back to earth.

When we landed, I woke up and realized that the right side of my body from my chest down was completely numb. I tried to shake it off, but it wasn't going away.

When I returned to the States, I went through a battery of tests

and received a variety of diagnoses. It was eventually determined that I had Multiple Sclerosis (MS). Needless to say, the news was devastating. But I'm a numbers guy, and, after a lot of soul-searching and even more research, I realized I had a fighting chance at keeping the disease in check, and still living as normal a life as possible.

One of my main goals during my time at the University of San Diego has been to put myself in a position to get the most out of my academic experience, and while it hasn't been easy to deal with the effects of my condition and still stay on task in the classroom, my professors have been super supportive. Not only did I stay on track to earn my diploma; I've also got a job lined up with PricewaterhouseCoopers, who also have been really great to me in the days and weeks since I was diagnosed with MS.

Yep, life can throw some real curveballs at you, but the past is the past, and I'm really psyched about moving forward and experiencing my share of amazing moments after I leave USD.

More than my share, come to think of it."

— Cory Norris '11, BAcc/MTax

[AS TOLD TO MIKE SAUER]

"In foster care, there are families that genuinely want to take care of you.

And then there are families whose only intention is to get money. I was placed in various environments where people did not show me any love. I did not have a great experience at all growing up in Chicago. But all that's past, right? It's about the present and the future.

I've always said that God won't put more on me than I can bear. Yes, I've had a rough background. But feeling sorry for myself didn't get me here. My fulfillment comes from helping others. Various people took the time to help me over the years and why can't I be that person for someone else?

I've been involved in activism since I was little. I participated in high school and even met with the CEO of Chicago Public Schools a few times to discuss issues. If I see something that's wrong, I'm not going to be silent about it. I guess that's why President Obama mentioned me in his speech on education in September 2009. It was exciting but there are other students who've gone through the same thing and they've probably done a lot more — they just haven't been singled out yet.

Most of the schools I applied to were larger universities. When I visited USD, I felt like it was a close-knit community. I also liked the

FRESHMAN SHANTELL STEVE has found her voice

fact that it's far away from Chicago.

I'm a freshman, I'm a human and I'm still a child at heart so I definitely miss some things. It's been an adjustment but there are a lot of people here who keep me grounded. The Center for Inclusion and Diversity, the Office of Admissions and Student Support Services — the people there have been like my community, my family.

class of 2014

forward motion



I am pretty involved here already. I work with the Center for Awareness, Service and Action and I'm in a dance group called Infamous. I started an organization in January called SOAR — Student Outreach and Recruitment — focusing on improving and retaining multiculturalism at USD. I do campus tours, which I like. I also volunteer at a museum and the Tossaint Academy group home for homeless teens.

If you see me in the classroom, I'm the most serious person in there. Get me outside the classroom and I'm one of the goofiest. I like to watch movies. I like to hang out. I like to dance and sing. And I like to give back — I get joy out of that.

I am interested in pre-medicine — specifically oncology within osteopathic medicine — but I'm also thinking about majoring in sociology. What I'm looking for is to help underrepresented, underserved communities where you find people who can't speak up for themselves or don't have the resources to succeed.

For now, my passion and my aim is to make USD more inclusive and diverse for all students. I want to see this university live out its mission statement. I want

all students to feel comfortable on this campus because there are so many people who slip through the cracks and they're not strong enough to say anything. They'd rather be silent.

But I'm somebody who isn't afraid to speak up." 🗣️

— Shantell Steve, '14, Undeclared

[AS TOLD TO NATHAN DINSDALE]



USD students kept busy over Spring Break, helping to build much-needed items for the New Orleans headquarters of the Fourth World Movement. Sister Mary Pat White, RSCJ (second photo from right) lives at the Duchesne House, where the students stayed.

Kermit Ruffins could be anywhere. New York. Los Angeles. Chicago. Miami. Maybe even Europe. Hey, why not? When your musical talent is immense, you tend to be in demand. A hot ticket, as they say.

But Ruffins chooses to be on his home turf this particular night and just now he is sitting in a corner of Bullet's Sports Bar, smack in the middle of New Orleans' Seventh Ward. In about an hour, he'll saunter over to the spot that serves as a "stage" — sans elevation — and just like he always does, the gifted trumpet player will wow everyone within earshot.

The crowd, made up of the usual Tuesday night bar patrons alongside a cluster of savvy tourists, has shelled out just five dollars each to hear a slice of the good stuff, the pure jazz that this New Orleans native has to offer. They'll get more than their money's worth. And as a bonus, in about half an hour, Ruffins will unknowingly provide the soundtrack to a bona fide defining moment for 11 USD students, three Center for Community Service-Learning (CSL) leaders and two Religious of the Sacred Heart.

When that moment comes, it's gray-haired, bespectacled Sister Mary Pat White who delivers it. The barely five-foot tall dynamo is getting her groove on, any trace of the doting grandmother she resembles overshadowed by her excitement. Even though virtually everyone in the crowd is taller — much taller — she is not about to miss a beat. She simply steps up onto a chair, now positioned so that she can see over everyone's head while continuing to groove to the beat.

"Look at Sister Mary Pat!" someone shouts. The USD group obeys, turning, en masse, to watch the nun let loose. "Somebody needs to get a picture!"

But there's no need; they will most definitely remember this moment. It's Spring Break, and right here, right now, thousands of miles from USD, these students are committed to soaking up every last thing they see, feel, taste, hear and touch. They have immersed themselves completely, and the impact will surely resonate.

RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW

Getting to the heart of things
down in old New Orleans

By Ryan T. Blystone and Julene Snyder

Photography by Will Crocker

Without the aorta, the ventricles, the left and right atrium, human life isn't possible. Each works closely together to comprise the nucleus of the human heart, the pump that provides for everything else.

And heart, in a very real sense, symbolizes the role that Community Service-Learning (CSL) provides at the University of San Diego. For 25 years, CSL's heart has been beating strong, as personified by founder and inaugural director Judy Rauner to much beloved former director Elaine Elliott to current program head Chris Nayve.

"Judy always talked in the early days about true community needs," Nayve recalls. "We're part of the community, not us dictating what the issues are, but community having that voice."

"Our intention is to really get the students out there and connected with the community in a real, meaningful way," says CSL Associate Director John Loggins. "It's about challenging them to be out of their normal comfort zone. It's less about doing it for 'those people' but for 'my friends.'"

Promoting social change and justice by partnering with communities is a big part of CSL's mission. And the newest example of this is its relationship-building program in a post-Hurricane Katrina New Orleans.

It started when Chris Nayve, CSL Assistant Director Brenna Hughes and USD student leaders Kelsey Johnson and Chase Tushaus traveled to New Orleans on an exploratory trip in the spring of 2009. Nayve and Hughes had been interested in helping USD develop a connection to the Big Easy in the aftermath of 2005's Hurricane Katrina. So, from afar, they developed a list of contacts, and decided to go for it.

They got lucky right out of the gate: "At the suggestion of (former Center for Christian Spirituality director) Sister Barbara Quinn, we visited Sister Mary Pat to see the Duchesne House," recalls Hughes. The two-story house is owned and run by the

Society of the Sacred Heart; four RSCJ nuns live there permanently, and open their doors as housing for high school and college student groups while they're in New Orleans on service trips.

Duchesne House seemed a perfect home base for eventual USD student trips. Best of all, it set the wheels in motion for something greater.

"We were very curious about the neighborhood because it had such a positive vibe and energy to it," Hughes says. "Our first stop was next door at the Community Book Center where we met Mama J. In one morning, Mary Pat and Mama J entered our lives and our hearts."

Jennifer "Mama J" Turner runs the Community Book Center alongside owner Vera Warren-Williams. It's a vibrant space that showcases local, black and African-centered books, art, fabric and gifts. But in truth, the center serves as an emotional hub for the Seventh Ward. And Mama J is at the center of this particular community wheel, offering quotes from Langston Hughes, stories that connect to the Bible, telling truth about what's still not right post-Katrina, all while delivering big hugs to all comers.

"What's missing are the families. If we can get the families back, we get the city back," she says. "We need families so we can strengthen ourselves. Everyone, in a place of disaster, wants to hold on to each other and figure out how we keep going."

Recalls Hughes about just this one block: "We left there with 100 percent certainty that we'd come across a very special neighborhood with beautiful people. We knew we'd be back many, many times."

This year marked just the second CSL immersion trip to New Orleans by USD students and staffers. In March, for 11 students — Becca Lovano, Christopher Arcitio, Giovanni Marsano, Jared Barris, Kayla Witt, Mallory Wilhelms, Meagan Larsen, Megan Wilhelms, Nicole Kathol, Sean McManus and Zina Zaia — Spring Break wasn't about taking a vacation from education. It was about deepening it.

Eight were new to both New Orleans and the type of community service that would be useful in a city that, while brimming with tremendously rich culture, remains at a crossroads.

As part of the Community Service-Learning trip, students found time for laughter, contemplation and, of course, hard work. Jennifer "Mama J" Turner (bottom right photo) helped convince CSL staffers that the neighborhood was a perfect fit.



The email that initially caught Barris' eye had a most enticing subject line: "Free trip to New Orleans." It had been forwarded to him from a co-worker at USD's Student Support Services. "I thought, 'No way. Is this for real?'"

As Barris continued to read the message, which had been sent by CSL's Hughes, he became even more intrigued. Hughes was soliciting students to take part in the organization's second Spring Break foray to New Orleans. They would enroll in a one-unit fall preparatory class, conduct fundraising to offset some expenses, and, most important to Barris, the trip would provide both a service and immersion component.

"That's what sealed the deal for me," recalls the 21-year-old junior marketing major. "I'd done a lot of service stuff in high school and worked with Crossing Borders where we went down to Tijuana and helped build homes for families." But he also admits to having an ulterior motive: "The reason to do service work, to me, is that you can't know where you're going until you help other people out. It's part of the process of learning about yourself."

Although Kathol had also been a community service dynamo in high school, it took a trip to Los Angeles' Skid Row for her to get her first taste of real poverty. "It was 'Wow!' Yeah, there are problems in my life and in the local community, but this is the world. This is the big picture Jesus talks about when building the Kingdom."

The fun factor is what initially interested junior political science and sociology double major Arcitio to sign up for the New Orleans Spring Break trip. "I remember my freshman year, I stayed home and that was,

frankly, pretty boring. My sophomore year I went to San Francisco and that was more fun. This year it was double the fun. I liked that I'd get to do community service and I'd get to travel."

Barris, Kathol, Arcito, Witt, along with fellow students Marsano, Zaia, McManus and Larsen, were the newbies of the group. Three students, Lovano and the Wilhelms sisters, were on the 2010 trip and returned this year in a student leadership capacity. Everyone attended the fall class, Leadership for Social Change, which was taught by Nayve and Hughes.

The class emphasized leadership concepts that would prove useful during the trip, but also offered up ample information about the city through film, readings and guest lectures. Participants also sought a deeper understanding of underlying inequities by attending CSL's annual Social Issues Conference.

"What really attracted me to the service trip was the class component," says Witt, a senior communications major. "I appreciated that the CSL staff gave us prior knowledge of the city so we could understand it better. And, because the CSL staff was leading both the class and the trip, I knew they'd prepare us mentally for the week and would help us continue to grow in New Orleans."

Lovano says the class brought the meaning of the trip and the students closer, many of whom didn't know each other prior to it. "Traveling with a new group of students helped us deepen our understanding of the meaning of service. And the leadership course allowed us to strengthen our group dynamic and build personal relationships."

While the class did a good job of laying the groundwork and managing expectations, nothing, of course, compares to getting up-close and personal. Upon arrival, the group hit the ground running.

After getting acclimated to their new surroundings, shopping for groceries, and, of course, spending a little time wandering the French Quarter, the group's itinerary got serious. They attended Mass at St. Augustine Catholic Church, a predominantly black church, toured the lower Ninth Ward and met with local resident Robert Green — whose harrowing story of Katrina-related devastation has been featured in major media such as CNN.com — and even participated in a Second Line parade, a celebration that includes a brass band and hundreds of people marching and dancing through neighborhood streets. And that was just the first 48 hours.





At a small yellow house in the Seventh Ward on Urquhart Street — the New Orleans headquarters for an international organization dedicated to ending poverty called the Fourth World Movement (FWM) — USD students got creative and got inspired.

But mostly, they got to work.

Building a brightly painted wheeled box — used for transporting books to a weekly street library the organization hosts for children — was the job facing Barris, Kathol, Witt and Marsano. But beyond constructing the box and painting it with Dr. Seuss characters, the workers seized the chance to build camaraderie, make connections with FWM volunteers and community members, learn a new skill and leave behind a physical reminder of their trip.

Full-time FWM volunteer Maria Sandvik told the students there were three major needs: the book box, creating painting easels and display easels for finished paintings, and a beautification project involving pulling weeds and planting a vegetable garden.

That was all the motivation and instruction the students needed. They split up into teams and everyone pitched in with minimal fuss.

"I was impressed with the energy, excitement and go-get-it attitude they showed," marveled Sandvik. "They came ready to work on whatever we proposed and did so with genuine excitement. I was also impressed by their ability to work together and organize themselves in a way that people worked on things that interested them and no one was left with nothing to do."

"I don't know how we all decided on breaking into teams, but I knew right away I wanted to do the book box," Barris recalls. "My grandpa builds cars and I feel I never got that experience of building things. I told myself, 'I want to take this on, I want to build something.'"

Barris said the experience of working on his project with others also took him out of his comfort zone. "Personalities can be challenged when you have to work together. This trip challenged me to trust other people. It was so awesome."

"Kayla and I got to spend our time painting the book box and, in the

process, got to know Danny and Chelsie who were helping us paint," Kathol says. "We talked with them all day long. We learned about their lives and struggles. We were able to connect really deeply, really quickly. It made me really feel connected to New Orleans."

Afternoons were spent mentoring children one-on-one and in small groups at the Freedom School. Housed in a large building split into three spaces — the schoolroom, a reception/kitchen area and offices — on North Broad Street, the Freedom School empowers children, parents and entire communities.

In New Orleans, the school works with some of the youngest Hurricane Katrina survivors, those who were infants or too young to comprehend what happened in 2005. The after-school program mainly caters to boys and girls ages 5-11; trained interns tutor the kids, help them with homework and reading and instill self-esteem through an uplifting music and dance program.

After putting in an afternoon's work with the kids and getting together for dinner in the Duchesne House each evening, students and leaders and staffers would gather as a group, alongside the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, and reflect together on what they'd seen, what they'd felt, what they'd done, what they'd learned. The specifics of what happened each evening behind the closed door of the reflection room — a bright, high-ceilinged space that radiated calm and restoration — were not just emotional and moving, but extremely private.

Bonds were definitely being forged. "I could share my quirks and just be myself," Kathol recalls. She taught the group how to "hand hug," pressing one hand against another person's opposite hand and having their thumbs grip, or "hug," the other's hand. "By the end of the week, everyone was doing it," she says. "One night when I said grace before dinner, we were all holding hands in a circle. After I finished, Sister Mary Pat looked over and air hand-hugged me from across the room."

On Thursday morning, Mardi Gras Indian David Montana, who lives just around the corner from the Duchesne House in one half of a modest double shotgun-style house, threw open his door and welcomed the throng of young people into his living room.

"I was born in Treme," he tells them. "This is one of the oldest black neighborhoods in America. New Orleans was where they held the slaves. They kept them in cells, guarded them like currency." The students looked shaken, even a little sick. "Hey, it's sad, but that's the way the world is," Montana says.

The house is a riot of color, filled with feathers and beads and head-dresses and scepters and more feathers and carefully displayed, elaborate costumes leaning against the walls. Montana wears them with pride during New Orleans' ubiquitous parades and special events.

Once their eyes adjust to the kaleidoscopic explosion, he gives the students a mini-lesson on Mardi Gras history, specifically on the fact that not that long ago, black people were not welcome to participate.

"The cops said, 'We don't want you here in the French Quarter,'" he says, matter-of-fact. "They didn't accept our costumes at first because they came from black people. But now, finally in 2011, we are just getting on the map." He talks of the generations before him and those that will follow, tells stories of his father, his uncle, relates how he names each suit (one is called "Hypnotic Exclamations"), and with great ceremony, he gives each student a long pink feather. They accept the token with serious reverence.

Then he talks about Katrina.

"After the storm, I didn't hear a child's voice for a year," he says, then launches into his poem, "Change of Heart Man," a rhyme that celebrates all those who cared about the people left behind after the storm.

"God bless all you people that I didn't know, that held out your hands and hearts so. Thank you, thank you, thank you again." His eyes well up, and he's not the only one moved to tears. "That poem was written for people like y'all," he says. "I hope there will always be a place in New Orleans for people who want to help. Especially when I see so many people just sitting on their butts doing nothing."

All of the connected strands came together on the last full day before students returned to San Diego. Together with the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, the group hosted a block party in the Duchesne House's long driveway.

Loggins took charge of the grill for hours and couldn't wipe the smile off his face while he cooked up dozens of hamburgers, heaps of hot dogs and mountains of chicken. Picnic tables groaned under their burden of macaroni and cheese, Sister Mary Pat's potato salad, baked beans, and Mama J's red beans and rice.

While reggae grooves competed with the high-pitched noise of excited children, Hughes pondered how best to sum up what everyone involved with the CSL project is trying to accomplish. It's about inspiration and evolution; it's about a deepening sense of connection between the USD community and at least some of the people of New Orleans' Seventh Ward.

"The program wasn't an instant response to Hurricane Katrina," she points out. "We really took our time, knowing that when we did go we wanted to be very intentional. It's not about just going there to do service for a week and come back. It's about building a partnership, a kinship with the city. To start it with two student leaders and grow it the way we've been able to do it is extremely rewarding. It's creative, it's present and it's very much alive."

Someone cranked up the boom box so that Bob Marley could be heard urging listeners not to worry about a thing. Sister Mary Pat was deep in conversation with Pastor George Green, Jr., who wanted to share news that he'd gotten the go-ahead to start holding Sunday services at the vacant church next door. As the sun started to disappear into dusk's shadows, the music played on.

And as for the students? They were exhausted, they were exhilarated and, most of all, they were changed. A change that began right there, right then.

By mid-week, students were feeling at home in the community. They spent afternoons mentoring children one-on-one at the neighborhood Freedom School. Mardi Gras Indian David Montana (above, far right photo) welcomed students into his home and showed off his elaborate, homemade costumes.



[golden years]

COMING HOME

50-year reunion brings the Class of 1961 back to campus

by Trisha J. Ratledge

The Class of 1961 smelled the wet paint of those first buildings, stepped around the piles of lumber and brushed the construction dust off of their desks. They knew Bishop Charles Francis Buddy and Reverend Mother Rosalie Clifton Hill — USD's founders — personally. Watching the helicopter lower the cross onto the dome of The Immaculata, they collectively gasped as a downdraft threatened to drive the pilot and the cross straight into the ground, then whispered a quick "amen" as he swiftly recovered and completed his mission.

These students of the College for Women and College for Men lived their formative years in the earliest days of the University of San Diego, and their memories breathe life into the facts and figures of the school's history.

Sandy Cassell Farrell '61 (BS), who helped finance her education by working for Bishop Buddy for five years, vividly recalls a moment late one Christmas Eve outside of The Immaculata.

"It was a blustery, cold, winter day and the bishop was heading down Marian Way to visit the nuns," she says. "His purple cape was flapping in the wind, he had his little biretta on his head and he was pulling a red wagon with his Christmas gifts for the nuns. There was a very tender relationship between the bishop and the Religious of the Sacred Heart."

During 2011's Homecoming and Family Weekend — which takes place from Sept. 30 to Oct. 2, and is the first to combine the two events — Cassell Farrell and her fellow classmates will return to Alcalá Park to compare memories as they celebrate their 50-year reunion. Planning is well under way, and the weekend will feature opportunities not only to reconnect with friends but also to experience today's vastly expanded USD.

For the Class of 1961, the University of San Diego was a handful of buildings and a core group of religious who dedicated their lives to the students. Bishop Buddy and the diocesan priests lived at the chancery — today's administration building. Hungry male students learned early on that they could score a free breakfast by serving at Bishop Buddy's daily 7 a.m. Mass in his private chapel.

The sisters of the College for Women were semi-cloistered, living among the girls on the women's campus. "We called them 'mother' and in many ways they were," says Cassell Farrell, president of the student body her senior year. "They were so much more than teachers. They were big sisters, they were mothers, they were mentors and they were friends."

While the campus was not co-educational — the institutions operated separately — the stu-



COURTESY OF DENNIS HALLORAN

dents joked that it was co-recreational. Dances, weekly mixers and athletic events gave the men and women a chance to meet, as did afternoons at the Lark, which also served as the College for Men dining facility.

"All kinds of nefarious planning went down in that place," laughs Dennis Halloran '61 (BBA).

Father Leo Lanphier from the College for Men started an annual tradition with original musicals featuring a "Girl from ..." theme. The men recruited actresses and singers from the College for

Women and Father Lanphier accompanied everyone on his lively honkytonk piano.

"I had my first success as a student there," says Halloran, who had a solo in "The Girl from Montana" and earned the best actor award for his lead in "Harvey." "The small environment allowed me to be successful in plays and it gave me a lot of confidence. I learned public speaking and I actually made my living as a public speaker for the rest of my life."

While on campus for their

Revelers are all smiles at a USD sanctioned "boat dance in 1960." Left to right: Ken Young, Linda Gary '61, Tim Wilbur '60, Molly Breen '61, Dennis Halloran '61 and Marcia West '61.

[reconnect]

LIVE TO TELL

Class of '86 looking forward to coming back and giving back

by Mike Sauer

When looking back on your student experience at USD, are you suddenly possessed by the need to accent your attire with plaid, paisley or possibly even a little neon? Do you find yourself singing songs by Wang Chung, Simple Minds or Bon Jovi at the top of your lungs? And, maybe, just maybe, do you find yourself walking like an Egyptian, or, better yet, feeling the need ... the need for speed?

If you answered yes to any of the aforementioned queries, then there's a pretty good chance you're a member of the Class of 1986; a group that loved to live it up without forgetting how to give back.

"You know, I really feel there was a strong class cohesion amongst our group," says '86 graduate and former Vice President of Associated Students Paul Davis (pictured below). "We loved to have fun, but we also really identified with making a difference, getting involved and trying to give back to the community."

Those enduring trademarks of conviviality and community are sure to be on display again this fall, as the Class of '86 return to Alcalá Park to celebrate their 25th anniversary during Homecoming and Family Weekend. The three-day event, which runs from Sept. 30 to Oct. 2, is chock-full of special events and activities to reconnect '86 alumni with both their classmates and their campus.

For Davis, the core components of the USD experience remain intact, even though the campus has undergone quite the facelift since the mid-80s. "I bet some of the alums who haven't been here in awhile will be really surprised by the growth of the campus, but when you drive up Linda Vista Road and see that beautiful blue dome of The Immaculata, you still feel that strong connection."

And connecting is exactly what milestone reunions such as the 25th anniversary are all about. 🍷



LUIS GARCIA

ALUMNI BRIEFS

Director of Alumni Relations

Charles Bass joined USD in mid-June. In addition to five years of experience in management, public relations and marketing, Bass has worked in alumni administration for 17 years at three private universities; his most recent position was associate director of alumni relations at Pennsylvania's Villanova University.

The Alumni Endowment

Fund is more than \$765,000, well on the way to reaching its \$1 million fundraising goal by June of 2012. To contribute, go to alumni.sandiego.edu and click on "make a gift."

USD Wine Classic tickets are on sale now. Join fellow Toreros on Sunday, July 24 to sample wines from 30 university-affiliated wineries while raising money for much-needed USD student scholarships. To learn more or to purchase tickets, go to www.usdwineclassic.com.

Maureen Partynski '82 takes

over as president of the USD Alumni Association in July for a two-year term, succeeding Josephine Bennett '81, who served from 2009 to 2011. To contact either one, send email to alumni@sandiego.edu.

Prost! This year's European Alumni Reunion is in Heusenstamm and Frankfurt, Germany on June 24, 2011. USD President Mary E. Lyons, PhD, and Vice President of University Relations Timothy O'Malley, PhD, will be joined by dozens of alumni and friends. Next year's European Alumni Reunion will be June 22 to 24, 2012; the location has not yet been finalized.

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1960s

[1963]

ROBERT ADELIZZI (JD) was inducted into the Hall of Fame for the California Homebuilders Foundation at the June 2010 meeting of the Pacific Coast Builders Conference in San Francisco. Previously, Robert was named chairman of the Board of Visitors for the School of Law, and is a two-time recipient of the School of Law's Distinguished Alumni Award.

[1965]

JAMES MILLER (BS) is retired and living 10 months of the year in Chonburi City, Thailand, a coastal community located roughly an hour's drive southeast of Bangkok.

[1966] 🎓

ARDEL NELSON (BA) retired from his positions as professor and chair of the Department of Management at American River College in Sacramento, Calif.

VERN D. SCHOOLEY (JD) was presented the Distinguished Service Medal by the Linn Inn Alliance of the American Inns of Court (AIC) at the New York Intellectual Property Law Association meeting in March 2011. Additionally, Vern has served on the AIC Board of Trustees representing the western states, serves on the Leadership Council, acts as the AIC's trademark attorney, is president of the Los Angeles Intellectual Property Inn and is counsel to the Joseph A. Ball Clearance S. Hunt AIC. He continues his practice of patent and trademark law across the country as senior partner with one of the state's oldest intellectual property law firms, Fulwider Patton LLP.

[1968]

MICHAEL WELCH (BA) partnered with his son and daughter-in-law to form Romano Welch Architectural Corp. in the Bay Area. Previously, Michael served as an adjunct lecturer for the USD Department of Engineering. He and his wife, Marta, have been married 39 years and they enjoy spending time with their two grandchildren.

[1969]

MICHAEL RICHARDS (BA) reports that he is now retired.

MARGARET (WOLLITZ) TOMLINSON (BA) is enjoying

retirement, and recently took a trip by train from Oregon to Minnesota to visit her son and grandchildren.

1970s

[1971] 🎓

BOB BLAKE (BS) decided that, after a 30-year practice in emergency medicine at Palomar Medical Center and Pomerado Hospital in San Diego County, he was ready for a change. Bob now operates Medical Marijuana of San Diego, where he evaluates patients to see if they are eligible for a medical marijuana recommendation.

[1973]

LARRY SYKOFF (Med, EdD '88) is headmaster of Ranney School in Tinton Falls, N.J. One of the largest private prep schools in the area, Ranney is home to over 800 students in grades ranging from "beginners" to high-school seniors. Larry reports that he has several students interested in attending USD, and that he truly enjoys being an advocate for his alma mater.

RICHARD WILDMAN (MA) is practicing law in La Jolla, Calif. He is president of the La Jolla Town Council, La Jolla Sunrise Rotary and Promote La Jolla, Inc.

[1974]

MONSIGNOR JAMES TARANTINO (BA) was recently named a monsignor with the rank Prelate of Honor to His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI. The monsignor also was appointed the vicar for administration and the moderator of the Curia for the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

MARK ZECCA (BA) was selected by the *San Diego Business Journal* as the Information Technology (IT) Executive of the Year for 2010. Mark is the senior director of IT and chief information officer for Mitchell 1 and Snap-on Diagnostics. He is also an adjunct professor of information technology for Ashford University.

[1976] 🎓

RUSSELL WATTS (BA) lives on the island of Samoa, where he teaches deaf and hearing-impaired children.

[1977]

DAVID FROMAN (JD) is the founding attorney of San Diego's Froman Law Firm, where he focuses

on business and immigration law. David recently had an article published in *Bender's Immigration Bulletin* proposing a new approach to applying the Child Status Protection Act to over-age-21 derivative children of family, employment and diversity lottery immigrants.

JOSEPH GHOUGASSIAN (MA, JD '80) completed a fourth tour of duty in Iraq. In 2010, he played a key role in developing the institutional capacities in public administration and public policy formulation for the government of Iraq, including the offices of the president, vice president, prime minister and his deputies along with the council of ministers. In 2009, Joseph was acting director and senior advisor of constitutional and legislative affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Iraq, and was assigned to develop and strengthen the legislative capacities of parliamentarians in drafting laws.

KATHLEEN (EASLER) LIUZZI (BBA) and her husband, James, have returned to Southern California after a two-year stint in Denver. A proud parent of five college graduates, including daughter and fellow USD alumna, Lisa '03, Kathleen is looking forward to re-establishing herself locally. "Our second grandchild was born in February 2011. We are blessed!" she reports.

DARRYL NYZNYK (JD) authored a book, *Mary's Son*, which endeavors to demonstrate how the story of Christmas and the birth of Christ can be significant in modern times. Darryl and his wife, Loretta, are the proud parents of four daughters and they still enjoy dancing to Bruce Springsteen's "Waitin' on a Sunny Day."

[1978]

SANDRA BROWER (JD) joined the San Diego office of law firm Sullivan Hill as an of-counsel attorney. Previously, Sandra was a shareholder in the law office of Wertz McDade Wallace Moot & Brower. She resides in La Jolla, Calif.

[1979]

GORDON DUNFEE (JD) has been elected president of the California Receivers Forum, San Diego Chapter, for the 2011 term. A veteran real estate broker, developer, court-appointed receiver and attorney with three decades of professional experience in real estate law, Gordon has

vast experience in handling complex real estate challenges. Since the early 1990s, he has been a court-appointed receiver on numerous cases involving industrial parks, multi-family housing projects, gas stations, restaurants, office buildings, auto dealerships and retail centers.

WILLIAM "JODY" GUNDERMAN (BBA) was named vice president, operations, and chief financial officer for John Deere's financial services in Reno, Nev. Jody and his wife, Deborah, have been married for 28 years. They have two children, Jerome and Erica, who both attend the University of Nevada. In his spare time, Jody continues to try to break par on the golf course, but to date has yet to succeed.

KENNETH MEDEL (JD) ended "30 years of silence" to inform the USD community about some of his recent achievements. In 2010, he was named Attorney of the Year by the San Diego Defense Lawyers Organization (civil practitioners). In 2011, he assumed the presidency of the American Board of Trial Advocates, San Diego branch, and was appointed by former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to serve as a San Diego Superior Court judge.

1980s

[1980]

DEBORAH WOLFE (JD) attained a Certified Legal Specialty (CLS) certificate in the new specialty of legal malpractice and was appointed a member of the California State Bar Advisory Commission on Legal Malpractice Law. She also continues to practice law, lecture and act as an expert witness in ethics matters throughout California. "I very much enjoy teaching at USD School of Law as an adjunct professor in Lawyering Skills II, and hope to continue to do so for the foreseeable future," Deborah writes.

[1981] 🎓

PAMELA (HERKNER) CHASSE (BA, Med '83) lives in Thousand Oaks, Calif., with her two cats, Koa and Zippy, and is a principal in the Conejo Valley Unified School District. Pam encourages everyone to live life to the fullest and enjoy every moment, and she's also eager to reconnect

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with her Torero classmates: “I hope to see you all again real soon and with something new to share and learn. God bless!”

MARY (SAFFIAN) WOOD (BA) recently earned her master’s degree in education from Western Governors University. She is currently teaching fifth grade at Waimea Elementary School on the big island of Hawaii.

[1982]
ED McPHERSON (JD) is a partner at McPherson Rane LLP, an entertainment litigation firm in Los Angeles. He recently was awarded an AV-Preeminent rating by the *Martindale-Hubbell Law Digest*, and has been recognized as a Southern California “Super Lawyer” in *Super Lawyer* magazine every year since 2006.

[1983]
CHRISTINE MUGRIDGE (BA) completed her doctoral studies at the Pontifical Salesian University in Rome, where she also sang in the Vatican choir for seven years. Christine recently returned to California and serves as founder and president of Sacred Arts Communications, a nonprofit organization that uses all means of social communications to educate the public on Catholic faith and culture.

DAVID RYAN (BBA) has worked in the travel industry for over 25 years, and is currently the business development manager for Classic Vacations travel agency. A resident of Elk Grove, Calif., David is looking forward to attending USD alumni events in the Bay Area.

[1984]
LAURI MARGESON (BA) has cultivated 25 years of management- and executive-level experience in the human resources field, most recently as an executive consultant for multinational operations and service-sector organizations in 14 countries throughout the world.

[1985]
LINDA (EEREBOUT-KASANOS) CORDER (BA) is happy to report that a recent tour of USD with her students from the Technology Academy drew rave reviews. “The students were very impressed: some were amazed at the size of the campus, others were very interested in the building designs, and yet others

were very, very excited when they saw the football field,” Linda reports.

KATIE (O’ROURKE) DELANO (BA, MA ’90) recently celebrated her one-year anniversary as executive director of the Coalinga Area Chamber of Commerce in Coalinga, Calif. Previously, Katie taught history at a local community college. “A degree from USD prepares one for anything!” she writes.

TOM DOMINICK (JD) completed his term as the president of the San Bernardino County Bar Association, the oldest continually active association of its kind in California. Tom is a partner with the law firm of Fullerton Lemann Schaefer & Dominick, where he specializes in estate trust administration and litigation.

BILL GETTY (BBA, JD ’91) is the managing partner of Wilson Getty LLP, a civil litigation law firm in San Diego, where he has practiced law since graduating from the USD School of Law in 1991. Bill and his wife, Laurie, have five children and live in Del Mar, Calif.

DOUG KROLL (MA) recently published his third book, *A Coast Guardsman’s History of the Coast Guard*, through the U.S. Naval Institute Press. Doug is an associate professor of history at the College of the Desert in Palm Desert, Calif.

JENNIFER (PAINE) McKAY (BA) is an organizational development expert and has been helping companies grow, expand and transition for nearly 20 years. She also teaches fitness classes, spends as much time as possible outdoors, and, above all else, loves being a mom. Jennifer lives in Tucson, Ariz.

BARBARA (ELLIOTT) SANDERS (BA, Med ’88) retired after 25 years of teaching, mentoring and coaching in San Diego’s South Bay Union School District. Her plans include traveling and starting her own party-planning business, along with running for school board. “Right now, I’m enjoying the precious gift of time,” Barbara writes.

ROBERTO SANTILLAN (MA) is a behavior support specialist and assistant football coach at Seligman High School in Seligman, Ariz.



[alchemist]

QUALITY OVER QUANTITY

Success tastes good for craft beer purveyor Peter Zien

by Mike Sauer

For the better part of two and a half centuries, a cornerstone of American life has been a fervent belief in the value of good old-fashioned hard work; the kind of roll-up-your-sleeves, nose-to-the-grindstone labor that our forefathers championed, and that, to this day, undergirds our nation’s prominence and prosperity.

Peter Zien wants nothing to do with that blue-collar credo. At least that’s what he’d like you to believe.

“I knew early on that I didn’t want to go through the motions of working a 9-to-5 job that was all about making money and not about happiness. I just didn’t want to work that hard,” he says. “I wanted to play.”

That was then, this is now. These days, Zien is all about racking up long hours if that’s what it takes to fine-tune his skill set as one of the country’s premier craft beer brew masters. And if the success of his award winning, San Diego-based AleSmith Brewing Company is any indication, the truth is that he has a work ethic that won’t quit.

“I know it sounds like a cliché, but when you love what you do, it really doesn’t feel like work,” he offers, then adds with a laugh, “I never knew hard work could be so much fun.”

And so wonderfully tasty, for that matter. A self-described hobbyist by nature, Zien’s love of a great-tasting ale blossomed during his teenage years in the late 1970s. While his peers were collecting Farah Fawcett posters and Kiss albums, Zien was amassing an impressive bottle display featuring beers from across the globe.

“When I was 16 years old, I had a 300-bottle beer collection,” he recalls. “My dad took us to Europe a lot around that time, and one of the best parts about it was that I got a good taste of what really good beer tastes like,” he chuckles.

What’s no laughing matter to Zien is the exacting process by which he and his staff create some of the best-tasting beers to be found in San Diego, or, for that matter, anywhere else.

A recent visit to his Kearny Mesa, Calif., brewery revealed two facts very quickly: Zien is hands-on in every facet of the brewing process for each of the 15 types of year-round, seasonal and barrel-aged craft beers AleSmith produces (he even samples every batch of coffee that’s brewed specifically for his critically acclaimed Speedway Stout); and that he’ll never, ever cut corners in producing his product. The latter is something that can’t be said for many big-name beer distributors.

“We’re artists here, and we view the brewing of beer as the perfect blend of art and science,” Zien explains. “Unlike the big distributors, beer gets first-class treatment, always. There’s not going to be a pool party when you open my beer. Frogs won’t talk. What I will tell you is that everything we produce is top of the line, and you get what you pay for.”

This adherence to quality over quantity has helped raise AleSmith to lofty heights in the microbrewery market. In 2008, they earned the prestigious Small Brewery of the Year award at the Great American Beer Festival, which is the equivalent of the brewing industry’s Academy

Awards. Zien takes great pride in such an impressive achievement, but kudos are nothing new: he’s racked up more than 400 medals and honors since he began brewing in 1995.

“It’s a really collaborative effort here,” he says, quick to direct praise towards his hard-working staff. “When you drink one of our bottles, at least five of our seven employees have to touch it before it goes off the line. They’re all home brewers, and bring their own unique talents to creating some of the best beers on the market.”

Zien is also one of only 13 accredited Grand Master Level One Beer Judges in the world; a remarkable accomplishment for a guy who, after graduating from USD’s School of Law in 1995, really had no idea where life would lead.

“Yeah, I know it sounds kind of funny, but after I earned my JD from USD, the one thing I was sure of was that I didn’t want to end up in a courtroom,” he admits. “I really loved my time at USD, but I also know I’m not the first person who graduated from a law program and realized that they didn’t really want to practice law.”

The legal profession’s loss became the beer connoisseur’s gain, and judging by AleSmith’s impressive growth over the last few years, it appears Zien and his beer-brewing compatriots won’t be slowing down anytime soon.

“We have 50 distributors waiting their turn to get our beers. There’s no way we can fill all of our orders,” he says before offering a glass of the caramel-flavored fan favorite Anvil ESB Ale. “It’s certainly a great position to be in, and one we’ve worked hard to get to.” 🍺

KENNETH WINANS (BBA) has been selected to write a quarterly column online at Forbes.com.

[1986] 🎓 **THERESA DE LA TORRE (BA)** is in her 12th year with Agriculture Research Service, where she runs an entomology and agriculture research lab. Theresa also teaches CPR for health care providers, along with animal first-aid and CPR classes. “Involved with lots of exciting science!” she says.

TOM HILLEBRECHT (BA) joined Torrey Pines Bank as vice president and works out of the bank’s Carmel Valley, Calif., office.

[1988] **KATE DIESFELD (JD)** joined the Te Piringa Faculty of Law at the University of Waikato in New Zealand as an associate professor of social justice.

[1989] **KEVIN CARLIN (BA)** is now a specialty sales executive at Humana, where he is in charge of sales for Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego counties. “So happy to have San Diego in my territory again!” he reports.

ROSEMARY (MATEY) COATES (MBA) is a managing director at The AKA Group, where she consults with global businesses in the areas of global supply chain and manufacturing in China. Rosemary also serves as an expert witness and litigation support for supply chain process and software.

LANCE PELKY (BBA) manages the financial services firm Lance Pelky & Associates in La Jolla, Calif. While a student at USD, Lance was president of the university’s student chapter of the American Marketing Association. “We raised a ton of money that year and attended the national conference in New Orleans,” he says.

1990s

[1990] **TOM DAVIS (BA)** has, after 20 years of flying for the Navy, turned in his wings and retired from active duty. He’s looking forward to the next chapter of his professional life as a defense analyst, where he’ll develop and buy the next generation of military hardware. “One perk of my

job is that I have a nice view of USD from my office,” Tom writes.

JEFF HARMEYER (JD) heads Harmeyer Law Group, APC, a San Diego-based firm that focuses on the areas of business litigation, real estate transactions, product liability, insurance coverage and bad faith, commercial litigation, construction contract disputes, personal injury, premises liability, and landlord/tenant and appellate matters.

[1991] 🎓 **KATHLEEN (LARSON) BORGESON (BA)** and her husband, Erik, live in Linda Vista, Calif., with their two daughters, Emily and Ally. Kathleen works part time for Silverado Hospice in San Diego.

BRAD WEINREB (JD) was named one of California’s Top 100 Attorneys in 2010 by the *Daily Journal*, the state’s largest legal news provider. Additionally in 2010, Brad was honored by the *San Diego Daily Transcript* as one of the Top 10 criminal lawyers in San Diego. Brad is a veteran state prosecutor and is currently a deputy attorney general in the San Diego office of the California Department of Justice.

[1992] **PETER “CHRIS” HOVE (MBA)** was promoted to executive vice president and senior lending officer in charge of management and commercial banking functions at the Nebraska Bank of Commerce in Lincoln, Neb.

KAREN (REUTER) RICE (BSN, MSN ’94, DNP ’06) was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Critical Care Medicine in January 2011 at an awards presentation in San Diego. Karen is an assistant professor in the Duke University School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics.

ERIKA (BRUEGGER) SANCHEZ (BA) joined the Vista, Calif., office of Coldwell Banker, a residential real estate company.

MIKE WILLIAMS (BA) and his wife, Kara (Brady) Williams ’94, are busy raising two boys in Carlsbad, Calif. Mike is a Realtor partner with Keller Williams Realty and Kara is a tennis instructor.

[1993] **PATTY (O’CONNOR) LAURITZEN**

(BA) lives in Moss Landing, Calif., with her husband, Dean, and daughters Lilly, 2, and Kathryn, 1. She works in advertising, but also enjoys writing fiction and showing her photography on the side.

[1994] **MOLLY MCGLENNEN (BA)** had her first collection of poetry, *Fried Fish and Flour Biscuits*, published in November 2010. Her poems call upon personal memories and ancestral antecedents of Molly’s Anishinaabe heritage as they render the continuance and celebration of the complex realities of Native American life in the 21st century. After graduating from USD in ’94, Molly went on to earn a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from Mills College (’98) and her PhD in Native American Studies from UC Davis (’05). Now an assistant professor of English and Native American Studies at Vassar College, Molly, her husband and daughter live in New York, but miss California very much.

[1995] **DONALD DE ANGELO (MA)** was honored with an induction into the San Diego Hall of Champions as a “Legend of Coaching” in November 2010. Donald has been a highly successful coach for the swimming and diving teams at Cathedral Catholic High School (formerly University of San Diego High School) since 1996.

KEITH RANDAHAN (MBA) recently joined Baker Electric Solar as operations manager. He heads up the solar company’s project and field operations management; his duties include scheduling, forecasting and the daily management of the design build of single and multifamily residential and commercial grid-tied photovoltaic solar systems. “I am proud and excited to be affiliated with a top-tier local solar firm that’s here to stay — one that’s the product of four generations of electrical contracting experience,” Keith reports.

[1996] 🎓 **KATY (PALMEN) GRYBOSKI (BA)** is thrilled to announce the arrival of her third child, Evelyn Grace, on Dec. 30, 2010. Evelyn joins big brothers Sam, 4, and Owen, 2. Katy is in the second year of a leave of absence from teaching middle school math, but will return to the classroom in the fall of 2011 while her husband, Dan, a high school

math teacher, takes over domestic duties. The family resides in Broomfield, Colo.

MARY (STETTER) HOLDEN (BA) is back teaching high school English in San Diego’s Sweetwater Union High School District after taking some time off for the birth of her daughter, Diana, on Sept. 3, 2008.

DAVID MULLINS (BA) is proud to report that his first book, *Greetings from Below*, was published in January 2011. A graduate of the prestigious Iowa Writer’s Workshop and winner of the Mary McCarthy Prize in Short Fiction, David is an assistant professor of creative writing at Creighton University.

JILL (HASTINGS) SCHULMAN (BA) is senior sales manager for Abbott Laboratories in San Clemente, Calif.

MIKE TANGHE (BA) packed up his family and moved back to San Diego from Minnesota to open a commercial insurance agency. While driving his car along the 1,500-mile trek from Minneapolis-St. Paul to America’s Finest City, “frugal” Mike was graciously hosted by USD alumni Herman Chaves ’96, Craig Weitman ’98 and his wife, Treslynn (Gomez) Weitman ’96.

[1997] **DANIEL COBIAN (BA)** is in Washington, D.C., on a one-year fellowship with the RAND Corporation, a nonprofit institution that helps improve policy and decision-making through research and analysis.

CURT HARRINGTON (JD) was reappointed chair of the California State Bar Board of Legal Specialization’s Taxation Law Advisory Commission. Curt is a patent and tax law partner with the Long Beach, Calif., law firm, Harrington & Harrington.

DAVIN HECKMAN (BA) is an associate professor and chair of the Department of English at Sienna Heights University in Adrian, Mich. An author and award-winning educator, Davin is the supervising editor of the *Electronic Literature Directory*, a resource for readers and writers of digital literature.

MARIA PARLADE (BA, JD ’02) founded the Christian law firm, Parlade Law, LLC, in Las Vegas, and focuses her energies on her passion

for child advocacy. As a truancy diversion judge, Maria seeks to encourage, motivate and empower her students. As a pro tem hearing master, she focuses on each child’s provision of a permanent, safe and nurturing home. As a pro tem dependency mother’s drug court master, Maria encourages mothers to overcome addiction and strengthen the bonds with their children. “I thank Jesus Christ every day for the opportunity to serve Him through serving others,” she writes.

JUSTIN WASSERMAN (BA) and his wife, Liz, are pleased to announce the arrival of their first child, daughter Harper June, who was born on July 21, 2010. The Wasserman clan also relocated to Denver in November 2010.

[1998] **EMALYN LEPPARD (Med)** was named San Diego Unified School District’s 2010-2011 Middle School Teacher of the Year. Emalyn has taught for 13 years, with six of those as a special-education teacher at Montgomery Middle School in Linda Vista, Calif. (See story on page 36.)

LISA (DAHLQUIST) STEPHENS (MSN) retired from the Navy in 2005 and currently works as a family nurse practitioner at the naval hospital in Bremerton, Wash.

[1999] **MARINA GONZALEZ (BA)** returned to San Diego, where she is a faculty assistant in the School of Law at USD. Previously, Marina lived on the island of Guam, where her two children were born. “Enjoying my life as much as possible,” she reports.

KEVIN MCPHEE (JD, MBA ’00) and his wife, Seda (Evis) McPhee ’00, are happily married and enjoying life with their son, Kaya, and daughter, Alara.

JUSTINE PHILLIPS (BA, JD ’05) is an associate with the law firm of Baker & McKenzie. Based in San Diego, Justine is a member of the firm’s Dispute Resolution Practice Group, and she concentrates her practice on complex business litigation.

LOUIS WRIGHT (BA) spent seven years in the Army, completing two tours of combat in Iraq. He has since joined the U.S. Secret Service as a special agent in the Los Angeles field office.

2000s

[2000] **KATHRYN (TANNER) GRAMMATICO (BBA)** and her husband, Joseph, plan to celebrate their three-year anniversary on July 12, 2011. They relocated to San Ramon, Calif., and welcomed their first child in October 2010.

VALERIE M. KENNEDY (BA, MA ’07)) gave birth to her first child, Alexander Xavier, on Aug. 13, 2010. Valerie has worked in USD’s Office of Undergraduate Admissions as a counselor since since 2000. “My husband, Brian is in his final year of law school here at USD,” she reports. “Too bad I can’t submit a photo — Alex looks great in Torero Blue!”

MARTHA MEDINA (BA) joined 21st Century HealthCare, where she is in charge of all quality in the production of vitamins, dietary supplements and pet supplements. In January 2011, Martha ran a marathon in honor of Phoenix Children’s Hospital and her new friend, Denise, who is a patient there. Martha also teaches kickboxing and expected to complete her MBA from Arizona State University in May 2011.

FABIANA SALIM (BBA) returned to San Diego after a 10-year stay in Brazil, where she worked in business development, marketing, sales and event management. “Looking for a job in SD!” she writes.

KAYTIE (LEE) WURSTER (BA) lives and works in London, and travels as much as her schedule allows.

[2001] 🎓 **TYLER ANDERSON (BBA)** and his wife, Stephanie, are enjoying life with their son, Will, 1. Since graduating from USD, Tyler has built a strong reputation in advertising and marketing; his most recent endeavor being the founding of Casual Fridays Inc., a digital and social media marketing agency.

ERIN (FLEMING) BLOCK (BBA) and her husband, Steven, purchased a home in Oceanside, Calif., where they live with their son, Logan Michael, and their two beagles. Erin is a research analyst with the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) in Carlsbad, Calif.

SHARON MCGUIRE (PhD) was inducted as a fellow into the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners in June 2010.

MARSHALL WINTERS (BA) completed an MBA and is a business consultant for companies and organizations that operate in the high-end retail and luxury sectors.

[2002] **JUSTIN ALMEIDA (BA)** and his wife joined the Peace Corps in 2007, serving as volunteers in Romania. Justin now works as a resource developer for the Ethiopian Community Development Council’s (ECDC) African Community Center in Las Vegas.

AMANDINE AZENCOTT (MBA) launched her own skin care company, Codage, in Paris, France. Attempting to “revolutionize the world of beauty,” Codage offers made-to-measure beauty products according to each client’s skin-specific needs. “Loved my experience at USD,” Amandine writes. “My years there were really enriching.”

BARBARA DENNY (LLM) was re-elected as councilwoman for the city of Coronado, Calif., on Nov. 2, 2010. Barbara continues to champion issues such as land use and water law, and takes great pride in reserving a spot on her staff each semester for a student in USD Law School’s Land Use Clinic “so they can gain real-world experience before graduation,” she writes. Barbara also cites her time at USD as a critical component to her tenure in city government. “The education I earned at USD is an integral part of my success as the peoples’ representative of Coronado,” she writes.

KODY DIAZ (JD) completed his fifth year as product liability counsel for Toyota Material Handling U.S.A. Inc. He manages the defense of all product liability litigation, and assists all internal departments with product-related legal issues.

ROGER PEREZ (BA) received a doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Texas Medical Center at Dallas in 2008 and completed a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in pediatric neuropsychology at Advanced Neurobehavioral Health (ANH) of Southern California in 2010. Roger now practices at ANH, provid-

ing neuropsychological evaluations to children and adolescents, and he is also director of the ANH Concussion Clinic. He and his wife, Deirdre, live in Mission Viejo, Calif., and love to travel frequently.

MARISSA (POST) SCHUBERT (BA) married Eric Schubert in April 2010 in Colorado, where the couple lives. Marissa (Finn) Evans ’02 served as the matron of honor. Eric works in public relation for the NFL’s Denver Broncos.

TIFFANY (GRIDLEY) TRAVER (BBA) and her husband, Josh, celebrated the birth of their first baby girl, Reese Makenzie, on Dec. 9, 2010. The couple bought their first home in the Porter Ranch neighborhood of Los Angeles in April of 2009.

[2003] **CHRYSLIS AMOUR (BA)** reached her longtime goal of becoming a self-employed entrepreneur last November when she opened the doors to be*Mused, a boutique gift store in Portland, Ore., specializing in locally crafted art, jewelry and clothing. “Lots of change in a short period of time!” she says.

JESSICA BECK (BA) published her first article in the September 2010 edition of *Theatre, Dance and Performance Training*, a twice-yearly academic journal for theater practitioners, academics and creative artists. Jessica is completing a PhD in performance practice at the University of Exeter in England.

JOHN DZIDA (BA) earned both a master’s degree in business administration and a master’s degree in Asia and Pacific studies from the University of San Francisco in May 2010. John is a credit analyst/commercial underwriter at Mechanics Bank in the Bay Area.

CAITLIN (CURRAN) KAVANAGH (BA, MA ’04) married the love of her life, Niall, on July 10, 2010. Caitlin’s sisters Caroline Curran ’08, Colleen Curran and Claire Curran were her maids of honor.

JEFF MCATEE (MS) was named communications director for the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Office of Criminal Enforcement. Prior to working with the EPA, Jeff served in the U.S. Navy and managed



LUIS GARCIA

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PEACE IS NOT ENOUGH

Lee Sorensen takes a pragmatic approach to changing the world

by Melissa Wagoner

In a sea of female faces, some stand out more than others. Their intensity is coupled with a certain calm; an unmistakable strength that comes from battles fought and won. Their bond to one another is undeniable: These women come together each year to celebrate their successes and to strategize solutions to the challenges that lay ahead.

Even though most attendees of the International Women's Day Breakfast are female, there are a few men sprinkled about the gathering. Most are there to

show their support for those fighting the good fight, but at least one is doing a whole lot more than just talking about solidarity. Lee Sorensen — who earned his master's in Peace and Justice Studies in 2007 — is changing the world.

"International Women's Day is an opportunity to celebrate and recognize what women have accomplished to achieve peace. It's a critically important day, and a reminder that there's still work to do in furthering the rights of women," says Sorensen. "Women

are such powerful agents of social change."

A line of people forms to say hello, hoping to talk to Sorensen about what he's been up to in Sierra Leone. It's exciting stuff: He's been working with and helping fund the African First Ladies Fellowship Program, which brings together some of the most powerful female figures in Africa to foster relationships, communication and understanding so that they in turn can help lead their countries toward peace.

When asked why he picked

this particular program upon which to focus his resources and time, Sorensen thinks for a moment, his dark eyes flashing as he searches for the right words. "Putting the power in the hands of the country and its first ladies is key for the success," he says. He takes great care to explain how minimal his role is, even though he's clearly the catalyst for change.

Case in point: At a recent meeting in Washington D.C., the first ladies made it clear that their primary need was capacity-

building. Never one to miss an opportunity to roll up his sleeves and immerse himself in the process of peacebuilding, Sorensen wound up in Sierra Leone with the country's first lady, Sia Koroma.

"President and first lady Koroma have an agenda for change. I'm impressed with the way they've approached rebuilding the fabric in their country," he says. "She's a leader by example, and is evidence of the power of an effective leader who doesn't have the same authority as the president. She can be the mother of the country."

As accomplished as Sorensen has become in the peace community, he's relatively new to the scene. A businessman by training, he owned and operated a chain of geriatric health care facilities in California. Around 2005, he couldn't shake the feeling that something was missing, and he embarked on a journey that would refocus his interest in health care into a career serving the needs of the less fortunate. "I thought I wanted to go to law school and focus on health care policy," he says. "But in my research, I learned of the Kroc School. It was a perfect alignment of my interests and goals."

So he sold his business and applied to the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies (KSPS), in order to study the connection between human security and health care.

"The only way to sincerely promote peace and well being is to think in terms of human security," Sorensen explains. "When populations experience food insecurity, poverty and poor access to education, health insecurity and threats of aggression or oppression, violent conflict is imminent. Peace is not enough. Engaged non-violence is bigger than peaceful protest alone. It takes form through the multiple development actions of many promoting positive peace."

During his time at KSPS he traveled to Tanzania, Ghana and the Democratic Republic of Congo. He quickly saw the need for mobile medical clinics that would address remote health care needs, primarily for expectant mothers. Infant mortality is extremely high in Africa, largely due to the poor condition of clinics, coupled with the tendency for high-risk pregnancies to go undiagnosed and untreated.

Mobile clinics provide a clean and safe alternative for women and their babies, as well as a higher level of care. Sorensen wanted to share the life-changing experience he'd had with his classmates, so he sponsored his cohort and brought them to Tanzania to live and study for a month in a Congolese refugee camp.

At the time, KSPS did not have a mandate to travel abroad during the graduate program, but Sorensen knew that being on the ground would help bring the classroom theories he and his classmates were learning to life. "It galvanized what we were learning in theory, and it really bonded the cohort," he says.

Sorensen continues his work in Africa while also staying involved with peace and justice issues in San Diego. He serves on the advisory board of the KSPS and contributes to the local nonprofit Foundation for Women. The owner of seven Sylvan Learning Centers throughout Southern California, Sorensen is well recognized across campus as a major supporter of USD initiatives and students.

"All of our students are unique, but Lee represents an unusual combination of qualities — he came to our program after having a successful career in private business," Dean William Headley says. "Now he blends his business-savvy with his training in peacebuilding. It's a powerful mix." 📞

public affairs aspects of the Naples Public Health Evaluation in Italy. Jeff, his wife, Joanna, and their three daughters make their home in Alexandria, Va.

MOLLY (KING) OATES (BA) and her husband, Jordan '03, enjoy life in Denver with daughters Avery Kathleen, 3, and Finley McNamee, 1. Molly is a stay-at-home mom and Jordan is an attorney.

NATHALIA OSORIO (BA) joined international law firm Proskauer Rose LLP, recognized as one of the premier finance practices in the country. Nathalia is a member of the firm's Junior Capital Group, and lives with her husband, Jeffrey, in Boston.

MEGAN PAGLIUCA (BA) is the vice president of display media for integrated marketing agency Merkle. "Throughout my career, I have worked in the new frontier of digital advertising, and it's with my passion for this field that I look forward to working at Merkle," Megan reports.

LILIANA (AVILA) RURUP (MBA) married Lee Rurup on Oct. 22, 2010, at Cuvier Park in La Jolla, Calif. Torero alumni in attendance included: Pilar (Holley) Ivanov '98, Val Ivanov '97, Laurie Coleman '04, Helena (Wallentin) Lindstrom '94, Lorena (Aguayo) Fisher and Lynn Hajar '98.

NICOLE SCHWARZ (BA, JD '06) resides in San Francisco, where she is an associate with Cooley, LLP.

JENNIFER (NEILL) WHALEN (BA) is the owner and operator of True North Adventures, a business that facilitates women's outdoor adventure programs and yoga retreats. Jennifer and her husband, Adam, a helicopter pilot in the U.S. Coast Guard, live in Astoria, Ore. "We're loving the Pacific Northwest and all of the outdoor playgrounds up here," she reports.

[2004] RYAN CASTANOS (BBA) is working for the Saint Anthony Foundation, a San Francisco-based nonprofit organization dedicated to providing resources and support for homeless, marginally housed and low-income residents. His professional responsibilities center on providing computer education and job readiness to those in need of training. "My job puts me

in daily contact with a lot of great people who are very, very real and that helps to keep me grounded in reality," he says.

LISA (GANTZ) FARNAN (BA) married Jason Farnan on June 5, 2010 at the Mission Basilica San Juan Capistrano, Calif. The couple recently purchased their first home in Encinitas, Calif., and enjoy living in the San Diego area. Lisa and Jason met through Lisa's Alpha Delta Pi sorority sister Erin Laverty '05, who was a bridesmaid along with Deana Riggio '05 and Rachel Romani '05. Other USD alumni in attendance included: Sheetal (Doshi) Agarwal '04, Elizabeth Jordan '05, Ashely (Jones) Kaade '05, Craig Smith '04 and Heather Vento '05. Lisa currently works at UCSD Extension and manages their Nonprofit Leadership and Fundraising certificate programs.

JENNIFER HIGA (BA) and long-time boyfriend Haydn Mitchell welcomed their baby girl Keira Anela Elizabeth Kathleen Mitchell on Feb. 24, 2011. Her godmothers are USD grads Claire Sharp '04 and Jayvee Pendon '04. "We are all doing well and enjoying the family time," Jennifer reports.

JOSEPH MCKELLAR (BA) moved to New York City to become executive director of Queens Congregations United for Action (QCUA), a nonprofit organization that seeks to galvanize communities through the promotion of justice and human rights. Previously, Joseph was a community organizer with the San Diego Organizing Project.


GEOFF STIRLING (BA) is a self-described "gnarly California dude." The actor/former reality TV star has appeared in myriad big-screen and TV productions, and continues to seek the perfect role that will become a character larger than life, and one where he can "throw caution to the winds," he muses. When not working on the screen or stage, Geoff enjoys surfing, snowboarding and honing his ninja skills.

[2005] JOSHUA BESER (JD) is assistant general counsel for Swiss-based pharmaceutical corporation Lonza. Previously, Joshua served as an associate at the law firms Bingham McCutchen LLP and Heller Ehrman LLP.

JESSICA (JEBERJAHN) JONES (BA) married Brandon Jones on July 10, 2010, in San Luis Obispo, Calif. The couple resides in Troy, Mich., where Jessica teaches middle school special education.

ROBERT OSAK (BA) is an AmeriCorps member, promoting volunteerism in communities in and around California’s Central Valley. Robert lives in Visalia, Calif., and is looking to connect with USD alumni in the Central Valley area “to network, and possibly partner for events,” he writes.

TAMMY (WOODARD) STREETER (BAcc) is vice president at the Bank of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City. Happily married since 2004 to husband and fellow Torero alum, Kale Streeter ’05, Tammy is thankful for “an incredible husband, a wonderful career, great health ... so many blessings!”

[2006]  **ALLISON (WOJCIK) L’HEUREUX (BA)** and her husband, Eric, welcomed son Benjamin Steven to the family on May 24, 2010.

VICTOR SALCIDO (BA) earned a JD from the University of Arizona in 2009, and, in the process, met the love of his life, Megan. The two were married on Sept. 4, 2010, and live in Nevada.

NICOLE SOLAS (BA) is enrolled at Roger Williams Law School in Bristol, R.I. She is scheduled to graduate in the spring of 2013.

[2007] **CRYSTAL CATALAN (BA)** left behind a career in the business world to become a missionary with Cabrini Mission Corps. Crystal works with the Save Our School Children Foundation Inc. in Baguio City on the island of Luzon in the Philippines, where she teaches in a youth program and also spends time working in prison ministry. Prior to her placement in the Philippines, Crystal was a teacher and campus minister at Mother Cabrini High School in New York City.

ANDREW McMILLIN (BA) married Raelene (Harper) McMillin ’07 at Founders Chapel on June 26, 2010. Andrew works in the Department of Admissions at the School of Theology and Ministry at Boston College, and Raelene works in the Office of Financial Aid and Student Services at

Emmanuel College. The couple resides in Boston.

ERIC SANCHEZ (BBA) worked part time at Wells Fargo Advisors in La Jolla, Calif., as an assistant financial adviser for two years after graduation. He then packed his bags and headed to London, where he is a client group analyst within the Investment Banking Division of Deutsche Bank.

ANNIE TOTH (BA) is a program coordinator for the San Diego campus of the Center for Creative Leadership (CCL). Her duties include working with CCL faculty to coordinate and deliver leadership training to corporate and nonprofit executives from around the world. Annie is also pursuing a master’s degree in strategic public relations from George Washington University.

[2008] **MATTHEW BOWERSOX (BBA)** is chief operating officer of Good Life Home Care, a Monterey, Calif.-based home health care agency that helps transition rehabilitation patients to life back at home. Matthew credits the business’ success to a skilled work force and “wearing a lot of different hats,” he says.

MONICA PEARCE (MA) is working toward earning her license as a marriage and family therapist.

MITCHELL RYAN (BBA) played football for the Toreros from 2004 to 2008, and earned First-Team All Conference honors in 2008. After trying to continue his football career for a few years, Mitchell decided to leave life on the gridiron behind and focus on finding a new career path.

NICK YORCHAK (BA) started his own digital marketing agency, Big Footprint Digital, in Denver. “Life is really busy right now,” he writes.

[2009] **ERICA MOORE (BA)** migrated from one palm-treed paradise to another, as she is living in the Marshall Islands and teaching elementary school English through the nonprofit organization WorldTeach. She is especially excited to report that her fifth- and sixth-grade students are participating in a pen pal exchange with students from a San Diego Catholic elementary school

where she tutored while studying at USD. “Hopefully my work here will be successful enough that some of my students will have the opportunity to attend college ... maybe even at my alma mater!” Erica writes.

MELANIE ORMOS (BA) spent seven months living and working in Montreux, Switzerland, after her graduation from USD. Upon returning to the United States, she acquired her YA yoga instructing license in Portland, Ore., and worked in Los Angeles for CB Richard Ellis Investors. Melanie is now in the process of moving to Washington, D.C., to pursue a position in communications and editing.

PETER PRENTISS (BA) is based on the Big Island of Hawaii and working for biofuel company Cellana.

[2010] **MEGAN ANDERSON (BA)** was inducted into the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) in November 2010. As a corps member, Megan is responsible for completing a series of six- to eight-week service projects that emphasize teamwork, leadership development and service learning. She says of her reason for joining the NCCC, “If not me, then whom? If not now, then when?”

FRANK FERNANDEZ (BA) is a graduate student in Stanford University’s School of Education, where he is pursuing a master’s degree in policy, organization and leadership studies with an emphasis on higher education.

JADE GOMEZ (BBA) is living, working and studying in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Jade is earning a master’s degree in business administration for international business.

In Memoriam

MICHAEL BAILEY ’86 (MBA) died of natural causes at his parents’ home in Watsonville, Calif., on Jan. 22, 2011. A retired naval officer, Michael loved all things outdoors: skiing, hunting, fishing, gardening (except for the gophers), flying and scuba. Michael was a man of many talents, and his generosity of spirit will not soon be forgotten by the many he touched.

RAYMOND GREGORY SAATJIAN ’71 (JD) passed away on Jan. 13, 2011 at the age of 67.

SCOTT GAVIN ’63 (BA) passed away at the age of 69. A loving partner, devoted father and doting grandfather, Scott was a dedicated doctor and friend to all. A native of San Diego, he attended St. Augustine High School and the University of San Diego. He was also the first USD graduate to be accepted into medical school, attending Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisc. Respected for his wisdom and adored for his compassion, Scott will be dearly missed.

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