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USD super slugger **KRIS BRYANT** is ready  
to take his game to the next level



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# GET CONNECTED

## Alumni Board president issues challenge to be involved



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**Dear Fellow Alumni,**

As the grandson of Ernest W. Hahn, a USD trustee emeritus, my connection to the University of San Diego started before I was a student here. During my days at Alcalá Park, I was active in my fraternity, Sigma Chi. I formed deep friendships and I learned skills and lessons that are vital to the work I do. I have no shortage of fond memories of those years.

But after I graduated, I turned my attention toward building my career and my family. I didn't give much thought to USD and I didn't step foot on campus for 20 years. I was one of you, one of the many of you who graduated from USD, went on your way and didn't look back.

Let's look at just a few of the numbers and you can do the math. As a group, USD alumni are 60,000 strong. Of those, about 16 percent are connected on Facebook, just over 4 percent attended last year's Homecoming and Family Weekend, about 1.2 percent were active volunteers and about 13 percent made financial contributions to the university.

So as you can see, that means most of us aren't involved. We're not connected. We're not joiners. We're not donors. We're not even friends with USD on Facebook.

And I was just like you. But that all changed.

I joined the Alumni Association Board of Directors in 2006, looking for ways to network and hoping to find out more about the admissions process for my daughters, who weren't too far off from high school graduation. The following year, I was chair of the finance committee and, when the board started talking about its annual goals, I suggested we commit to raising \$1 million for Alumni Endowed Scholarships. It seemed like a lofty goal. But I like to think big. And I knew we could do it. From that idea the Wine Classic was established and, in 2012, we reached our \$1 million goal.

So take it from me when I say that it's never too late. Whether you graduated two years ago or two decades ago, it's not too late to come back. It's not too late to make a difference.

There are countless ways to be involved with our alma mater. You can Take a Torero to Lunch. You can network with other alumni at one of our many campus events or regional gatherings across the country and around the world. You can cheer on the Toreros at a football game in Torero Stadium, at a basketball or volleyball game in the Jenny Craig Pavilion or a baseball game at USD's new Fowler Park. And yes, you can make a financial contribution.

So, let's give ourselves another challenge. I was just like you. Now I'm challenging you to be like me — and all those other alumni in our earlier math equation. Be involved. Get connected. Be a joiner. Be a donor. And, yes, "like" the USD Alumni Association page on Facebook.

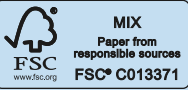
Why should you take action? Because more alumni supporting USD will actually increase the value of our degrees, not to mention helping all those Toreros who follow us.

— Mark Hoekstra '86  
Alumni Association Board President  
Proud parent of a USD alumna

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As the University of San Diego celebrates Mary Lyons' first 10 years at the helm, the campus remembers milestones that have changed the landscape, launched new academic endeavors, highlighted academic and athletic achievements, and made Alcalá Park known worldwide as the place where Catholic traditions are alive and Changemakers thrive.

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The 2013 season was a truly memorable one for USD baseball. At year's end, eight players were drafted or signed by major league baseball organizations. In honor of their accomplishments, *USD Magazine* created commemorative baseball cards celebrating the eight draftees' individual success, as well as the team's impressive run to the WCC title.

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## CONNECTION AND COMMUNITY

## The merging of academics and residential life creates a powerful freshman experience

*by Trisha J. Ratledge*

With cerulean blue skies and sea temperatures near 70 degrees, conditions were downright balmy compared to Maddie Kasik's home in Northern California, but what was more important to her was that the water was clear. She wanted to monitor the sharks milling about just below, counting on their interest staying with the invertebrates on the ocean floor, rather than the college students casting shadows from above.

No worries there. The leopard sharks that congregate seasonally to spawn at La Jolla Shores have

no interest in humans. For Kasik, swimming among them marked her introduction to life in her Honors Living Learning Community (LLC).

"My friends convinced me to go swimming and I thought I was out of my mind, but it was actually really fun," says the San Jose native who is serving as an Honors LLC resident assistant (RA) her sophomore year.

At the University of San Diego, life in a living learning community blends academics and residential life throughout a student's freshman year. For Kasik, it helped build

connections and confidence in her new home. "I was the only one from my high school who went to USD so I felt like a fish out of water," she says. "My LLC provided a community within the freshman class that was smaller, and that foundational support helped me find my groupings in college life."

The 2013-14 academic year marks the first year that 100 percent of freshmen will participate in a living learning community at USD. The nine communities are part of an umbrella experience for first-year students, weaving scholarship into everyday life

under common themes, including: change; faith and reason; globalization; honors; intersection; natural world; social justice; space, place and sound; and sustainability. Students live among and attend classes with their fellow LLC residents, including a preceptorial — a small core-curriculum course taught by a faculty member who also serves as a mentor. They discover that the intellectual conversation thrives between disciplines and beyond the classroom.



"These living learning communities are a microcosm," says Noelle Norton, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, who with Margaret Leary, associate dean of students, led the LLC taskforce that launched the program in 2010 with three pilot communities. "They enhance the liberal arts because they help students think about a question with depth from all different disciplines."

## BY THE NUMBERS

## Facts and Figures About the Freshmen

The University of San Diego is proud to welcome its incoming freshman class to Alcalá Park. Here's a glimpse at how the numbers stack up.

**Number of students in the 2013 incoming class:**

1,225  

Number of applicants: **14,692**

**Average GPA: 3.88**

**Average SAT Scores**

**Math and Verbal: 1212**

**Math/Verbal/Writing: 1815**

**Average ACT Score: 27.5**

Percentage of first-generation students: **23%**

Number of students

from San Diego County: 279

Number of students from California: 699

Number of students

from other countries: 59

**Number of countries represented: 30**

Percentage of students of color: 38%

Number of students ranked No. 1

in their high school class: 35

Percentage of students who performed community service: **90%**

Percentage of students who are on scholarship or financial aid: **70%**

Number who were awarded USD's  
highest merit scholarship: **229**

# HAIL TO THE CHIEF

**Alex Hermann '14** had two requirements for a college: a palm tree on campus and proximity to a big city. Check and check. But what convinced Hermann to be the only student from his Baltimore, Md., high school to hit the West Coast was the excitement and enthusiasm in the people he met at USD.

As the 2013-14 president of Associated Students, Hermann is generating that same enthusiasm. With an ambitious set of goals for the year, he and his board hope to empower the student body to speak up, engage in their passions and express their Torero pride as Changemakers throughout the community.

**Goals for this year:** “Our themes for this year include building a culture of Torero pride, exploring and implementing new communication strategies, activating the USD community, engaging and involving the athletic community, empowering the senate, and advancing transparency between AS and the student body.”

**Favorite thing about USD:**  
"The people. Our campus is beautiful and the classes are challenging in all the right ways, but the people are what I look forward to most when returning to campus each September."

**After graduation:** “I plan to attend graduate school for broadcast journalism and pursue a career in the media industry.”





[visionary]

# NO LEARNING CURVE NEEDED

New College of Arts and Sciences dean hits the ground running

**N**oelle Norton, PhD, who joined the University of San Diego faculty in 1994, was named dean of College of Arts and Sciences on July 1. Norton earned her PhD and master's degree in political science at UC Santa Barbara and her bachelor's from UCLA. She's a valued student mentor, professor and former department chair for USD's Political Science and International Relations Department. She was director of USD's Honors Program, co-director for the Living Learning Communities (LLC) program and, most recently, served as the college's associate dean for faculty. She recently took the opportunity to share her vision for the future.

**Q:** Define leadership and how you apply it in your work.

**A:** I believe leadership is about leading by example, being able to articulate your vision and the importance of collaboration with the idea of shared responsibility in mind. In leading by example, I want to work hard, show I'm committed to the college and the organization. I'm honest, open and direct, and I hope others will follow. I want to emphasize the importance of collaboration. Anything I do is not done alone; it's done with the good work and energy of the whole organization.

**Q:** Had you ever thought about the dean's position in your career plans?

**A:** No. I've always enjoyed what I do. When I was just teaching, I loved it. As director of the Honors Program, I loved it. When I left that and went back to being Political Science and International Relations Department chair, I loved it. I didn't see these roles as stepping stones, but when I got to the dean's office I realized I knew the college well enough and thought I could make a contribution to USD.

**Q:** How do your vast USD experiences prepare you for this role?

**A:** Two things: First, I can see the big picture because I have experience working across different divisions. I know the college intimately, but with the Honors Program I worked with both the business school and the engineering program. With the LLCs, I worked extremely closely with Student Affairs. Second, I know just about everybody on campus. USD feels like a small town to me. I grew up in a small town, San Luis Obispo, where it seemed I couldn't go more than a few blocks without seeing someone I knew.

**Q:** How does a USD liberal arts education separate us from other institutions?

**A:** USD provides a phenomenal liberal arts and sciences education to our undergraduates.



Because of our Catholic heritage and belief in the Catholic intellectual tradition, we're well grounded to provide students a place to think, be curious, learn about the complex nature of the world and universe while, at the same time, consider questions of justice, sustainability, interconnection and value of human dignity. We're not only going to train you to think critically, but we're also going to have you do it, experience it.

**Q:** Will you be active with social media as dean?

**A:** I'm going to be a tweeting dean. Follow me at @noellenorton. We'll be updating our website regularly with interesting stories at [www.sandiego.edu/cas](http://www.sandiego.edu/cas).

**Q:** What plans do you have to engage with College of Arts and Sciences alumni?

**A:** I'm already planning trips to Utah, Washington, D.C., and Seattle this fall. I feel that, because I've been here so long, I know so many alumni and I know the university in the same way that the alumni do. They know I'm committed to this campus so I hope that'll bring alumni back to campus. I'm ready, able and interested. I think alumni can expect to see me at every possible opportunity, because I'm willing to toot the college's horn. I think we do great work, we should be recognized for it and I'd hope they'd want to stay connected to all the great things happening right now. 📱

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## A PERFECT PAIRING

USD, Franciscan School of Theology forge seminal partnership

**T**he Franciscan School of Theology was first chartered in 1854 as an apostolic college known as Mission Santa Barbara, and remained a center for theological studies and a seminary until 1968 when it moved to Berkeley, Calif., and became known as the Franciscan School of Theology. Recently, the school entered into an affiliation with USD that will lead to a richer education and new opportunities for students from both institutions.

Officials from USD, along with leaders at the Franciscan School of Theology (FST), met at Alcalá Park in the spring to sign the agreement that will benefit the students, the community and the Catholic Church.

"This new affiliation offers opportunities for special academic and program collaborations that will benefit the faculties, students, and communities of both USD and FST," says Ron Fowler, chair of USD's Board of Trustees.

Graduate students at USD will have access to FST courses that complement their degree pro-

grams, specifically within theological disciplines, and FST students will have access to graduate courses at USD's School of Leadership and Education Sciences and Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies.

"We are excited about bringing together the spiritual, theological and social riches of the Franciscan tradition and USD's excellence in contemporary sciences, nonprofit management, public service, peace work and more," says Father Joseph P. Chinnici, OFM, president and rector of the Franciscan School of Theology.

The partnership will provide opportunities to enhance the capabilities of graduate students to serve in stewardship roles in the Church and other mission-oriented institutions. It will also allow respective faculties and students to collaborate in service, research and other scholarly activities.

"Throughout this long journey towards an agreement, in each person God has revealed the face of goodness, generosity and beauty to us," Father Chinnici says. "For this, I give great thanks." 🙏



**ABOVE: (From left to right): Ron Fowler, chair of the USD Board of Trustees; Mary E. Lyons, president of USD; Father Joseph P. Chinnici, OFM, president and rector of FST; and the Very Rev. John Hardin, OFM, chair of the FST Board of Trustees.**



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## APPRECIATING LIFE

SOLES PhD candidate provides help where it's needed most

By Ryan T. Blystone

**E**very day Dorah Wanyana Dunigan awakens is another opportunity to cherish a priceless gift. It's also instant motivation for her to be at her best in the classroom.

Her impressive academic résumé earned Dorah the chance to join a select list of students from around the world at a leadership and international cooperation program at USD last July.

The opportunity was a blessing for Dorah, who is HIV positive. A blessing is also how she describes both AidChild, a nonprofit organization that provides critical care for children severely stricken by HIV/AIDS and neglected in her home country of Uganda, as well as its founder, Nathaniel Dunigan, one of many Changemakers at USD.

"AidChild cares for orphans with HIV/AIDS who don't have support from extended families," says Dorah, who adopted Nathaniel's name as a sign of respect. "It is a home with real hope, one that holds life precious." Appreciating life motivates

Nathaniel, a Dammeyer Fellow in Global Education Leadership and a PhD Leadership Studies candidate in USD's School of Leadership and Education Sciences (SOLES). He testified before Congress in 2002 about caring for orphans and vulnerable children in Africa.

"There have been many times when there have been difficult struggles, and this is when my colleagues in Uganda and I have to remind ourselves of the future that is to come," he says. "Always being focused on the future empowers us to go through difficult times. I feel we're just now seeing a glimpse of that future we've focused on for so long."

Dorah, 20, aspires to become a doctor so she can help find a cure for HIV/AIDS. She's also developed a business idea to help Ugandan girls from rural areas stay in school.

"There were many girls dropping out of classes, missing school for days at a time" she explains. "This idea can benefit them, letting them know nothing should keep them from getting an education." 🙏



Making a real difference in the lives of others is priority one for the USD Parent Corps community service project volunteers.

[helping hands]

# ENGAGEMENT THROUGH ACTION

USD Parent Corps ready and willing to serve others

by Ryan T. Blystone

Susan Hassett was determined to pull up a stubborn patch of tall, dry weeds in the front yard of Anayeli Zambrano and Raul Medina's home in Barrio Logan. It only took a minute or so, but when she successfully uprooted and cleared it away, she treated it like a small victory. She jumped

up, wiped her brow and expressed genuine happiness while working so hard to help others.

"This is going to be a success, I can already feel it," said Hassett, the mother of two sons, both of whom are University of San Diego alumni. Hassett, a USD Parent Association Board

member, is part of the USD Parent Corps, made up of parents of current students — some of whom are USD alumni themselves. She, along with her husband, John, flew in early from Boston to participate in the hands-on, one-day community service project, just days before

attending their youngest son's commencement ceremony.

Other volunteers included current students Austin Pavin, Shayna Mohammad and Shannon Merrill, and some USD employees, too. Together, they cleaned up the home's front and back yards, spruced up the landscaping and



painted much of the house and surrounding fences.

"This is an extension of the kind of philanthropy that these parents already do," said Renda Quinn, director of USD's Office of Parent Relations and 1986 alumna. "Seeing students out here, too, with their parents, shows me that the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. Our parents have modeled to their children the importance of community service work and helping others."

Hassett brought her idea to the attention of current USD Parent Board co-presidents, Jim and Bonnie Trumbull, who live in Oregon. They liked it and began planning for the big day.

"This is a natural way for us to give back to the community," Jim Trumbull said. "The university is service-centric and we felt this was a good way for us to have a role in doing some community outreach, let the community know that we care about them as much as they enjoy USD being part of the community."

He and the other volunteers enjoyed rolling up their sleeves and getting their hands dirty.

"Normally we sit in a boardroom, talk about the good we're trying to do for others, such as making financial contributions to programs or contributing to student scholarships, but it can be a little sterile," Trumbull said. "Here, we get to really dig in, work and immediately see

the fruits of the labor. This is a deeply satisfying project."

The group was grateful to San Diego resident and parent board member Sonny Thadani, father of USD student Shanelle Thadani, for taking charge of the project locally.

"Sonny has been a bulldog about this project from the start," Trumbull said. "We thank him for all of the work he's put into it."

Thadani was humbled by the praise. He worked closely with the San Diego-based nonprofit Rebuilding Together to choose the house, where Zambrano and Medina have lived for four years, raising three children who range in age from 8 months old to 4 years old.

He also worked with local businesses to secure donations of food, snacks, water and more to support the volunteers.

"At the end of the day, there's a tremendous sense of accomplishment because it's very gratifying to give back to the local community," Thadani said. "This project shows that giving back is not only about money, but also your time, energy and effort. USD parents are coming together to do this and I feel it's a turning point in our thinking. I think this is a project that we can do more often and get others at USD involved."

To join the Parent Corps, email Renda Quinn '86 at [rquinn@sandiego.edu](mailto:rquinn@sandiego.edu) or call (619) 260-4808.

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## BRIDGING THE GAP

Parent Partnership Fund essential to student success

by Mike Sauer

Their stories are powerfully poignant: A single mother of two, victimized by domestic violence, searching for a better life; two sons working night-and-day to help their recently divorced mother make the mortgage payments to save her home; a young woman receiving the devastating news that both her parents had been diagnosed with terminal illnesses.

Such are the tragic life experiences endured by recipients of the Parent Partnership Fund (PPF), an initiative spearheaded by USD Parents Association Board co-presidents Jim and Bonnie Trumbull. Created to support students who are within one year of earning their degree, but are at risk of dropping out due to financial hardships, the PPF provides the invaluable assistance deserving Toreros need to achieve their dream of graduating from USD.

"When you hear these stories, and meet these wonderful students, how do you not do everything in your power to help?" asks Jim, his voice cracking with emotion. "In many cases, these students are just a few classes away

from earning their degree, but life intervenes, and often tragically."

Dedicated parents who share USD's commitment to service, the Trumbulls were quick to join the USD Parents Association Development Committee, where they first learned about the alarming number of students forced to drop out of school just shy of graduation.

"When we first heard the numbers, it completely blew us away," says Bonnie. "The average ask from students in that situation was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$2,700, which when you factor in the overall cost of attending a university, really isn't that much."

Since becoming Parent Board co-presidents in July of 2012, the Trumbulls are extremely proud of how the PPF has grown, and the number of lives it has changed.

"The PPF is a great example of USD's commitment to students," says Jim. "We're just looking to keep the positive momentum going."

To learn more about the Parent Partnership Fund, call the Office of Parent Relations at (619) 260-4808, or email [parents@sandiego.edu](mailto:parents@sandiego.edu).





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## UPWARD TRAJECTORY

Founding dean has grand plans for USD School of Engineering



by Mike Sauer

For as long as he can remember, Chell Roberts, PhD, has been a big fan of numbers. While classmates were scaling jungle gyms and playing dodgeball at recess, a 10-year old Roberts would sequester himself in the library, poring over advanced algebra and calculus books in an attempt to understand all those strange symbols that were, for some unknown reason, so appealing.

"You know, I can't put my finger on why, but I was really interested in math as a kid," he recalls, smiling.

"I'd sit with these advanced mathematics books and pretend I could read them; understand the language they were speaking. I thought it was so cool."

With more than 40 years of experience as an accomplished educator and administrator in the field of engineering, it's clear he still does. What's also clear is that he couldn't be more thrilled about the opportunity to chart the course of USD's Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering as its founding dean.

"The way I see it, this is a

chance to create something tremendously special," he says. "For the past 25 years, the students and faculty here have built an exceptional department, and it's my job to help take that to the next level. To do that, we need to be challenging ourselves to find ways to build for the future."

Thanks to the vision and generosity of Darlene Marcos Shiley, that future is now. Her transformational \$20 million gift enabled Roberts to begin the process of raising the profile of an already successful engineering depart-

ment into that of a nationally recognized and ranked school. Immediate plans include upgrading student project and research space, hiring additional faculty and staff, and increasing the number of student scholarships to prospective students.

While there's plenty of work to be done, Roberts is convinced the foundational pieces are in place for future success. "The aspiration is to be the top engineering school in the region, and we'll do that by making that delta difference in our students," he says. "That means getting the most out of them; preparing them to become leaders who are sought out for their expertise and innovation."

Encouraging students to incorporate an outside-the-box approach to their studies and research work is nothing new for Roberts, who by his own admission is, "an educator first and foremost, and always will be."

In his previous position as executive dean and chair of engineering for the College of Technology and Innovation at Arizona State University, he noticed a rift developing between what engineering students were learning in lectures and labs, and how they were applying that knowledge for the betterment of society and themselves.

To help bridge the gap between theory and practice, Roberts developed a curriculum that incorporated components of business management and

entrepreneurship with the more traditional models of an engineering education. As part of the overhaul, he created iProjects, an award-winning program where student teams developed innovative solutions to challenges offered by partnering businesses from around the world.

"With iProjects, students had this great opportunity to partner their creativity with their education," Roberts says. "It's critical that they ask questions, think creatively and work collaboratively."

He also believes students need to maintain a balanced and broad perspective in education and in life, even if that means stepping outside of their comfort zones to try something new. Roberts knows of what he speaks, having changed his major five times as an undergraduate at the University of Utah before finally settling on mathematics. He would go on to earn his master's and doctorate degrees in industrial engineering from the University of Utah and Virginia Tech University, respectively.

"Just because you're an engineering major doesn't mean you're not a well-rounded and thoughtful person," says Roberts, who was once convinced that theatre was his true calling.

"Engineers need to be open to and engaged in a variety of different academic disciplines, which, interestingly, is one of the things that attracted me to USD." As one of the few engineering schools in the nation where students earn a dual bachelor's degree in science and the arts, USD's unique blend of intensive technical training with a liberal arts education meshes perfectly with Roberts' view of how to educate the complete engineer.

"The dual-degree program provides our students that opportunity to engage in the academic disciplines that may fall outside of their immediate academic focus, but will help them immeasurably in the future," he says.

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## LEARNING ON THE MOVE

Donors' gift brings mobile technology into classrooms

Irwin and Joan Jacobs, longtime philanthropists and supporters of education, recently pledged \$3 million to the Mobile Technology Learning Center (MTLC) at the University of San Diego's School of Leadership and Education Sciences (SOLES).

The gift allows the center to hire a founding director, fund a scholarship, further technology-related research, and provide teaching and professional development for partnership schools in districts throughout the nation. The gift also funded a state-of-the-art teaching studio, construction of which began in the summer.

By the year 2015, it's anticipated that 80 percent of people, including middle and high school students, will access the Internet via mobile devices. Students and parents expect schools to integrate mobile devices into the classroom and USD's Mobile Technology Learning Center will assist schools, school leaders, and teachers through research and professional learning.

"We want to be a living laboratory for schools and educators, by collaborating with local districts, as well as institutions of higher learning, to test research findings and provide future teachers with unique teaching and research opportunities," says Scott Himelstein, the MTLC's interim director.

Over the next five years, the MTLC anticipates the creation of state and national policies that support mobile learning; an increase in the number of classrooms and schools that use mobile learning technologies; and the establishment of a clearinghouse for "best practices" in applying mobile learning technology in education.

Paula Cordeiro, dean of the School of Leadership and Education Sciences, says the MTLC will investigate how technology might improve teaching and learning, how students will use technology in the classroom, what educators should expect to receive for their investment in technology and whether technology will give all students access to more rigorous learning opportunities.

"Schools are the harbinger of the future of a community. They are the canary in the mine," Cordeiro says. "The success, or lack thereof, of our K-12 students will play a major role in determining the success of San Diego, the nation and the world."

Irwin Jacobs, co-founder of Qualcomm, has seen the power of technology in classrooms. He recalled a pilot program in which Qualcomm gave high school students in some classes smart phones and said it led to a surprising outcome in students' math scores.

"One teacher had a class with smart phones and a class without," Jacobs explains. "In the class with

smart phones, 100 percent of students passed their Algebra I exam. In the class without phones, only two-thirds passed. The magical aspect was that the kids with phones had Internet access 24/7. If they couldn't solve a problem, they didn't have to wait until the next day to ask their teacher for help. They reached out to other students. We began to see more peer-to-peer education and round-the-clock learning."

President Mary E. Lyons says even the university's founders relied on the generosity of others to transform their vision into a reality.

"From that moment on, nothing really impactful has happened without generous benefactors and partners," Lyons notes. "Dr. Irwin Jacobs and Mrs. Joan Jacobs have taken the fruits of their labor, and of their genius, and invested in our community in so many ways — in education and health care, and in the arts. Over and over again they have seen where there is a need, or an opportunity, and have created something better for us."



ABOVE: (From left to right) SOLES Dean Paula Cordeiro, MTLC Interim Director Scott Himelstein, co-founder of Qualcomm Irwin Jacobs and Mary E. Lyons, president of USD.



## [etc.]

**Former Torero rower Ryan Shelton '09** earned a spot on the U.S. Senior National Rowing Team last June with a victory in the 2013 Men's Quad World Championship Trials in Lake Merced, N.J. Shelton and his three California Rowing Club teammates crossed the finish line in a time of 5:48.43 for the 2,000-meter event and, in the process, earned the first four spots on the U.S. team that competed at the 2013 World Rowing Championships in Chungju, South Korea. "Making this team was our first goal, but our ultimate goal is the Summer Olympics in 2016," Shelton says.

**Lowell McAdam '83 (MBA)**, chairman and CEO of Verizon, will be the 55th recipient of the David Packard Medal of Achievement award. The Medal of Achievement, given by TechAmerica, recognizes significant contributions to the advancement of the high-tech industry and for distinguished service to the community, the industry and humankind. The award will be presented on Nov. 7, 2013, in Menlo Park, Calif.

Previous winners include William Hewlett and David Packard of Hewlett Packard; Ross Perot of Electronic Data Systems; Thomas J. Watson Jr. of IBM; Gordon Moore, Paul S. Otellini and Andrew Grove of Intel; John W. Thompson of Symantec; Ray Lane of Kleiner, Perkins, Caufield and Byers; and the 2012 recipient Reid Hoffman, Greylock Partners and LinkedIn co-founder.

**The Golden Toreros** are those alumni who have reached or previously celebrated their 50th reunion. This group of alumni, who came from the San Diego College for Men and the San Diego College for Women, were true pioneers and helped lay the foundation for what USD is today.

Members of the 50th Reunion Committee shared memories of the early days in a letter to their fellow Golden Toreros.

*"When we first came, an infant university was in the making and construction was the heartbeat of a campus in creation," they wrote. "Our ranks gathered in classrooms where the paint was not dry, had names sealed in a time capsule in the corner of The Immaculata and watched, spellbound, when a helicopter, in a down draft, managed to lower the statue on The Immaculata's dome.*

*We, the Pioneers, walked with the founders. Bishop Charles F. Buddy and Mother Rosalie Hill were vitally in our midst. We knew them in the flesh — and we were graced by two remarkable visionaries who dared to dream big. We witnessed tradition in the making."*

All graduates from the classes of 1954 through 1963 are invited to become pioneers, once again, by being inducted by President Mary E. Lyons, PhD, as Golden during Homecoming and Family Weekend. The dinner will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Oct. 12, 2013, in the Mother Rosalie Hill Reading Room in Copley Library. For more information, or to register, go to [www.sandiego.edu/hfw](http://www.sandiego.edu/hfw).

## [gifts at work]

**The Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science** was awarded a \$2 million gift from the Dickinson Foundation for the construction of the Betty and Bob Beyster Institute for Nursing Research, Advanced Practice, and Simulation. The gift will finance the first-floor lab, which will be named the Donald C. and Elizabeth M. Dickinson Simulation and Standardized Patient Nursing Laboratory, in honor of the parents of Martin Dickinson. Since 1999, the Dickinson Foundation has awarded \$1.4 million in gifts to support the School of Nursing's Master's Entry Program.

**Tom and Gwen Price and the Price Family Foundation** committed \$1 million in 2012 to support the School of Law, the School of Business Administration and Torero Athletics. The outstanding experiences of their sons, Nick '09 (BBA) and Gregory '12 (JD), prompted the generous gift, which has already made a tremendous impact. During the 2012-13 academic year, the funds allowed USD to host the NUCDF Basketball Challenge, giving the Toreros the opportunity to play home games against quality opponents. It established the Price Family Grant for International Fellows and Travel Seminars, which provides financial support to USD law students participating in international exchange and study abroad programs. The gift also supported the university's Social Innovation Challenge, which inspires and launches entrepreneurship that makes a difference around the world.

**The Bill Hannon Foundation** recently awarded \$75,000 in scholarships for engineering students. Previous funding from the foundation has supported USD Changemaker students and students studying peace, marine science and nonprofit management.

**Mark Bosco**, father of Mike Bosco, a senior on USD's golf team, donated \$60,000 to the Torero golf program for the second year in a row. The gift will help offset costs associated with program operations, new equipment, student recruitment and team travel. Under the direction of head coach Cory Scoggin, the 2012-13 squad advanced to the NCAA post-season for the sixth straight year.

**Local philanthropists Bill Lerach and Michelle Ciccarelli Lerach** for the second year provided a \$25,000 scholarship for an African student in the master's program at the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies. This past June, they also committed \$15,000 to the school's Women PeaceMakers Program and held a fundraising event at their home where they encouraged their guests to donate.

**For the fourth straight year**, the law firm of Higgs Fletcher & Mack has funded a \$10,000 scholarship to increase diversity at the University of San Diego School of Law. The firm created the Diversity Scholarship in 2010 to lessen the financial burden of students attending law school. The contributing attorneys have given more than \$40,000 in support of scholarships and have implemented a number of initiatives that provide financial support and internships and mentorship programs. The scholarships were made possible by contributions from 29 of the firm's attorneys, most of whom are USD School of Law alumni.

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USD Football Head Coach Dale Lindsey believes that team success comes from individual commitment to a common goal.

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# COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

For USD Head Football Coach Dale Lindsey, it's team first



by Mike Sauer

In the weeks leading up to the kickoff for the season opener against Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, the trailer that serves as headquarters for USD football is abuzz with activity ... and well past its maximum occupancy. Coaches pass in and out of its narrow confines in a steady stream; their conversations focused on game

film, practice schedules and player workout regiments.

In the trailer's back office, USD Head Football Coach Dale Lindsey settles into his desk chair, folds his hands contemplatively and offers a typically frank assessment of his work environs: "Is it cramped in here? Sure. Does it matter to anyone, including myself? Hell no. We've got a job to do,

and that's to win football games."

It's clear this group has been well coached on how to maximize their efficiency, which comes as no surprise considering who's calling the shots. For the better part of 40 years, Lindsey has been bringing his no-nonsense approach to the locker rooms of college and professional football programs across the country, and

success has followed. In a day and age when many of the top collegiate coaches spend more time politicking in front of cameras than diagramming plays, the 70-year-old Lindsey considers himself a throwback to an era when coaches ... well, coached.

"I'm not one of those guys that's going to go around shaking hands and playing the game;

shoot, I don't even know what that game is," he says. "I'm a football coach, pure and simple. It's what I love. It's what I do. End of story."

His passion for the game was kindled during his childhood years in Kentucky, where, after a distinguished high school football career, he went on to become a star linebacker for Western Kentucky University's undefeated 1963 team. His No. 44 jersey is one of only four numbers to be retired since WKU began fielding a football program in 1908.

But Lindsey's never been one to celebrate individual accomplishments, especially his own: "That was a great team that committed to each other. I made a few plays here and there, but lots of other guys did too."

During his NFL playing days with the Cleveland Browns and New Orleans Saints, Lindsey's on-field tenacity was matched only by his work ethic off of it. He'd come in on off days to watch hours upon hours of game tape, and often knew his teammates' assignments better than they did.

"One of the most important components of team success in any sport is accountability," Lindsey says. "As a player, that's what I focused on, and part of executing your responsibilities on the field is knowing what your teammates are doing. Everyone has to be on the same page, or it's gonna be a long day."

After 35 years as an assistant coach at both the college and NFL levels, Lindsey landed his first head coaching job at USD, where he served as the Toreros' defensive coordinator last season. Not surprisingly, his expectations for this year are sky-high.

"What do I expect? I expect us to three-peat as (Pioneer Football League) champs," he offers, matter-of-factly. From there, it's all about winning the FCS Championship."

For the first time in its 21-year history, the Pioneer Football League (PFL) champion automatically qualifies for the Football

Championship Subdivision playoffs. Given their recent success and strong core of returning starters, the Toreros are strong candidates to bring home another PFL crown.

The 2012 team finished on a six-game winning streak, closing an 8-3 season. Fourteen starters return, and while all will play a pivotal role in Lindsey's team-first approach, the buck stops with Mason Mills, who has begun his fourth season as the Toreros' starting quarterback.

"Mason is our quarterback, our leader. You can't be successful without good quarterback play, and Mason fits the bill," Lindsey says. "The only stat that really matters to him is in the win column, and if our quarterback can show that kind of selflessness, then good things are bound to happen."

Defensively, USD's late-season six-game winning streak coincided with its ability to stop teams from scoring. In their first five games of the 2012-13 season, the Toreros gave up nearly 30 points a game to opposing offenses. But then Lindsey began to work his magic, and during the final six games, that number went down to a paltry 10.6 points.

"Once we started to connect the dots with Coach Lindsey's defensive scheme, everything really started to click," says returning defensive end and preseason FCS All-American Blake Oliaro.

From the moment Lindsey was named head coach last December, his top priority was to establish a culture where team comes first. In fact, he and his coaching staff circulated a questionnaire among the players that asked them to list their personal goals for the coming season. The responses brought a smile to Lindsey's normally stoic countenance.

"They all mentioned winning a team championship, and to get a great education. That's just the kind of program we want to run here." 🏈

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**SUCCESS, REDUX** Chris Grant, general manager of the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers, and Mike Brown, whom Grant hired in April as the Cavaliers' head coach, are reunited once again. The pair (pictured at USD's Alumni Honors event last May with former USD Basketball Head Coach Hank Egan) began building the road back to hardwood prominence by selecting Anthony Bennett with the No. 1 pick in the 2013 NBA draft.

Grant, who earned both a psychology degree in 1994 and a master's in education leadership in 1996 from USD, knows there's always increased scrutiny with the first overall selection, but he's convinced Bennett is a star in the making. "As we did our evaluations throughout the entire year, we just kept coming back to his ability and his talent, and how it fit with our guys," Grant says. "He's a great kid who is willing to do the right things, and he's got a bunch of talent."

Brown, a 1993 USD business administration graduate, is back with the Cavaliers for a second time. His career coaching record (314-167) ranks him sixth all-time in NBA history in win percentage (.652). He also was named NBA Coach of the Year in 2009 during his first tenure with the Cavaliers. "I'm really excited about this opportunity to work with Chris and the entire Cleveland organization," Brown says. "We accomplished some great things here before, and I know we can do it again."





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# Natural

by Mike Sauer

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**Kris Bryant** has a season for the ages —  
with a little help from *his friends*

Photography by Tim Mantoani

*By all accounts, St. Louis Billikens relief pitcher James Norwood has a solid collegiate baseball career ahead of him. The flame-throwing junior has allowed only one home run in 61 innings of work over two seasons, and is considered to have one of the best fastballs in the Atlantic 10 Conference. He's also become a fan-favorite among the USD baseball faithful, and you can bet he's none-too-pleased as to why.*

*On a wet, dreary and altogether miserable evening at Fowler Park last March, Norwood took the mound in the bottom of the eighth inning of an early-season matchup with the Toreros. St. Louis had built a commanding 6-2 lead, and the majority of the 340 die-hard fans in attendance had seen enough; opting to head en masse toward the exits and, presumably, warmth and shelter. With his team just six outs away from a confidence-boosting win against a nationally ranked opponent, Norwood threw a 94-mph fastball across the heart of the plate — and the greatest hitter in USD history was ready.*

*"I remember that the coaches told me that he had a really good fastball, and to be ready for it early in the count," Kris Bryant recalls, futilely attempting to suppress a grin. "I wasn't feeling great that night, and went to the plate with the intention of swinging at anything close to the strike zone. He grooved a fastball, and I got ahold of it pretty good."*

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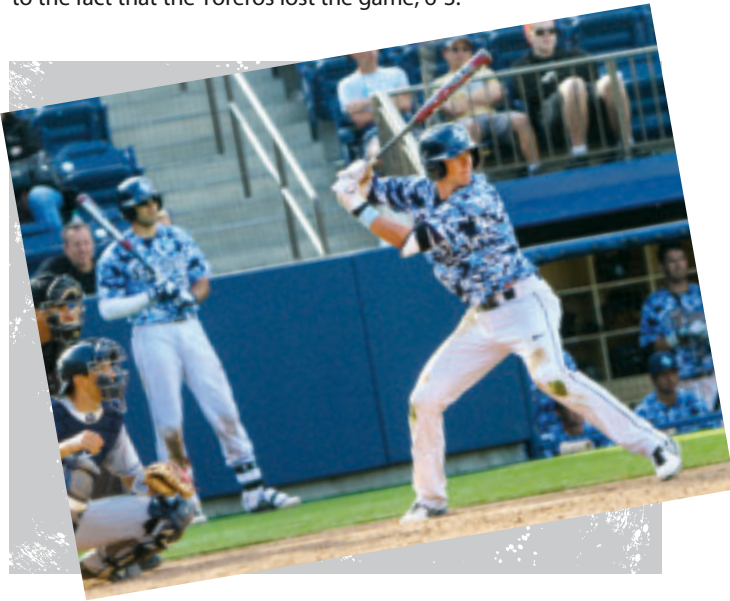






**T**hat may well be the understatement of the year. The mammoth home run has since become the stuff of legend, with some reports estimating its distance at over 550 feet. A host of on-site observers claim the baseball not only cleared the 80-foot tall left-field light tower, it was still on an upward trajectory as it did.

Bryant's modesty stands in stark contrast to his flashy on-field exploits, and it takes a fair bit of prodding for the No. 2 overall selection by the Chicago Cubs in last June's amateur baseball draft to discuss his Ruthian wallop. In fact, the 21-year-old All-American third baseman and *Baseball America* 2013 Player of the Year would rather call attention to the fact that the Toreros lost the game, 6-3.



"It's great to hit home runs, but it's better to win games ... " Bryant says, but the memory of the swing is with him now, and the beaming smile quickly returns. "I don't usually watch my home runs, but I have to admit that I watched that one."

**W**hile tape-measure blasts may be the exception and not the rule, Bryant is clearly well versed in the art and science of the long ball — and every other aspect of hitting. As a junior, he led Division I college baseball in a number of prominent offensive categories, including: home runs (31); total bases (187); runs (80); and slugging percentage (.820). It's also worth noting that his individual home run total was higher than 222 of the 296 teams in Division I.

"I've been around college baseball for close to 30 years, and I've never seen anything like it, not even close," says USD Baseball Head Coach Rich Hill. "What makes it even more impressive is that he did it in the dead bat era. These BBCOR bats the guys are using today are not even close to the old aluminum bats in terms of power."

Mandated for safety reasons by the NCAA, the Ball-Bat Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) bats were put into play to perform more like their wood counterparts, complete with a smaller sweet spot that decreases the speed of the ball as it makes contact with the bat.

Folks within the USD baseball family began to wonder just what kind of astronomical stats Bryant would've amassed with the old aluminum bats, and made some startling discoveries after doing some research. Torero athletics statistician Mark Kramer extrapolated the numbers, and came to the conclusion that Bryant would have hit 49 home runs had he been swinging with aluminum rather than BBCOR. That total would have been one more than Oklahoma State alum and former major-leaguer Pete Incaviglia's all-time record of 48 over 75 games in 1985.

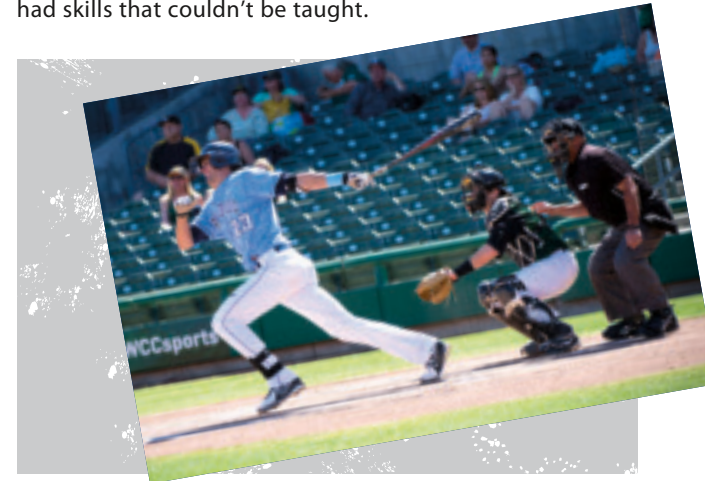


Kramer's data also suggests that if Bryant's 62-game schedule in 2013 had been increased to 75, he would've hit an astonishing 68 round-trippers. Heady stuff to be sure, but the only numbers Bryant seems overly concerned about are located in the win-loss column.

"It's been an amazing year, no doubt about it," Bryant says. "When we lost to UCLA (in the NCAA regionals), I was really disappointed, because I thought we could make a lot of noise in the postseason."

"We have such a great group of guys, and everyone plays the game like we're just kids having fun. That's what it's all about to me. It's still the same game as it was back then."

**F**rom the time he was a 5-year-old trailing his big brother to little league practices in their hometown of Las Vegas, Bryant has made a habit of hitting baseballs harder and farther than players twice his age. Kris' father Mike Bryant, a former minor league baseball player in the Boston Red Sox organization, fondly recalls the moment when he realized that his youngest son had skills that couldn't be taught.



"I took Kris with me to one of his brother Nick's baseball practices at a local elementary school," he says. "At the end of the practice, we set aside time for some of the younger kids to hit. I threw Kris a couple of overhand pitches, and it was like, BOOM! The ball was flying all over the field. Peoples' jaws just dropped, and mine was one of them."

A batting cage was quickly erected in the Bryant family's backyard, and rarely a day went by when Kris couldn't be found swinging at pitches on a tee, or getting in a little batting practice with dad when he returned from work in the evenings. The talent was




undeniable, and so was Kris' impressive work ethic. Mike remembers having to practically beg his son to take time off from hitting drills to join the family for dinner, and the sweltering desert heat seemed to only invigorate the aspiring slugger.

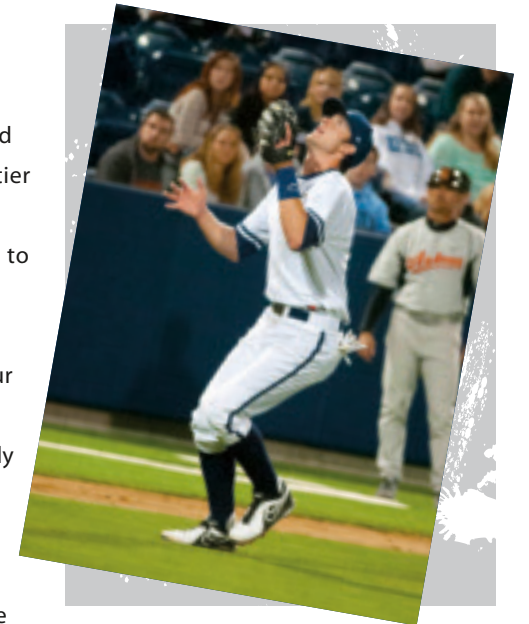
"It gets really warm out here (in Las Vegas), but that never slowed him down," Mike says. "He loves the game and has an uncommon gift as a hitter, which is pretty clear to anyone who watches him swing a bat."

Rumors of a teenage wunderkind lighting up high school pitching across Nevada filtered back to Hill and his staff, and the decision was made to head to the desert and see what all the hype was about. They weren't disappointed. Bryant had all the tools to be a superstar, but it remained to be seen if the youngster could hold up against top-tier college pitching, and how he would adjust to life away from home.

Check and check. "Kris acclimated to our program in no time flat," Hill says. "He really works at his craft." He also hit the ground running in the classroom, and the finance major finished his junior year with a 3.35 grade-point average, which should come in handy given the vast amount of zeros the Cubs included in his lucrative \$6.7 million contract. "I'm so excited to be where I am now, but I owe so much to my coaches and my teammates at USD," Bryant says. "I'll always look back on my three years there as one of the best experiences of my life."

**B**ryant isn't the only Torero with the opportunity to prove his skills at the next level. All told, eight members of the 2013 squad were either drafted or signed as undrafted free agents with major league organizations. It's an impressive total, and indicative of the level of talent USD is fielding on a yearly basis.

"I'd stack our program up against any team in the country over the last five years in terms of players drafted," Hill says. "USD baseball is in a really good place right now, and thanks to guys like Kris, A.J. Griffin and Brian Matusz, we're earning the reputation of a program that gets players to the big leagues." 



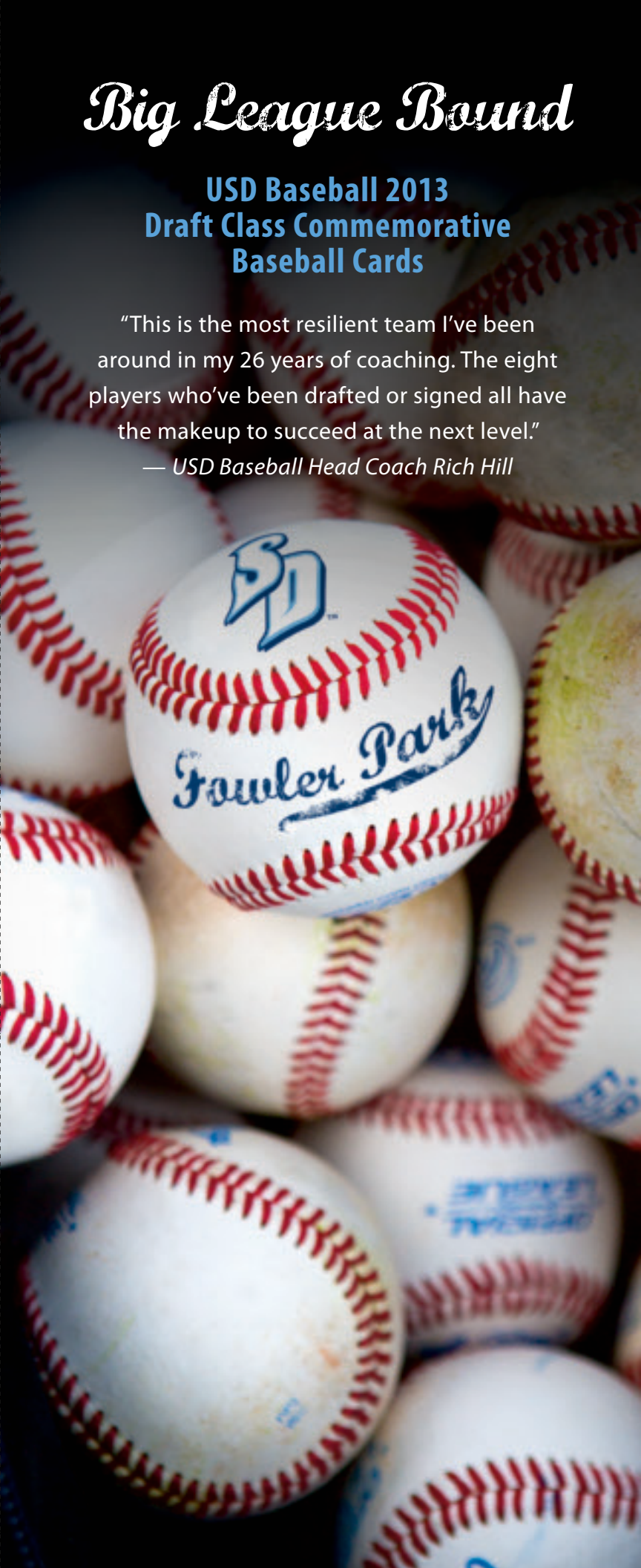


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6	France	C	6	France	C
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12	Cedeno	C	12	Cedeno	C

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DYLAN COVEY




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DILLON HAUPT

#20

DILLON HAUPT

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

MLB Team: Chicago White Sox  
(Round No. 20)

Position at USD: C

HT: 6'5

WT: 225

Bats: Right

Throws: Right

2013 STATS:

AVG	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SLG%	OB%
.277	206	30	57	11	49	.529	.363

Coach Hill's Scouting Report:

"Really powerful guy playing in a premium position spot (catcher). Needs to be a little more disciplined at the plate, but he'll get the chance to work on that in the White Sox farm organization."

#32

TREVOR BAYLESS

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

MLB Team: Oakland A's  
(Round No. 22)

Position at USD: RHP

HT: 6'3

WT: 200

Bats: Right

Throws: Right

2013 STATS:

W-L	IP	R	H	ER	BB	SO	ERA
2-3	34.1	16	32	8	16	40	2.10

Coach Hill's Scouting Report:

"A guy who is a great testament to hard work, and what it can do to jump-start a career. He's now got a fastball in the low 90's, and an unhittable split-finger pitch at times. Really think he can contribute to the bullpen of a major league team."

#24

DYLAN COVEY

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

MLB Team: Oakland A's  
(Round No. 4)

Position at USD: RHP

HT: 6'2

WT: 200

Bats: Right

Throws: Right

2013 STATS:

W-L	IP	R	H	ER	BB	SO	ERA
5-4	76.2	54	90	43	43	65	5.05

Coach Hill's Scouting Report:

"Electric stuff when he's on his game. Has the type of frame and mechanics to hold up to pitching a lot of innings. He won some big games for us over his career, and never shied away from pressure situations, which is a quality big league teams pay attention to."




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MAX HOMICK




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KRIS BRYANT




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AUSTIN GREEN

#8

AUSTIN GREEN

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

MLB Team: Detroit Tigers  
(Round No. 13)

Position at USD: OF/C

HT: 6'2

WT: 205

Bats: Right

Throws: Right

2013 STATS:

AVG	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SLG%	OB%
.301	176	28	57	5	39	.460	.347

Coach Hill's Scouting Report:

"Tremendous power and arm strength. I think the Tigers got a steal by taking him in the 13th round. Great leadership ability. A guy that other players on the team would go to, and a key reason why we were so successful at the end of the 2013 season."

#23

KRIS BRYANT

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

MLB Team: Chicago Cubs  
(Round No. 1; No. 2 overall selection)

Position at USD: 3B

HT: 6'5

WT: 215

Bats: Right

Throws: Right

2013 STATS:

AVG	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SLG%	OB%
.329	228	80	75	31	62	.820	.493

Coach Hill's Scouting Report:

"Athleticism, power, incredible plate discipline, a great arm ... what else can you say? Kris is the best position player I've ever seen at the college level, and the sky is truly the limit in regards to what he can accomplish at the pro level. The Cubs drafted themselves a franchise player."

#34

MAX HOMICK

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

MLB Team: Baltimore Orioles  
(Round No. 32)

Position at USD: LHP

HT: 6'3

WT: 205

Bats: Left

Throws: Left

2013 STATS:

W-L	IP	R	H	ER	BB	SO	ERA
5-2	70	31	70	26	25	57	3.34

Coach Hill's Scouting Report:

"Starting to scratch the surface of his potential. Good fastball, good breaking ball and a good change-up. Consistency is the key, but the Orioles did a great job identifying a two-way player. Last year was the first year where he concentrated on pitching, so he can get a lot better."




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LOGAN DAVIS




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MICHAEL WAGNER




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2013 WEST COAST CONFERENCE CHAMPS

USD

2013

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

Record: 37-25

2013 West Coast Conference (WCC) champions

2013 Year-in-Review:

Expectations were sky-high for the Toreros heading into the season, but a rocky 9-8 start left many wondering if the team would make the playoffs. A players-only meeting on April 27 led the way to a 28-17 run, capped by a dramatic 2-0 win over Brigham Young in the WCC championship game. The Toreros advanced to the NCAA regionals, where they were defeated by eventual national champs UCLA, 6-0.

Coach Hill's Take:

"Adjectives really can't describe this year. Making a mid-season run and getting to the NCAA regionals. Watching our players win the WCC Championship ... like I said, adjectives really can't describe how special this 2013 team is."

#30

MICHAEL WAGNER

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

MLB Team: Chicago Cubs  
(Round No. 15)

Position at USD: RHP

HT: 6'4

WT: 185

Bats: Right

Throws: Right

2013 STATS:

W-L	IP	R	H	ER	BB	SO	ERA
2-5	89	55	94	45	32	84	4.55

Coach Hill's Scouting Report:

"Led the nation in saves in 2012 when we asked him to be a closer, and then we moved him back to the starting rotation in 2013. Didn't have the year he wanted to, but all he needs to work on is his consistency and arm angle, and he'll be in the big leagues pretty quick."

#13

LOGAN DAVIS

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

MLB Team: Kansas City Royals  
(undrafted free agent)

Position at USD: SS

HT: 6'3

WT: 175

Bats: Left

Throws: Right

2013 STATS:

AVG	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SLG%	OB%
.319	113	16	36	0	10	.363	.380

Coach Hill's Scouting Report:

"Son of former MLB All-Star and Cy Young Award winner Mark Davis, so the pedigree is there. Really a gifted defensive player. Makes everything look easy, but is very sound from a fundamentals standpoint. Could be able to make it at the next level if he can continue to work on his swing."



[2003-2013]  
*A Decade of Distinction*

Ten years ago, the University of San Diego celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the Hahn School of Nursing and Health Sciences and the School of Leadership and Education Sciences. Academically on the rise, USD made its inaugural appearance in *Princeton Review's* student guide to the nation's top U.S. colleges and had just been granted a charter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most prestigious academic honor society. In 2003, the Donald P. Shiley Center for Science and Technology opened its doors and Joan B. Kroc bequeathed \$50 million to establish the Kroc School of Peace Studies.

That was the same year Mary E. Lyons, PhD, was named the third president of USD. She took her post

in July and was inaugurated in November, following a weeklong celebration with the entire USD community, during which she shared breakfast with alumni, talked with local business representatives over lunch, hung out with students before a basketball game, read a Dr. Seuss book with children at a local elementary school and received the key symbolizing USD's membership in Phi Beta Kappa.

Since then, USD has been recognized as a leader both in and out of the classroom. It is one of the nation's top 100 universities and is ranked No. 1 for the number of undergraduate students who study abroad. It is also one of only 19 campuses nationwide that's known, near and far, as a Changemaker campus.

## 2003 November

The pomp and circumstance of the installation ceremony inaugurating President Mary E. Lyons, PhD, at the Jenny Craig Pavilion included prayers from Bishop Robert H. Brom and Monsignor Daniel Dillabough while members of USD's ROTC program led the national anthem. Dr. Lyons offered her future vision of USD, which she said should be "private in its mission and public in its purpose."



## 2004 February

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia serves as chief justice for the School of Law's second annual Paul A. McLennon Sr. Honors Moot Court Competition, which gives students the opportunity to develop their written and oral advocacy skills — and to test them in competition. Justice Scalia reminds students that many decisions are on "the razor's edge" and that the oral argument can help judges cement their decisions.



## 2004

Three new centers of excellence are established including the Lindsay J. Cropper Center for Creative Writing in the College of Arts and Sciences, the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate in the School of Business Administration and the School of Leadership and Education Sciences' Center for Nonprofit Research, now known as the Caster Family Center for Nonprofit Research.



## 2005 February

The Energy Policy Initiative Center (EPIC) is established at the School of Law. In addition to being a place where law students learn about energy-related legal matters, the center is a clearinghouse for research, public education and legal advocacy on behalf of energy consumers. The aim is to find permanent solutions to the region's dwindling natural resources.

## 2006 October

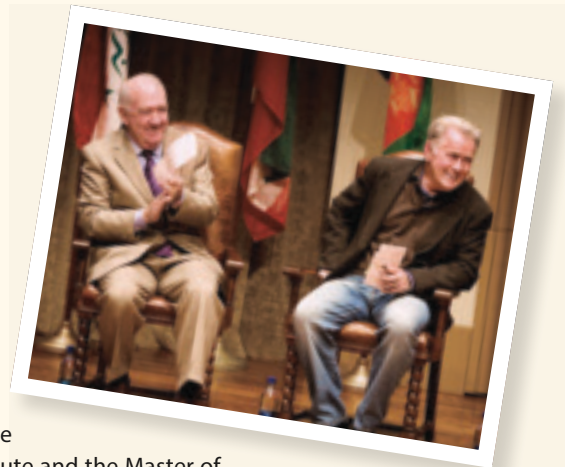


The University of San Diego is recognized as one of 141 colleges and universities honored for Distinguished Community Service in the nation's first-ever "President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll," a distinction that would become fundamental to USD's earning the designation of an official Changemaker campus five years later.



## 2007 October

The campus celebrates the inauguration of the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies, home of the Institute for Peace & Justice, the Trans-Border Institute and the Master of Arts in Peace and Justice Studies. The celebration welcomes Founding Dean Father William R. Headley, CSSp keynote speaker Ken Hackett, president of Catholic Relief Services, and noted actor and peace advocate Martin Sheen.



## 2008 Fall

The Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science introduces a new Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP) program, complementing an expansive curriculum designed especially for nurse educators and practitioners.



## 2009

The University of San Diego hosts myriad campus celebrations throughout its 60th Anniversary year. The yearlong celebration culminates with the black-tie Founders' Gala honoring the university's six decades of unparalleled success in the advancement of education, student development and service to the community.







## 2010 November

USD flipped the switch during its "Running on Sunshine" event celebrating the installation of 5,000 photovoltaic solar panels on the roofs of 11 buildings throughout the campus to generate 1.23-megawatts of renewable energy. The

installation makes USD the second largest solar energy producer of any private U.S. college and the 10th largest solar facility on a university campus in the nation. It becomes the latest component to President Lyons' strategic initiative to make the campus one of the most sustainable in the country.



## 2011 Fall

The Office of Undergraduate Research is established to ensure that students from all disciplines in the College of Arts and Sciences and School of Business Administration have the opportunity to engage in research and creative activities. It offers programs, including the annual Undergraduate Research Conference, and encourages faculty to integrate research projects and scholarly presentations into their courses.

## 2011 September

USD is designated an official Ashoka U Changemaker campus and joins a select group of colleges and universities that have established themselves as hubs of social innovation throughout the world.



## 2011

The International Center opens and USD is ranked No. 1 among doctoral universities in the percent of undergraduates studying abroad. Students in USD's graduate programs are also part of groundbreaking work and research around the world. Examples include the Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science's work in Uganda, the School of Leadership and Education Science's work in Ghana, the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies' work spanning the globe and the international consulting projects, practicums and internships in the School of Business Administration's International MBA program.

## 2012 April

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, the spiritual leader of Tibet, visits the University of San Diego as part of a joint symposium with UCSD and SDSU entitled, "Compassion Without Borders: Science, Peace and Ethics."



## 2012 June

The University of San Diego captures the 2011-12 West Coast Conference (WCC) Commissioner's Cup for the fifth consecutive year, a Conference first. The Commissioner's Cup is awarded to the WCC member institution garnering the most success during conference play.

## 2013 September

USD inaugurates the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering and welcomes Founding Dean Chell A. Roberts. The \$20 million gift from USD Trustee and former Chair of the Board, Darlene



Marcos Shiley, honors her family's dedication to education and pays tribute to her late husband and renowned engineer, Donald P. Shiley. "My husband was, first and foremost, an engineer," she says.

## BUILDING ON GREATNESS

Four state-of-the-art facilities, built at Alcalá Park in the past 10 years, gave alumni a place to call home, changed the landscape of learning and enhanced the student experience, and added a diamond to help Torero Baseball shine.



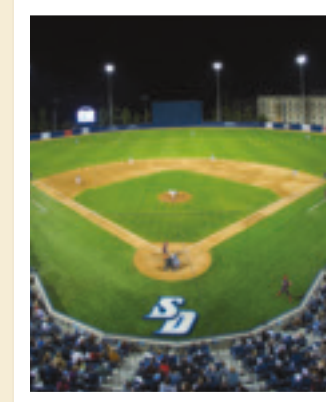
## 2004 Degheri Alumni Center



## 2007 Mother Rosalie Hill Hall



## 2009 Student Life Pavilion



## 2013 Fowler Park



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## A VINTAGE CLASSIC

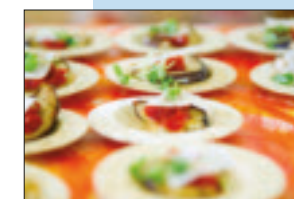
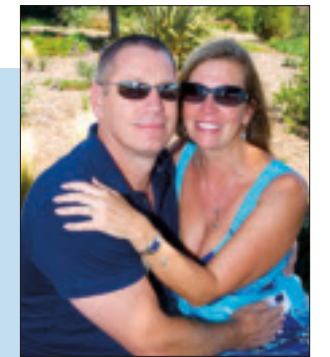
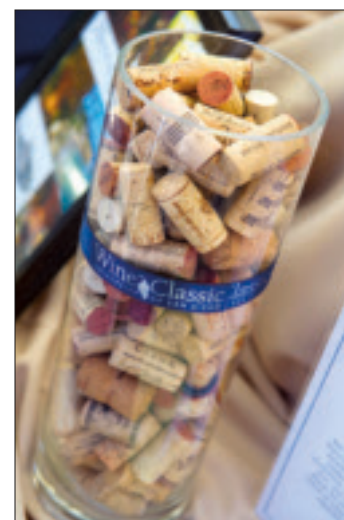
### Sipping for Student Scholarships

Nothing's better than a warm summer day, an ocean breeze, a view overlooking the Pacific and 75 of the best wines from California and Baja — unless you count spending it with 700 alumni and friends to raise \$55,000 for scholarships.

Established in 2009 by the Alumni Association Board, USD's fifth annual Wine Classic was held on Sunday, July 14, at the Joan B. Kroc Institute of Peace & Justice's scenic Garden of the Sea. The event showcased 30 wineries owned or operated by USD alumni, parents or friends. Since its inception, the event has raised more than \$220,000 for the USD Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund.

The first cork popped the night before at the inaugural Vintners Dinner. The intimate evening featured a delectable, one-of-a-kind, four-course meal with wine pairings. While sipping and savoring, guests heard from vintners about their winery's philosophy and the art of wine making.

The following day, the Garden of the Sea was filled with the sound of live music. Guests enjoyed gourmet food stations and bid on wine-related silent auction items to raise money for future scholarship recipients who have financial need, strong academic merit and give back to USD and the local community. Save the date for next year's event on July 13, 2014.











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**JOSEPHINE BENNETT '81 (BBA), a vice president and senior relationship manager for U.S. Bank, received the U.S. Bank Summit Award for 2012. She was one of 22 individuals selected from a pool of 3,300 bankers nationwide. "It's an honor to be recognized, and I'm both humbled and grateful!" Josephine says. Her community involvement included serving on USD's One Challenge Committee, where she helped promote and publicize innovative ideas for social change.**

she and her husband, Lawrence, have made: "Our two sons are out on their own and we have downsized and moved recently to lovely Coronado. We are on a second honeymoon!"

1980s

**[1980] MINERVA (SALINAS) PADILLA (BS/BA)** reports that she and her husband have been married for 31 years and they have five children. Three have graduated from college, one is a current college student and one is in junior high.

Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau), where he led the sales team. He also has held sales and marketing positions within the hotel industry in Chicago. Mark is a certified meeting professional, and is certified in exhibition management. He and his wife, Susanne, live in Oak Park, Ill., with their three children.

**[1984] DONALD JONES (JD)** writes, "Recently took on a 'second hat' (in addition to my role at Qualcomm) as chief digital officer, to launch Scripps Digital Medicine at Scripps Translational Science Institute, headed by the world-renowned physician, Eric Topol, MD. This effort will focus on conducting clinical trials focused on the efficacy of health care solutions created around wireless technologies. These include diagnostic, therapy management and drug/device combinations." Donald is also vice president of global strategy and market development for Qualcomm Life.

**[1985] DOUG KROLL (MA)**, an associate professor of history at College of the Desert in Palm Desert, Calif., published his fourth book, *The Perfect Flood: Devastation, Courage and the Heroic Rescue Efforts of U.S. Coast Guard Helicopter 1307* (Hellgate Press) about the Christmas Eve floods of 1955 in Yuba City, Calif. Doug's son, Matthew, is a Coast Guard helicopter pilot stationed in Atlantic City, N.J.

**[1986] TOM GRACE (BA)** was named marketing director with Lucas, Horsfall, Murphy & Pindroh (LHMP) in Pasadena, Calif. Tom has 17 years of experience in commercial banking and is a longtime resident of Pasadena. LHMP is the largest accounting firm in the Pasadena-Glendale-Burbank area.

**GENEVIEVE KNYCH-ROHAN (BS)** was named a senior executive recruiter with Vistage International, where she supports seasoned chief executive officers, business owners and entrepreneurs who create peer advisory groups in their local communities.

**DANTE SORIANELLO (BA)** is the resident agent in charge, Midland Texas Resident Office, for the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), where he supervises the federal drug trafficking investigative activities in nine

counties of west Texas. He directly supervises the DEA State and Local Task Force, as well as the Permian Basin High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force. He has worked in numerous roles with the DEA since 1987 and has received multiple commendations for outstanding performance. Dante and his wife, Laurretta, have a daughter and a son. Dante says he credits USD and its academic, athletic and spiritual staff for preparing him for a successful life and career.

**[1987] AUDIE DE CASTRO (BBA)** is the managing shareholder of de Castro, PC, in San Diego, where he practices business and corporate law and litigation. He is now married with two young boys.

**KAY (KELL) LEE (JD)** was named the 2012 Pro Bono Attorney of the Year by the Northwest Montana Bar Association. She has practiced family and bankruptcy law for the past eight years in Kalispell, Mont., which she says dovetails nicely with her many outdoor activities — cross country and alpine skiing, biking, hiking and hunting — as well as with her indoor hobbies — watercolor painting, sewing, knitting, crocheting, and singing with the Glacier Symphony and Chorale.

**[1988] MICHAEL STOBERSKI (BA, JD '91)** reports that his firm changed its name in October 2012 to Olson, Cannon, Gormley, Angulo & Stoberski.

**[1989] STUART GRAUER (EdD)**, head of The Grauer School in Encinitas, Calif., published *Real Teachers: True Stories of Renegade Educators* (SelectBooks). Through each of the 10 stories in his book, Stuart reveals not only how these scenarios create effective tools for teachers and immersion environments for students, but also lessons in life applicable to the general public. Stuart is the founding head teacher at The Grauer School, president of The Grauer Foundation for Education and creator of the Coalition of Small Preparatory Schools.

1990s

**[1990] CURTIS BLOCH (BBA)** joined Tangent Medical as vice president of sales and marketing in January 2012.

Previously, he held positions as director of marketing for BD Diagnostics, group product director for BD Medical and pharmaceutical sales for The Upjohn Company. Tangent Medical launched an annual recognition program to promote excellence in nursing in conjunction with National Nurses Week 2013. The Nurses' Choice Awards honor clinicians across the nation who exemplify excellence in patient care.

**PAULA TAYLOR (BBA)** writes, "In the past 20 years, I have been active in fundraising and special events for nonprofit organizations. My primary focus is in the area of child abuse prevention, specifically with St. Germaine Children's Charity, based in La Jolla, Calif. I am also a writer and copy editor. My other interests include photography, languages, travel and gardening."

**[1991] RANDY LASER (MBA)** is the vice president of pricing and revenue management at Silver Airways in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

**[1992] CARRIE CWIAK (BA)** is an associate professor of gynecology and obstetrics at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta. She is the director of the family planning division and family planning fellowship in the GYN/OB department. "I love my job!" Carrie says.

**[1993] LISA MONDE (BA)** moved back to San Diego from Chicago to be closer to family.

**[1994] JENNIFER SCHELTER (MFA)** is leading her seventh successful Radiant Retreat, a yoga, meditation and creative writing retreat in Tulum, Mexico. She is also writing *Yoga Confidential*, a memoir based on more than 15 years of experience teaching yoga and owning her own business.

**JONAH WEINBERG (BA)** was named executive director of the Minnesota Autism Society. Previously, he was executive director of the Northeast Ohio Hispanic Business Center and Chamber of Commerce.

**[1995] ANN TAYLOR (MSN, PhD '09)** is working on her 10th trip to Haiti to start a nursing school and planned to move

from Hawaii to Nova Scotia, Canada, in May 2013 to be closer to Haiti. She also reports, "Just received notification of title of emeritus from Southwestern College in Chula Vista." (See Torero Notes profile on pg. 26.)

**[1996] RYAN JUDD (BA)** published The Rhythm Tree: An Interactive Music Therapy Program for Children with Special Needs. He also launched an educational video blog at www.TheRhythmTree.com, where his work with children with special needs can be viewed.

**JANELL O'MEARA (BA)** joined the Prudential Real Estate Company, where she uses her communication and psychology degree to benefit home buyers and sellers. "My philosophy with real estate is to develop long-term relationships with my clients and families, providing the most committed and loyal real estate process to each and every client," she says. "My dedication to my clients is the most important factor in my business."

**[1998] ABBY PARTA GOSSMAN (BA)**, along with her husband, Jeramie, and son, Leighton, 6, welcomed a baby girl, Liliana Abigail, on March 2, 2013. Abby is a lobbyist and manages government affairs in a six-state region in the Midwest for MedImmune, a biotechnology company. She and her family live in South St. Paul, Minn.

**BRIAN McARTHUR (BBA)** joined Incapital as a regional vice president of the Advisor Sales Division, covering California, Nevada and Arizona in July 2012. Brian and his wife, Christina '98, have 3-year-old twins (a son and a daughter), and the family lives in Elfin Forest in North San Diego County.

**[1999] BIENVENIDO PIERRE NILES (BBA)** and his wife, Stephanie, welcomed a son, Parker Santino Lim Uy, on Jan. 28, 2013, in Shanghai, China. He weighed 6.59 pounds and was 18.11 inches long at birth.

2000s

**[2000] SCOTT BERGEN (BA)** and Nicole (Angle) Bergen '02 welcomed their first baby boy on March 28, 2013.

"Joseph Thomas will enroll at USD in the Class of 2035," they report. Hospital visitors included fellow alumni Mike Milligan, Kelly (Beal) Rojas, Maureen (Richardson) Vollmer and Julie Herrin.

**[2001] TAMMY (LU) ACKERMAN (MBA)** reports, "Last year was tremendously busy. Right after our engagement, my fiancé and I bought our home in February and spent the rest of the year on major renovations. I was promoted at work in August and joined the brand marketing team

as senior brand manager, and one month later, I was married at our new home. 2012 was a great year! I'm looking forward to another fantastic year this year and attending some alumni events now that I have more time. Go Toreros!"

**BRIANNA (BARR) GANSON (BA)** and her husband, Troy, are happy to announce the arrival of their first baby, Knox William, on May 6, 2012. He was born one day after Brianna graduated from the University of Missouri, Kansas City, School of



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**GEORGINA MIRANDA '03 (BBA) successfully summited Mount Everest on May 21, 2013, as part of a challenge to climb the seven summits (the highest peak on each continent). Georgina is the founder of Climb Take Action and the 7 Summits Challenge, a campaign dedicated to empowering women in the war-torn Democratic Republic of Congo. The website is <http://climbtakeaction.com>.**





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# ON THE CUTTING EDGE

USD alumnus always on the lookout for an adventure

by Krystn Shrieve

Victor Bianchini '63 (JD) has held many titles over the years. He spent 31 years in the Marine Corps before retiring as a colonel. Next year, he'll celebrate his 40th anniversary as a judge, first as a U.S. Magistrate judge, then as San Diego Superior Court judge, juggling cases in New York and San Diego. Last year, Bianchini earned a new title as the 2012 U.S. national champion in sabre fencing in his age division.

It all started in 2010 — when he was 72 years old.

"I was minding my own business watching my daughter, Amy, fence for UCSD, where she was conference champion her senior year. Her coach suggested that I might be good at fencing in the veterans division," Bianchini recalls. "I never fenced before, but

the idea interested me."

The self-proclaimed adrenaline junkie spent 27 years as a parachuter. So the idea of picking up a sabre and defending himself against younger, faster and more experienced opponents didn't intimidate him.

After a year and a half, Bianchini qualified for the world championships in Porec, Croatia, where he took sixth place in his age division. One year later, at the national championships in Anaheim, Calif., he won the gold medal in the 70-to-79 division.

Bianchini, now 75, just returned from the Maccabiah Games. Held in Jerusalem, the Israeli Olympics bring together athletes from all over the world. He was the oldest in the competition and won a third place bronze in the 40+ age division,

qualifying to compete in his third World Championship, to be held in October in Varna, Bulgaria.

During practice, Bianchini competes against teenagers who have as many as four or five more years of experience. In competition, he's matched with men closer to his own age who've been fencing for 50 or 60 years. His secret weapon is three decades in the military and a lifetime dedication to physical fitness. Until recently, Bianchini ran more than three miles a day and now runs a mile every other day.

"Fencing opened up a whole new world," says the parachuter, turned judge, turned sabre-wielding adventure junkie. "I feel quite blessed that I discovered this sport at this stage of my life. New experiences are a gift."

Dentistry. She currently practices as a general dentist in Olathe, Kan.

**RYAN SIMS (BA)** writes, "2011 and 2012 were great years for the Sims family." In 2011, he earned a promotion from assistant coordinator to associate director of student mental health coordination services at the University of California, Santa Barbara, after completing a master's degree in counseling psychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute in Carpinteria, Calif. On Oct. 20, 2012, Ryan and his wife, Lonnie, welcomed a son, Leo William. "We are overjoyed and can't wait to provide him with a little brother or sister soon!" Ryan says.

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**AARON BLUM (BBA)** was the keynote speaker at the VIP dinner for the Third Annual Green Industry Hall of Fame Conference and Induction Ceremony in Stockton, Calif. Aaron is a co-founder of Electronic Recyclers International, with accounts such as Mitsubishi, Hitachi, Toyota, BFI and Waste Management. Aaron has helped lead Electronic Recyclers International to the No. 1 approval rating for SB20/50 claims in the State of California, and played an integral part in working with the state to develop new regulations and improve the current SB20/50 legislation regarding electronic waste.

**JEREMY CARRINE (BBA, BA '02)** and his wife, Hillary Finnegan, were married on Dec. 29, 2012, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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**BASIL CONSIDINE (BA)** spent a year living on or near the Southern Indian Ocean for research. He finished his PhD in historical musicology and ethnomusicology at Boston University, writing a musical history of the Island of Mauritius and taking thousands of photos of tropical fish. His research was supported in part by a fellowship from the U.S. Department of Education.

**LINDSAY (CASE) DEL REAL (BA)** reports that she and her husband, Jeremy, welcomed a beautiful daughter. "I also have a 5-year-old boy and a 14-month-old boy. My husband and I are very blessed to have a wonderful family!"

**LUIS PRECIADO (BA)** and his wife, Patricia, were married recently. Luis reports that Patricia's son graduated

from USD, as well as three of Luis' brothers and sisters. Luis is an artist and is currently exhibiting his work at the Feminine Mystic Elite Gallery in Tubac, Ariz.

**ALEXANDER STEFANOVICH**

**(BA)** served for more than 10 years within the Department of Defense, including several overseas deployments. "I now find myself working for the Department of Homeland Security in Memphis and thoroughly enjoying life with my gorgeous spouse and our two energetic Jack Russell terriers," he writes to his fellow 2003 class members. "I hope all of your dreams and aspirations have come true to date."

**BRADLEY VAN SCOIK (BA)**

retired from the Navy on Feb. 1, 2013, and started a new career with Engility Corp. on Feb. 4.

**ANDREW ZINGALE (BA)** completed

a master's degree in environmental management (MEM) from the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies in January 2013.

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**CARISA (SAMPAGA-VERDOIA) BATTAH (BA)** and her husband, Shadi, were married on Jan. 12, 2013. She reports that she is in graduate school for nursing and plans to teach.

**KATE (GOODMAN) CRACHY**

**(BA)** and her husband, Justin '00, welcomed their second child, Samantha Grace. Kate also is finishing a master's degree in education and teaches high school in San Diego.

**MARIA (TORRETTO) GAUGHAN**

**(BA, MA '09)** and her husband, Curran, welcomed a son, Dominic, on Nov. 3, 2012. "We feel blessed beyond measure!" she says.

**DAVID ORTIZ (MSEL)** was promoted

to vice president of packaging operations for Smurfit Kappa Orange County, with eight plants — two in the United States and six in Mexico — plus a paper mill in Texas. The company David worked for, Orange County Container Group, was acquired by Smurfit Kappa Group.

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**MELISSA (MURPHY) BEAMISH (BA)** moved back to San Diego, married her husband, Colin, and started teaching acting at several local charter schools. Melissa and Colin also just bought a new home together. "Life is good!" she says.

**DAVID BRONS (BA)** is in his second year at San Francisco Law School. He is the vice president of the Student Bar Association and dean of the Delta Theta Phi law fraternity chapter.

**REBECCA (RODRIGUEZ) DURAN-OJEDA (BSN)** joined Planned Parenthood as a nurse practitioner.

**STUART HAWKES (BA, BA '05)**

and his wife, Leah, were married on the beautiful central coast of California in October 2012. "We are very happy building our life together and dreaming for the future," he says.

**MICHAEL HELLBUSCH (BA, JD**

**'08)** joined Tredway Lumsdaine & Doyle's Orange County office, specializing in all matters related to complex civil litigation. He will support TLD's growing practice in health care law, among other responsibilities. Previously, Michael spent nearly five years in San Diego handling construction defect and real estate cases while assisting with insurance claims and other litigation matters. He is a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

**GEORGE HONG (BBA)** joined Valiant in San Francisco as a consultant in December 2012.

**JENNIFER (RASMUSSEN) LYONS**

**(BA)** and her husband, Chris, welcomed a son, Nolan Rawn, on Feb. 28, 2013, also his dad's birthday. The family lives in the Seattle area, where Jennifer owns a freelance copywriting business.

**JAMES MILLS (MSGI)** retired from the U.S. Treasury in October 2006.

He started another career in consulting and then accepted a permanent position with LPL Financial, based in San Diego. In 2012, he moved back east from San Diego and now works remotely from Virginia.

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**MELISSA (DIAZ) CISNEROS (BA)** and her husband, Daniel, celebrated the arrival of a baby boy, Gabriel Vadid, in July 2012. "We were so excited to baptize him at Founders Chapel in October," Melissa says.

**VICTORIA CROWN (BA, BBA '06, MSRE '08, MBA '09)** was named one of the 2013 National Association of Realtors' "30 Under 30." Victoria is with Pacific Sotheby's International Realty in San Diego.



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**TARA (HAMILTON) SHIROFF '02 (BA)** is an associate at Lewis Brisbois, a law firm in Las Vegas, and has served as a legal consultant for two television shows: "CSI" on CBS and "Drop Dead Diva" on Lifetime. She and her husband, Justin, were excited to share news of their first baby. "We are thrilled about the birth of our first child, Alexander, in March 2013," says Tara. "He's an amazing little guy and being his mom is the best! I certainly hope he attends USD one day and becomes a fellow Torero!"

In addition to the University of San Diego, she has studied in Oxford, England; Washington, D.C.; and Guadalajara, Mexico. While at USD, Victoria held many leadership positions, including vice president of USD's Student Alumni Association and director of academic programming for Associated Students.

**PAMELA ESPINOSA DE LOS MONTEROS (BA)** completed a Fulbright Fellowship in Mexico City, Mexico, in 2011-12, and then entered a master's program in library and information science at Syracuse University. She graduated in May 2013, "librarian glasses and all!" she says. "Ready to return to the California sun."

**FRANCES RAY-EARLE (BA)** joined Deloitte Consulting LLP as a management consultant and is now based in Houston, Texas.

**ROBERT THOMPSON (BA)** is an environmental chemist and has been working on a federal EPA site with top engineers and geologists. He writes that his work will "help with remedial action and cleanup to make the world a cleaner and safer place for our children's future."

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**LISSETTE GOMEZ (BA)** relocated after almost two years of working as a school psychologist in the Bay Area. "I look forward to being back in San Diego

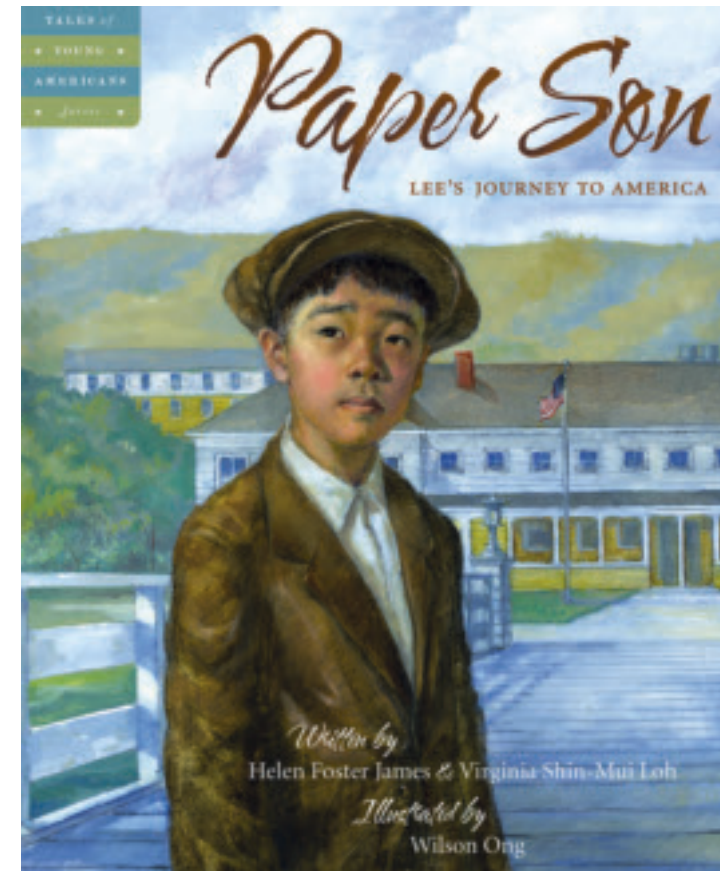


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## [storyteller]

**VIRGINIA LOH '08 (EdD)** has co-authored a new picture book, called *Paper Son: Lee's Journey to America*, from Sleeping Bear Press. It was released on May 1, 2013, and tells the story of Fu Lee, a young Chinese immigrant looking to find a better life for himself in 1920s America. The book has received positive reviews from Kirkus, School Library Journal, ReadingOnline and Children's Book Center.

with friends and family, and planning my wedding with my fiancé," she says.

**KEVIN LUKE (MBA)** and his wife, Anna-Mary Patterson '06, celebrated the arrival of a baby boy, Ethan David, on Dec. 15, 2012.

**[2008] CLAYTON AUSTIN (BAcc)** left corporate finance in the last year and is now the administrator of a skilled nursing facility. He and his

wife, Kristen, welcomed a son, Cash, who is now 8 months old. "He is my new partner in crime," Clayton says. "The story of our fast times together has been dubbed 'The Adventures of Cash & Clayton.'"

**JENNIFER JONES (MA)** is working toward a PhD at USD.

**LAUREL (GLASS) LEES (BA)** and her husband, James, were married at the La Valencia Hotel in La Jolla,

Calif., in the fall of 2011. After their desert honeymoon, they set up home with their dog, Roo. Laurel earned a professional certificate in urban planning and development from the University of California, San Diego, and a professional certificate in grant writing from San Diego State University. She became a certified inspector of sediment and erosion control, and a qualified storm water pollution prevention plan practitioner. Laurel is also qualified to perform jurisdictional wetland delineations. She was highlighted in AMEC's global newsletter as an outstanding under-30 professional. Laurel completed her second half marathon and is training for a third.

## [2009]

**ERICA (HEWITT) HANLEY (BA)** and her husband, Sean, welcomed a baby girl, Cora Hanley, on March 30. "These days I'm busy being a mom," she says. Sean is working toward a master's degree in applied physics at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif.

**DANE McCLEARY (BBA)** manages vacation homes in Mission Beach, Pacific Beach and La Jolla, Calif., through 710 Beach Rentals. He earned a real estate broker's license and plans to begin actively pursuing real estate transactions.

**BLAKE MILLER (JD)** joined Frago-men, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy as an associate practicing business immigration law. He works with clients across a range of industries, including engineering, wireless technology, manufacturing, entertainment, athletics and the arts.

## 2010s

### [2010]

**RYAN BRENNAN (BA)** is a student at the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Dentistry. He applied for and was accepted into the Los Angeles Schweitzer Fellows Program in order to establish a collaborative service project with two dental clinics and UCLA. Ryan will lead UCLA dental students as they work with faculty to provide free dental care on weekends through the Meet Each Need with Dignity (MEND) and Homeless Not Toothless clinics, serving the homeless and those living below the poverty line. At USD, Ryan created USD's Dental Club and

established a dental mission project to Tijuana, Mexico, through the Trans-Border Institute. He also has served in week-long intensive dental service projects in Honduras.

**JOSHUA RABINOVITZ (BA)** has pursued a career in real estate since graduation and decided to further his education. In August 2013, he expected to enter the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind., with a fellowship in the university's two-year MBA program.

### [2011]

**ARIANA HARO (BA)** has been teaching high school English for two years, and is active with various clubs and committees for her school. She also is a graduate student at Boise State University, studying for a master's degree in educational technology.

**LAUREN HENNO (BBA)** and fellow USD alumna Marika Fedalen created Golden White Décor, an inspirational California lifestyle blog highlighting fashion and décor. Their work has been highlighted by *Teen Vogue*, *Marie Claire*, *Lucky Magazine*, *The Zoe Report* and more. Lauren and Marika were featured in *San Diego Magazine's* 50 People to Watch in 2013.

**JENNIFER IX (BBA)** is a graduate student at Point Loma Nazarene University working toward a master's degree in education, with a concentration in school counseling and guidance.

**JACLYN MILLER (BA, MA '12)** and Mark Dreschler '09 were married in Founders Chapel on March 2, 2013. They now live in Philadelphia where Mark is in his final year of law school at the University of Pennsylvania, and where Jaclyn works in student affairs at Villanova University.

**CAMILLE ROSE SCHMIDT (BA)** founded her own public relations firm, Camille Schmidt Public Relations, in January 2013 in San Francisco. She already has more than 10 contract clients. Her blog, *DressedandEducated.com*, which she started in her dorm room her senior year at USD, is sponsored by both *Vogue* and *Harper's Bazaar* and has more than 170,000 readers.

**JUDY WHITE (MSN)** and her husband, Mark, have a new home in Temecula, Calif. Judy also has a new job at Palomar Medical Center,





[shining light]

**SISTER VIRGINIA MCMONAGLE, RSCJ,** who joined USD as the director of constituent relations in 1972 and retired in 2002 as special assistant to the vice president for university relations, passed away on Easter Sunday 2013 in Menlo Park, Calif. She was 91 years old.

The following is an excerpt from the eulogy delivered at Sister McMonagle's celebration of life on May 1, 2013:

**"It is right and just that we take to heart the lessons that Virginia's life has taught us, summed up so well in her Irish wisdom. Virginia made distances disappear through friendship. This is what she spent her life doing. If the road to a friend is never long, then make friends with everyone. You will make distance and time disappear. You will make walls crumble."**

all while working toward a PhD in nursing. "Busy year so far!" she says.

[2012]

**CHRISTOPHER BURKE (BA)** moved across the country to Windsor, Conn., to pursue a career in information technology sales. He works for one of the top IT solutions providers in the nation and is an expert in the latest enterprise-grade video conferencing technologies. He specializes in next generation, home centric, health care and mobile video solutions. "Proud to be a Torero and always a Torero," he says. "Olé!"

**JOSE ROSALES CHAVEZ (BA)** is in a PhD program in global health at the School of Human Evolution and Social Change at Arizona State University.

**KELLI HAGAN (BA)** moved to Los Angeles and landed a position as a junior publicist with a public relations firm that works with the Walt Disney Company, Sony Pictures and Warner Bros.

**CIELO JIMENEZ (MA)** consulted with USD Legal Clinics on some translations after graduation. In December 2012, Cielo was hired by Community Research Foundation for a clinical position and became an awardee for the MFT Consortium of California. She adds, "I have also been privileged to translate evidence-based literature, which I hope to continue doing for other frameworks. I believe this contributes to share effective forms of treatment among countries; but also supports the work of bilingual therapists who work with Spanish-speaking populations in the U.S."

**CHRISTINE LEE (MA)** is working toward a doctoral degree in education at the University of California, Los Angeles.

**ARTURO VAZQUEZ (MA)** was admitted to the EdD program in community college/post-secondary education. He is currently conducting research on AB540 students (undocumented populations) in post-secondary institutions.

[2013]

**ANDREA PALOSAARI (BA)** is a nurse assistant at a skilled nursing facility. "So far, that has been a great learning experience," she says. "I now have a much more realistic understanding about the responsibilities and tasks performed in the field of nursing."

## In Memoriam

**DENISE DORRICOTT '85 (BA)** passed away on May 1, 2012, at Mayo Hospice in Phoenix, Ariz. After graduating from USD, she earned a master's degree at San Diego State University and a doctorate at Penn State. She held various teaching and educational assignments at George Mason University, Cornell, Boston College and Kaiser Hospitals.

**JOSEPH "PEPE" MORRIS '81 (BA)** passed away on March 27, 2012. Pepe was born in Santa Monica, Calif., and graduated from USD and the Case Western Reserve School of Dentistry. He had a practice in the Bay Area for the past 25 years. Pepe is survived by his wife, Dawn, and sons William, Leonard and John.

**JOHN WAYNE WHEELER '68 (BA)** died on Dec. 25, 2012, at age 66. He was a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity at USD and attended dental school at the University of Illinois in Chicago. He served in both the Marine Corps and the Navy, and was a retired commander. John owned a dental practice in La Mesa, Calif., and retired in 1999 to move to Iowa. He is survived by his daughter, Anna '95; son, Devin; daughter-in-law, Alondra; and four grandchildren.

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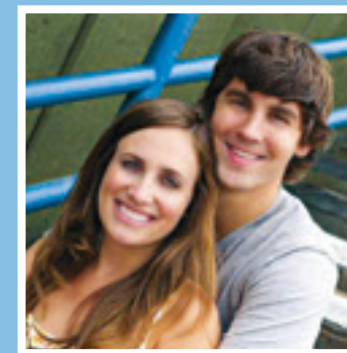
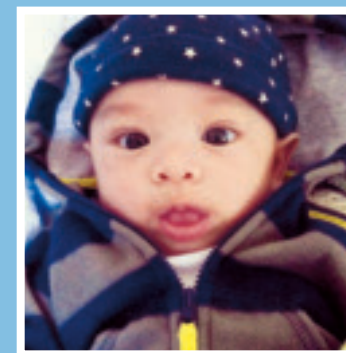
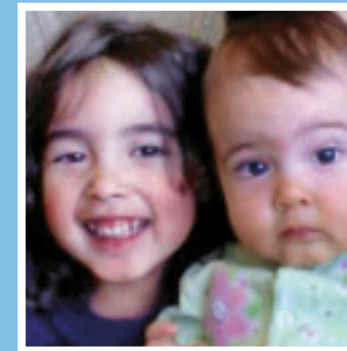
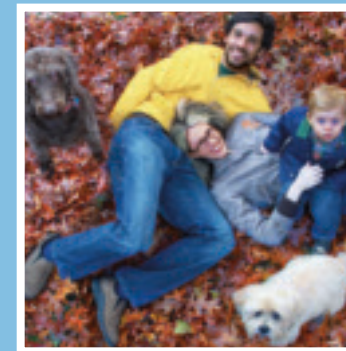
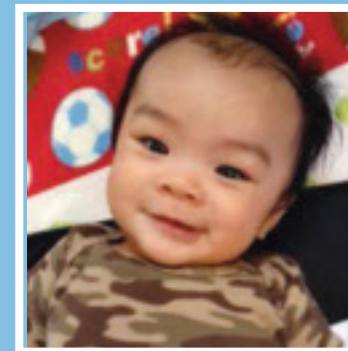
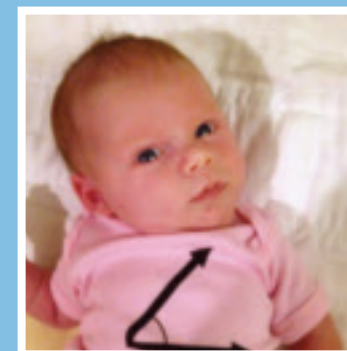
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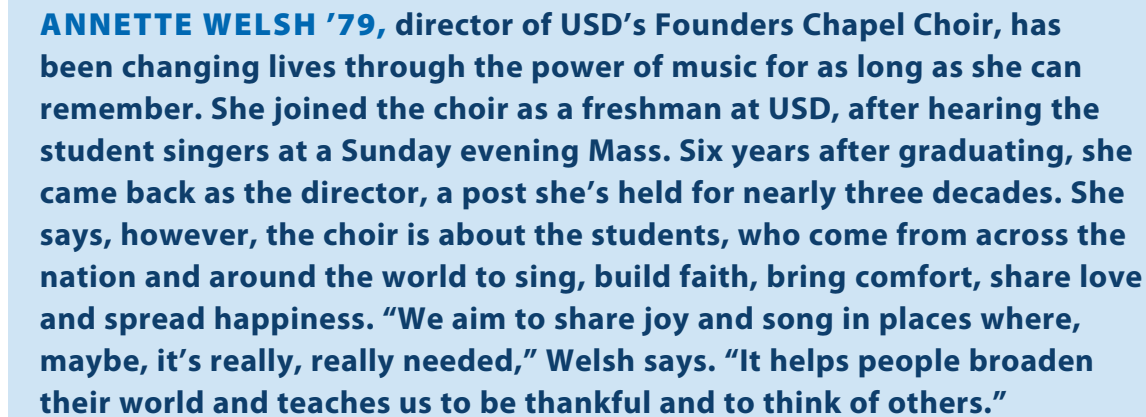
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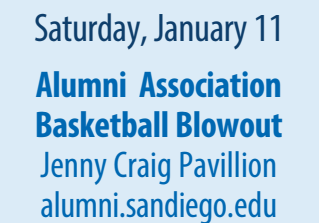
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