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Those who've been paying attention to what goes on between the front and back covers of *USD Magazine* have likely noticed both subtle and overt changes over the past year. This is a direct result of the continued value we place on the opinions of the Torero community about the work we do here.

We've been talking to key stakeholders — alumni and parents, colleagues and trustees — about the ways that *USD Magazine* can continue to meet the needs of our readership and evolve to the next level. As always, we've been listening, refining, adjusting, while remaining focused on telling the stories of the great work that emerges when thoughtful collaboration is paired with hard work and determination.

Evidence of that winning combination can be found within the pages of this issue. Our story about USD's commitment to bringing about comprehensive immigration reform echoes the values that the university is built upon: Compassion. Human dignity. Justice. Each of these is rooted in the very bedrock of the university's Catholic faith tradition.

You'll also find a lively Q&A with Center for Christian Spirituality Director Cara McMahon, as the inaugural story in our new "Faith in Action" section, meant to celebrate and reflect on the spiritual aspects of life, both on- and off-campus.

For the past several issues, we've featured more pictures in the Torero Notes section; these are accompanied by our sincere wish that you keep us posted about what you're up to, and send us a few photos when you clue us in about your latest life update. At the same time, our staff has expanded coverage of the good work that our colleagues in the Office of Alumni Relations do, so be on the lookout for event recaps and photos.

The theme that echoes throughout the pages that follow is good people doing good work. And, on occasion, doing so by having a good time: The 2013 Founders' Gala was a glittering success, raising more than \$580,000 in support of student scholars. And you may recall that the Fall 2013 issue highlighted last summer's fifth annual Wine Classic, which has raised more than \$220,000 since its inception in 2009, all to benefit the USD Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund.

As part of our stated mission, the staff of *USD Magazine* vows to continue to earn your trust by exemplifying the values of the University of San Diego. And we want to hear from you. Let us know your thoughts about our evolving editorial and design direction, and, as always, let us know what you're up to, so we can share your good news with the entire Torero community.

— Julene Snyder, Editor

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THE BUCK STOPS HERE

Todd Gloria brings stability back to City Hall

by Mike Sauer

In a quiet moment between his seemingly endless slate of meetings, San Diego Interim Mayor Todd Gloria '00 walked to the window of his 11th-floor office and took in the stunning view of the city he'd been tasked to keep afloat in the wake of unprecedented political scandal.

"These last few months have not been easy, no doubt about that," Gloria offered, eyes fixed on the cityscape below. "But you get into this line of work — at least I did — to make a positive and lasting difference in your community. And that's

exactly what we're trying to do here."

While the blast radius created by former mayor Bob Filner's brief and explosive tenure has been equal parts extensive and disheartening for Gloria and his team, the 35-year-old San Diego native is committed to the cleanup effort, and the wide-eyed enthusiasm with which he has pursued his myriad mayoral obligations has served as a striking contrast to the oft-displayed churlishness of his predecessor.

"We are here to serve our constituents, first and foremost,"

Gloria said. "I absolutely love what I do, and as the old adage says, you catch more flies with honey than with vinegar."

When the city's new mayor-elect takes office, he'll do so knowing that Gloria's steadying influence has gone a long way in bringing credibility back to San Diego; no small feat considering that, for several tempestuous weeks last year, America's Finest City was more a punch line than a paradise.

"It's hard not to take it personally when your hometown is getting so much bad press," Gloria said. "We were in damage

control mode from day one."

Since Filner's resignation in August 2013, Gloria has kept his focus on balancing the budget, improving municipal infrastructure and getting projects like the Balboa Park Centennial celebration back on track. He also has made a concerted effort to enhance the level of transparency under which his office operated — a policy often ignored by the previous administration.

"People want and need to feel that their opinions matter, and to lose that connection with their elected officials is very frustrating," said Gloria, who personally manages all of his social media platforms in order to stay in constant connection with his constituents. "There's a lot of responsibility involved in civil service, but you can never lose sight of the

fact that you're here to serve."

Working for the common good is old hat for Gloria, who as a 10-year-old would watch political conventions from gavel-to-gavel, and then canvass his Clairemont, Calif. neighborhood to register first-time voters — including his parents.


"People always assume I'm from a politically active family, which just isn't true," he said. "My parents in no way pushed politics on me; it's just been something I've always been interested in."

Those interests were further ignited once Gloria arrived at Alcalá Park as a freshman in the fall of 1996. Concerned about what he construed to be an alarming lack of diversity on campus, Gloria became an active member of USD's Multi-cultural Center, and was instrumental in revamping the university's nondiscrimination policy and enhancing the depth and breadth of the Department of Ethnic Studies.

An honor student who graduated summa cum laude with a dual degree in history and political science, Gloria is convinced that his USD student experience helped shape his passion for civil service.

"USD is where I found my voice as an activist, and where I learned to advocate for others," he said.

While his supporters were hoping that Gloria would add his name to the mayoral election ballot last November, his responsibilities as city council president and District 3 councilmember are more than enough to keep him occupied — for now.

"Serving [as interim mayor] has been a challenging experience, but it's also been incredibly rewarding," he said. "I never would've seen myself in this position a few years ago, but it's funny how life can surprise you. Who knows what the future holds?" 

BY THE NUMBERS

Our Latest Rankings Are Up There

USD is in rarified company when it comes to how we're compared to other colleges and universities. Here's how we stack up:

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- #3** Among the top 40 doctorate institutions for undergraduate participation in study abroad
(Institute of International Education)
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(*U.S. News & World Report*)
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Alumni of the University of San Diego come together with parents and friends to celebrate all things Torero.

[galvanizing]

THE MORE, THE MERRIER

Torero Club connects USD with a broader fan base

by Mike Sauer

With Commencement 2014 just a few short months away, graduating seniors aren't the only ones who are beginning to feel uneasy about saying their good-byes to USD.

"Parents of our students really become attached to the university, and it can be tough for some of them when their students graduate," says Renda Quinn, director of parent relations at USD.

"When students earn their diplomas, they become alumni, and it's easy to stay connected to USD because of that. There's plenty of parents who want to remain a part of the Torero family, but how do they do that?"

Enter the newly formed USD Torero Club, a concept that allows parents and friends of the university to join forces with alumni in nearly two-dozen existing chapters around the country meant to celebrate and support all things Torero.

In 2014, Torero Clubs will roll out in 23 cities and regions across the United States, including Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Honolulu, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, New York, Phoenix, Sacramento, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Seattle and Washington, D.C.

Whether it's enhancing professional networking opportunities, expanding the number of available student internships or building the



volunteer base for local and national events, the Torero Club is all about galvanizing USD's ever-growing fan base.

"First and foremost, we want to build a broader base of connection for people interested in supporting USD, its mission and its values," says USD Alumni Association Director Charles Bass.

"That can and should extend to people who may not have earned their diploma from the

university, but believe in who we are and what we do."

At its foundation, the Torero Club is a relationship-builder; both for the university and the thousands of supporters willing to offer their time, talent and treasure in the effort to promote the university's present-day mission, and future aspirations.

Both Quinn and Bass are convinced that the Torero Club initiative, which was announced

at Homecoming Weekend last October, will go a long way in building USD's support base regionally and globally.

"We're all part of the Torero family, and the club is a great way of capitalizing on the University of San Diego's thriving alumni network," Bass says.

"It brings everyone together under the same roof to best utilize the resources we have available for the good of the university."

[heroics]

FAMILY TIES The USD Parents Association chose not one, not two, but three amazing Parents of the Year who were honored at the closing Mass during the 2013 Homecoming and Family Weekend last October.

Nicholas Dilonardo '15 nominated his father, James Dilonardo, for teaching him that it's important to be "different than the people that we don't like in this world" — not to be the guy who's loud on his cell phone and instead be the person who offers to hold the door or to help someone into a car.

"My father is my hero," Nicholas (pictured below at left) wrote in his nomination letter, "No matter how hard it can be in this world to be different, to be yourself in a world that every day tries to make you more like everyone else, my dad is totally comfortable being himself."

Amanda Moriarty '14, nominated both of her parents, Jill and Tim Moriarty, explaining that her father taught her she could do anything in the world and never let her doubt it after she became physically disabled. Her mother volunteered to be her attendant in classes so she could fully experience being a USD student.

"Her assistance has allowed me to focus on the lectures, and not hesitate to participate in classroom activities," Amanda wrote in her nomination. "She is my caregiver, aid, mother and best friend."



[gifts at work]

Carol Vassiliadis (P '08, '14) contributed \$500,000 to renovate and refurbish The Black Box Theatre. This gift will provide USD undergraduate students with a dramatically enhanced performance space to learn about theater and refine their craft, both on the stage and behind the scenes. The renovated space has been renamed The Vassiliadis Family Black Box Theatre.

The Rokenbok Educational Foundation has given \$265,000 to support the School of Leadership and Education Science's Leadership Institute's new strategic plan and will allow the Leadership Institute to further its educational offerings, including undergraduate and graduate courses, conferences, community-based projects and executive programs for practitioners.

The Italian Club of San Diego contributed \$200,000 to establish The Tagliaferri Family Scholarship Fund. This scholarship will support USD undergraduate students who have declared a major in Italian Studies and are passionate about furthering their studies in the language, culture, customs and history of Italy.

The Coca-Cola Foundation has given a new \$100,000 grant, meant to strengthen support for low-income and first-generation science students. Funding will expand the curriculum and the number of participants in the university's pre-freshman summer science program, and establish new Coca-Cola Science Scholarships for under-represented students studying biology, chemistry, biochemistry, marine science, environmental studies, biophysics or physics.

Bradley Stone and Susan Moffitt (P '15) have generously contributed \$100,000 to support the Department of Art, Architecture + Art History. Half of the funds will be used to establish The Stone Family Art Supply Fund, which will provide small grants to financially needy, yet deserving students who want and crave the experience of studio work at USD, but cannot afford it. The other half will be used to create The Stone Family Endowed Lecture Series in the Arts.

Ronson Shamoun '98 (BAcc), '02 (JD), '03 (LLM) continues his support of USD's School of Law. Through the establishment of a \$5,000 annual named scholarship in the name of RJS LAW - A Tax Law Firm, Shamoun is encouraging USD law graduates to continue on at USD to earn their LLM degrees in tax. RJS LAW is also proud to support current USD law students through its law clerk program, where students gain practical tax experience while working with the firm's practicing lawyers.

Hannah (Davis) '09 and Zach Johnson, student-athletes who were on USD's rowing teams, established the Johnson's Hope Scholarship for Men's and Women's Rowing. When they were at school, they knew teammates who were forced to give up on rowing — and in some cases even leave USD — due to financial hardship. The couple established this scholarship to give hope to student-athletes who are faced with unforeseen financial difficulties, and to provide a way for them to remain at USD to complete their studies.

Art Wical '63 and Fran Oldak Dolan '63, College for Women 50th Reunion Co-Chair, were among those inaugurated as Golden Toreros last fall.

[milestone]

FIFTY YEARS AND COUNTING

Golden Toreros inducted at Homecoming and Family Weekend



by Ryan T. Blystone

Literally and figuratively, students from the first days of the San Diego College for Women (1952) and the College for Men (1954) were Pioneers. Not only was “Pioneers” the school’s mascot nickname until 1961, but these students were the earliest beneficiaries of the leadership of co-founders Bishop Charles Francis Buddy

and Mother Rosalie Clifton Hill.

That got John Phillips, director of USD’s Office of Planned Giving, thinking about how best to acknowledge alumni who’ve marked 50 years or more since graduating.

“A coordinated effort has been made to make 50th reunions a focus of Homecoming reunion weekend the last few years, but it

occurred to me that the 50th reunion seems like an ‘end of the road’ for class reunions,” he says. “What comes after the 50th? It’s time to move these classes to the next level.”

That idea was launched at a landmark event during USD’s 2013 Homecoming and Family Weekend celebration.

Seventy-six people — alumni

from 1953-63 along with a few special additions — became inaugural Golden Toreros members. They each received a medallion from USD President Mary E. Lyons, PhD. The ceremony was the highlight of the Oct. 12 Homecoming Dinner with the President in Copley Library’s Mother Rosalie Hill Reading Room.

“I’m always proud to welcome

you to your home, your Torero home,” Lyons said. “You can take pride not only in what’s happened here at Alcalá Park, but also the value of the degree you received so many years ago.”

Among those receiving Golden Torero medallions were USD’s first president, Author “Art” Hughes; Sister Sally Furay, an alumna, faculty emerita and former administrator; retired chemistry professor Patricia Shaffer, RSCJ; Patrick Pidgeon, faculty emeritus for philosophy; Jeannette Rigsby, faculty emerita for French; and Terry Truitt Whitcomb, first alumna of the College for Women.

“I think this is a brilliant idea as part of the tradition at USD,” says Charles King, a 1962 alumnus and medal recipient. “It’s a great way to get people back to campus, give back to the university and really support what’s going on here.”

Susan Monahan Wachowiak and her husband, Dan, who both graduated in 1962, were on the Golden Toreros committee and were medal recipients. Being part of this first-ever celebration deepens their USD affinity, along with the fact that their four daughters also attended USD.

“I’d recommend to anyone that they send their children here,” says Susan. “It was such a great place to start. We’re happy that our children also wanted to go here. We had such a great experience and wanted them to have the same kind of experience we did.”

Lyons spoke about new developments — the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering inauguration, student veteran education resources, and a partnership with the Franciscan School of Theology — as a reminder that USD continues to evolve and grow.

“The things we’re doing today have their roots in the foundation of our university,” she said. “While there’s a lot that’s changed here, the fundamental values and mission are the same. The things that mattered to you then, still matter now.” ☘

[cheers]

A TOAST TO THE FUTURE

Sips for Scholarships a perfect pairing of fun and philanthropy

Located just about an hour’s drive north of downtown San Francisco via scenic Highway 101, Sonoma County’s rugged, old-California beauty and award-winning vintages have made it a can’t-miss destination for wine enthusiasts the world over. And this spring, it will serve as the host site for a weekend-long celebration of USD spirit that’s well on its way to acquiring can’t-miss status in its own right.

In just its third year, the USD Parents Association’s Sips for Scholarships event has become something much more than a get-away weekend for Torero moms and friends, and Director of Parent Relations Renda Quinn couldn’t be more pleased. “It started out as an effort to build community among USD moms, while also raising funds for the Parent Partnership Fund,” she says. “It’s really been great to see how well it’s been received, and it just keeps getting

bigger and better each year.”

The three-day event, which is scheduled to run from Friday, March 21 through Sunday, March 23, provides attendees the opportunity to escape the daily grind and sample some of Sonoma’s most celebrated varietals with friends and classmates. According to Quinn, it’s the perfect blend of fun, friendship and philanthropy.

“Originally, the event was basically mothers of current students, and the atmosphere was so fun and festive,” she recalls. “Since they all had such a good time, they started bringing their friends, and everyone who’s participated can’t wait to come back this year.” (Pictured below are last year’s attendees at Napa Valley’s Castello di Amara Winery.)

Proceeds from the event go directly to supporting the Parent Partnership Fund, which to

date has raised more than \$170,000 and helped 35 USD students who, because of unexpected financial hardship, would have otherwise been unable to continue their education at USD.

The weekend’s cornerstone event is the Saturday night silent auction, where an elegant evening of wine tasting, food pairing and delectable desserts will delight guests, including alumnae and friends of the university. And for this special weekend, even the boys make the cut.

“It’s still a ladies’ weekend, but not exclusively so,” says Quinn.

“The most important part of the weekend is connecting people with the Parent Partnership Fund, and I know everyone agrees that it’s a program worth supporting,” says Quinn. ☘

To learn more about Sips for Scholarships, call (619) 260-4808 or email parents@sandiego.edu.



[rising stock]

IMMEDIATE DIVIDENDS Josh Landau looked around the table and had to pinch himself. There he was, in the historic lunchroom of the New York Stock Exchange, dining in the same space where financial titans such as J.P. Morgan and John D. Rockefeller would gather to talk business and shape the course of America's burgeoning economy.

"It was amazing," recalls Landau (pictured below, second from right), "I was eating lunch next to the CEO of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and the CEO of TD Ameritrade, listening to them talk about what it takes to succeed in business today."

Landau, a senior accounting major at USD, earned his trip to Wall Street's epicenter last July by winning the TD Ameritrade Next Gen Institutional Scholarship, which rewards exceptional students enrolled in undergraduate financial planning programs. As one of 10 winners to be selected for the scholarship nationally, Landau received \$5,000, along with the opportunity to tour the NYSE and shake hands with some of the financial industry's most prominent movers-and-shakers.



[etc.]

The University of San Diego

has been named one of 75 "Bike Friendly" campuses by the League of American Bicyclists. This designation recognizes USD's commitment to improving conditions for cyclists through investment in bicycling promotion, education programs, infrastructure and pro-bicycling policies. "This is a great recognition of our efforts to create a green, sustainable campus," says Michael Catanzaro '01, director of USD's Office of Sustainability. Hundreds of new bike parking spaces, a bike repair station and use of shower facilities for faculty, staff and students who bike to campus are just a few of the reasons USD was recognized.

Mitch Malachowski, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, was awarded one of two 2014 Council on Undergraduate Research Fellow Awards last fall. The award will be presented in June at the Council on Undergraduate Research Conference in Washington, D.C., where Malachowski will deliver a one-hour address. As part of his fellowship, he will receive a student research fellowship to be awarded to a deserving USD undergraduate.

The Social Innovation Challenge, sponsored by USD's Center for Peace and Commerce, is meant to "promote, guide and support student-driven ideas to launch or to contribute to existing social enterprises by for-profit, hybrid and non-profit organizations, locally and abroad." Open to all USD students, the challenge has awarded \$85,000 in cash prizes to students since its inception in 2011. To learn more, go to www.sandiego.edu/cpc/sic/.

USD Law Professor Orly Lobel's new book, *Talent Wants to be Free: Why We Should Learn to Love Leaks, Raids and Free Riding*, was published last fall to laudatory reviews. Characterized as a "compelling argument for a new set of attitudes toward human capital that will sharpen our competitive edge and fuel the creative sparks in any environment," by *Publisher's Weekly*, the book was published by Yale University Press in September 2013. Lobel is the Herzog Endowed Scholar at the School of Law; her current research focuses on innovation policy and intellectual policy.

The 2013 President's Report recounts the continued progress of the University of San Diego, and provides an accounting of the university's resources and activities by combined net asset categories for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. Find the complete report online at www.sandiego.edu/giving/PresidentsReport/.

Professor of Electrical Engineering Susan Lord was awarded the Nikola-Tesla Chain last fall, an award that's conferred by the International Society of Engineering Education for outstanding achievements in education and pedagogy. Lord traveled to Kazan, Russia, to receive the award; she says it was particularly gratifying because "engineering pedagogy is a part of my work that is very important to me." The award capped off a great year for Lord, who also published a book titled, *The Borderlands of Education: Latinas in Engineering*, was part of a team that received an award for exceptional contributions to research in diversity in engineering, and was elected a Fellow of the American Society for Engineering Education.

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PURSuing JUSTICE THROUGH LOVE

USD and Catholicity bring life full circle for Cara McMahon

by Krystn Shrieve

Sitting in a classroom that suddenly felt cold and drafty, she thought about her ethics assignment and hoped, as she put pen to paper, that the recipient on the other end wouldn't realize the ink stain in the margin revealed a momentary hesitation that caused her pen to leak. After all, what does a Catholic schoolgirl say in a letter to an inmate on death row?

Cara McMahon '99, '07 (MA), then just a sophomore at the Academy of Our Lady of Peace, doesn't remember exactly what she wrote. Nor does she recall everything the convict said in his typed response. She remembers his admission of guilt, his remorse for his crimes and his plea with her to care for the world and change the trajectory of someone's life. That inspired how she lives her life.

McMahon graduated from USD in 1999 with bachelor's degrees in theological and religious studies and sociology. She worked as a campus minister from 2000 to 2006 and earned a master's degree in pastoral care and counseling in 2007. From 2008 to 2010, she earned a second master's degree in global development and social justice from St. John's University. She came to USD again in 2012, for yet another assignment, to lead the Center for Christian Spirituality. Her story abounds with full circles — interesting moments when life repeats lessons previously taught. What others think of as coincidental, McMahon considers the work of God.

Q: You mentioned you were “born a Catholic.” What does that mean for you?

A: You always hear people say, “I’m Irish Catholic” and they think it tells you everything you need to know. My parents came to the United States in 1968 from Dublin, by way of South Africa and then Canada. Both my parents lost their fathers when they were very young so they were raised by two pretty phenomenal women. My most prominent images of my grandmothers are through the lenses of faith and prayer. They had an authentic trust in God. My folks were raised with that same trust and passed it

on to me. My parents worked hard to put us through Catholic school. I’ve been Catholic-educated my whole life. Those who have inspired me the most are people who live, very intentionally, committed to God and faith-based social justice.

Q: What drew you to study religion and sociology?

A: I loved the study of God. I liked that we could study aspects, like the historical Jesus and the Church and Catholic traditions, but was also intrigued by the fact that we’ll never really be able to know



[Q&A Continued]

everything entirely because — it's God. Sociology is the same way because society is constantly evolving and changing. I had no idea those things would eventually make sense in my life and in who I would become. I just studied what I loved. When I was 28 years old, I went back to OLP and became an ethics teacher. Full circles. I'm all about it.

Q: How has religion and sociology, and your background in pastoral counseling and social justice, shaped the work you've done in other countries?

A: At OLP, I wasn't just a social ethics teacher. I also ran the service immersion program and took students to Tijuana. My goal was to create relationships that helped students understand how God works through people in the world.

In Tijuana we worked at various sites. One was a home for women, called Casa de las Madres de Caridad. The other was a home for men called Casa Juan Diego.

I would bring the students to the home for men and watched them clip the men's toenails, give haircuts or change their bedding.

At school, I could ask them to pick up something off the ground and might be met with a sigh of exasperation, but in doing this kind of work, they never complained. That's when you realize it's a humbling privilege to be part of the works of mercy.

Q: USD is at the center of many full circles in your life. What brings you back?

A: In March of 2000, I got an email asking if I'd like to apply to be a campus minister

at USD. I sent in my paperwork, did my interview over the phone from Ireland and left the next day to backpack around Europe for two months. I found out I was hired while standing in a train station in Madrid.

My new job was, largely, to run the University Ministry programs based in social justice education. At the end of my second year as a campus minister, I went to Peru for the summer. I grew up in the St. Rose of Lima parish in Chula Vista and couldn't wait to go to Lima, Peru — another full circle. I lived with the Sisters of the Holy Faith in a barrio neighborhood where they ran a center for children with special needs.

I met a 6-year-old boy named Adrian who was completely disabled and couldn't speak. Another boy, Cesar, was about the same age. He could see and hear and was completely able-bodied, but couldn't speak. They were best buddies.

One morning, their teacher brought out a doll. She was showing Adrian the head, the hands and the arms. She asked, "¿Adrian, donde está la cabeza?" "Where is the head?" He couldn't move and couldn't talk and I wondered how he'd answer. Cesar picked up Adrian's hand and pointed it at the doll's head. It was the most beautiful moment of solidarity I'd ever seen.

Q: What's the mission of the Center for Christian Spirituality and how is the center evolving under your leadership?

A: In 1985, USD established the Institute for Christian Ministries, which was endowed

by the Society of the Sacred Heart. The institute had two roles. It offered a community-service element by sponsoring ecumenical programs, leadership training and resources for parish programs. It also offered an academic element, including a theology degree that started in 1985 and a graduate degree in pastoral care and counseling, which was established in 1989. Maybe not so coincidentally, that was the same graduate degree I earned 18 years later. There's another full circle.

The name changed in 2001 to the Center for Christian Spirituality, but we're still fulfilling the mission of the Society of the Sacred Heart.

I've learned so much and have become a more spiritual person because of the Center for Christian Spirituality. The people I work with — people who are doing contemplative prayer or who work in health care to help people care for themselves spiritually — have challenged me to pray more, to live more simply, to spend time in silence and to focus on Scripture. This has been a gift.

Q: You're also a member of USD's Council for the Advancement of Catholic Social Thought. How do you define Catholic Social Thought and its role at USD?


A: Catholic Social Thought is the body of moral teaching that addresses the Catholic Church's response to many social ills and injustices in the world. The Catholic Church seeks to be attentive to the needs of the world by providing teachings that eradicate oppression and

make way for a more loving human family and a more Christ-centered existence. The social teachings of the Church are rooted in Scripture and draw from Catholic theology, to encourage, challenge and demand those of good will to persist in the pursuit of justice through the most loving avenues possible.

The university honors Catholic Social Thought by dedicating Masses, lectures, events and other academic endeavors to seven themes: option for the poor; call to family, community and participation; solidarity; dignity of work and the rights of workers; dignity of the human person; and rights and responsibilities.

Catholic Social Thought is my academic joy, the stuff I come alive to. I think young people want to know about this. It's what Pope Francis calls us to live right now. It's not the entire religion or the entire faith, but it's an aspect, or a lens, that has helped me glimpse God in the most challenging and meaningful ways. Catholic Social Thought is a tradition that has made me proud to be Catholic.

Catholic Social Thought has been the light that casts a glow on Cara McMahon's journey so far. Where she'll go and what she'll do next, only God knows.

"We have no idea how God will work through us," McMahon says. "We don't know the things we'll be challenged by or what will eventually become blessings and gifts. All I know is that I can see the heart of God in the hearts of people. Nothing competes with lessons I've learned because of the people God has put in my life and the relationships He has given me." 



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ECHOING THE BIG QUESTIONS

Annual Lenten Angelus concert features early music

by Julene Snyder

The sound of music is the sound of the cosmos itself. At least according to the Pythagorean concept of Musica Universalis, which proposed that heavenly bodies emit a resonant hum based on their orbital revolution.

"They believed that music is the way the divine communicates with the mundane, human world," explains Music Professor Marianne Pfau, an early music specialist and musician. "Composers have been inspired by this idea that our universe reverberates with a sound that

reflects the ordered movement of heavenly bodies."

Pfau, who's been teaching at USD since 1989, has had a passion for early music — particularly the 18th century Baroque period — since she was a young girl in Hamburg, Germany. "Early music begins with the earliest written notations and extends through the late Baroque," she explains. As a young woman, she played medieval and renaissance music, but when she came to the United States, she sold those instruments and concentrated on all things Baroque.

Pfau's infectious passion for the genre will be manifest at the annual "Angelus: Sacred Early Music Series," to be held in Founders Chapel on March 29 at 7 p.m. "The series is the fulfillment of a dream I had long had," Pfau explains. "Much of 18th century music was meant to be played in sacred spaces. And Founders Chapel isn't just beautiful; it has wonderful acoustics."


The concert series came to be seven years ago, when Cynthia Haney approached Pfau, looking for a way to honor her late hus-

band, Psychology Professor Mike Haney, a lifelong early music lover. The pair came up with the idea of an annual concert of sacred music ranging from the Middle Ages through the Early Classical Era to be held at Founder's Chapel, featuring period instruments and historical performance practices.

Over the years, the series has grown and evolved, and has featured renowned musicians such as organist Rudolf Kelber and pianist Andrea Anderson. USD's Office of Mission and Ministry now co-sponsors the series.

"This spring, there will be 12 musicians — four singers and eight instruments — performing four of Bach's Lenten Cantatas," says Pfau. She says that much like the season of Lent, "this music encourages reflection. It is inspired by darkness, despair even, and gently echoes the big questions we confront." She says that the historical instruments "sound warm and somewhat diffuse, earthy, close to the human voice."

There are parallels here to the annual winter celebration, "Lessons and Carols," which invites attendees to reflect on the birth of Jesus. "Both are held during penitential seasons of the church year," explains Pfau. "Advent is a time to prepare and reflect on the Nativity. During Lent in early Spring, we reflect on the passion of Christ."

In anticipation of Easter, she says Angelus' final cantata strikes a bright note. "This was music that was written for Palm Sunday. As such, it expresses hope in the resurrection." 

For tickets, go to www.angelus.eventbrite.com.



MATTHIAS GRUENEWALD, DETAIL FROM THE ISENHEIM ALTARPIECE (1512-1516)

The legacy of Betty C. and Walter J. Zable's good works live on through their generosity to USD Athletics.

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THE ZABLE FAMILY'S LEGACY

Famous football player's last play makes lasting impression

by Krystn Shrieve

Walter J. Zable grew up in South Boston during the Great Depression. Life was hard, times were tough and sports gave him the chance to go to college and a way to escape things that might have kept him from the life he was destined to lead.

"Sports put him through school and helped him make a bit of a living," says his son, Walter C. Zable. "If it hadn't been for sports, he probably wouldn't have gone to college. That's why he always had such an affinity for sports and why it was important to him to help other athletes."

It was through sports that Zable made a tremendous difference at USD, where he served on the Board of Trustees from 1977 to 1996, where he endowed athletic scholarships and where the football field is named in his honor.

Zable passed away in the summer of 2012 at the age of 97. USD then learned that he and his late wife, Betty, had designated \$6 million from their estate to support Torero Athletics and fund athletic scholarships.

"From the early days of Walter's time on the Board of Trustees to the creation of the Sports Banquet to supporting multiple capital campaigns, Walter and Betty Zable and their family have graced USD with their generosity," says Associate Vice President for Athletics Ky Snyder. "The Zable



Men's Basketball endowment and support of our most recent capital campaign ensures that the Zable family's support of our student-athletes will live on in perpetuity."

Zable is also remembered as a prominent engineer and entrepreneur. In 1951, Zable founded Cubic Corporation, an innovative electronics company that would grow

rapidly from its humble beginnings in the family garage. Today, Cubic is a global market leader providing innovative solutions and services in the defense, secu-

rity and transportation markets. It has a market cap of more than \$1 billion.

"My mother was the company's first secretary and I remember as a kid going into the garage and seeing guys soldering circuit boards and testing equipment," says Walter C. Zable, Cubic's executive chairman of the board. "My father didn't think much of organizational charts. His management style was to give people the freedom to use their own imagination to design products."

His parents established the Walter J. and Betty C. Zable Foundation in 1997. The foundation seeks to continue the legacy of the founders by encouraging and promoting health, science research, assisting programs that benefit youth, underprivileged individuals and sports-related activities, primarily in San Diego County.

Cubic also supported education programs and was a founding sponsor of the Greater San Diego Inner-City Games, which provides after-school sports and fitness, art and academic opportunities for students. Cubic also honored hundreds of scholar-athletes through the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame's Walter J. Zable/San Diego Chapter.

For Zable, the focus always came back to sports and finding ways to help young people excel — at USD and throughout the community.

"The University of San Diego was lucky to have Walter Zable on our Board of Trustees for nearly 20 years," says USD President Mary E. Lyons, PhD. "His legacy, generosity and vision will live on through our Toreros who, because of him, are making a difference in the world."

Walter C. Zable says he and his wife, Stefanie, "embrace the legacy of the family and, together with the next generation of Zables, will focus on helping the youth — both in our community and globally." 📧

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BETTER. STRONGER. FASTER.

Chloe Ferrari's return keys championship season

by Mike Sauer

Although the pain wasn't intense, Chloe Ferrari knew immediately that something was very wrong.

The then-junior and First-Team West Coast Conference (WCC) middle hitter had just leaped for a spike attempt in a pivotal match against Pepperdine University, a contest that would likely determine the 2012 WCC Women's Volleyball champion. As she landed, she felt a 'pop' in her right knee, and shortly thereafter headed to the bench for an evaluation from the team trainer.

The assessment was bleak, to say the least: a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and a lengthy six-to-eight month recovery and rehabilitation period before she could return to the court.

"I remember everything about that play, and I remember the feeling I had when I found out it was a torn ACL," Ferrari recalls, over a year removed from the devas-

tating diagnosis. "I was just in shock, really. You know there's nothing you can do, and you also know that you've got a long road back to recovery."

Living life on the couch the first few weeks after surgery was a real struggle, but she also knew that the 2013 squad had the potential for greatness, and there was no way she wasn't going to be in the starting rotation when the season kicked off late last August.

"It was such a mental game at the start of my rehab," Ferrari says. "But once the doctors gave me the green light to start working out, it was on."

The rehab was rigorous, and the telling moment came when, in one of her first comeback practices with the team, she had to repeat the same movements she made when the injury occurred. "That was definitely the toughest part for me," she says. "Repeating that same approach and swing ...

I just had to suck it up and get through it, and I did."

Ferrari hasn't looked back since, and neither have the Toreros. The team reached the No. 2 ranking in the nation — the first team in USD history to do so at the Division I level — following a historic, early-season win over then-No. 1-ranked USC in front of a packed house at the Jenny Craig Pavilion. A driving force behind USD's impressive run to their second straight conference title, Ferrari garnered WCC Player of the Year honors for the 2013 season.

"She has been phenomenal," says USD Volleyball Head Coach Jennifer Petrie. "This whole road back she worked her tail off and never lost focus on her goal. I think she played better this season than she did all of last year, which is a testament to her commitment and focus." 📧



University of San Diego Softball Coach Melissa McElvain (right) and best friend Dana Findley share a truly special connection.

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GIVE AND LET LIVE

When it comes to friendship, there's no sacrifice too great for USD softball coach



by Mike Sauer

Talk to anyone who knows Melissa McElvain, and you'll quickly identify a consistent thread in each conversation. Surprisingly, it's got nothing to do with her successful 13-year run at the helm of USD Softball. Nor is it about her unfailing optimism, love of competition or revered leadership qualities.

By all accounts, everything

McElvain is, and everything she stands for, can be distilled down to a simple, eight-letter adjective.

"Melissa is, without a doubt, the most selfless person I've ever met," says Dana Findley, McElvain's best friend of 14 years. "I told her a long time ago that I wished I were as giving as she is. She has this innate ability to figure out what people need,

and if she can't give it to them immediately, she'll find a way to get it to them. And she'll never ask for anything in return."

The connection between the two is as obvious as it is genuine. The jokes and good-natured ribbing come effortlessly when they're together, and if one starts a sentence, it seems just as likely the other will finish it. "Great minds

think alike," quips Findley. "There's just people you click with; people who share your sensibilities and look at life through a similar lens."

And perhaps more than anyone, Findley understands firsthand the value and impact of McElvain's altruistic nature. In 2011 during a routine check-up, her doctors noticed some abnormalities in her bloodwork. Findley recalls being a

little more tired than normal at the time, but as an active mother of two trying to balance the demands of work and parenthood, feeling a bit sluggish now-and-again didn't seem out of the ordinary.

Over the course of the next several years her doctors administered every test imaginable, but were unable to pinpoint the cause of her health issues. Her condition was finally identified as focal segmental glomerulonephritis, a degenerative kidney disorder that, if left untreated, would lead to fatal consequences, potentially within months.

McElvain shudders when recalling the day Findley delivered the devastating news. "I was in the bullpen working with the pitchers, and I never bring my phone when I'm doing that, but that day I did," she recalls. "I must've gasped when I heard the news, because the girls all asked me what was wrong, and if I was ok."

Findley's kidney function was at 18 percent. Once it dropped below 12, she would require dialysis, an invasive procedure that eliminates waste and unwanted water from the blood, but is also tremendously debilitating for the patient.

While things hadn't hit bottom yet, the situation was growing more dire by the day. The options were limited, and the more appealing avenue — at least from Findley's perspective — was to receive a kidney transplant from a pre-screened donor.

Now came the \$64,000 question; just who would be willing to step up to the plate? On average, kidney transplant patients have to wait more than seven years for a suitable donor; time that most, including Findley, just don't have. "I knew that I needed a donor, but finding one was another matter entirely," she says. She didn't need to look far. "I know I shouldn't be surprised that Melissa was willing to get tested to see if she could be a donor, but it doesn't make it any less amazing, or selfless."

A thoughtful consultation with her husband, Ryan, coupled with a considerable amount of prayer on the subject, led McElvain to a seemingly simple conclusion: if it was going to be anyone, why not her? "We saw Dana's husband the night that I found out about how sick she was, and he told us that he couldn't be a donor for her," she says. "I knew what I had to do."

The problem was, McElvain is downright terrified of hospitals, or anything to do with them, for that matter. It's what folks in the medical industry like to call "white coat syndrome," and it wasn't going to make an already difficult task any easier. "I really, really don't like going to hospitals, and I was getting really tense even thinking about going in and getting tested as a potential donor match for Dana," she says.

But above all else, McElvain was committed to helping her friend by any means necessary, and through the power of faith and friendship, overcame her fears and took the initial steps toward determining if she could donate.

A slew of scans, EKGs and blood tests followed, and, after months of screening, it was determined that the two best friends would be forever bound by something both life-giving and life-changing.

"My tests came back great, and the doctors marveled that we shared so many commonalities for not being related," McElvain says.

The transplant took place without a hitch last September, and both donor and patient are thriving. In fact, Findley's new and improved vital organ even has a name: Melody. "It's a combination of both of our names," says McElvain, grinning. "Is it weird to name a kidney? Maybe. Is it awesome? Absolutely!" 🙌

For more information on kidney disease, or to learn how you can be eligible for donorship, go to www.kidney.org.

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PERSISTENCE, SQUARED As a teen, Ryan Shelton's sole goal was to play college football at a four-year university. "It was my one focus. Everything I did was dedicated to getting faster, stronger, better," he says.

So when Shelton arrived at USD in the fall of 2007, he was eager to realize his dream. Then came a left shoulder injury, suffered in preseason practice, and his hopes were dashed.

The injury, though, combined with a chance meeting in the Torero bookstore with Dave Janiak, an assistant coach for USD's rowing program, changed Shelton's life forever. The 6-foot-7 athlete was convinced to switch to rowing. He did, despite terming his first attempt at the sport to be "boring."

Shelton quickly learned to appreciate it during his 1½-year stint at USD. The business finance major was a starboard on USD Coach Brooks Dagman's Varsity Eight squad that earned USD its highest national ranking (18th) at the 2009 national championships.

After graduating, Shelton stayed with it and eventually earned a spot on the U.S. national team in the quadruple scull. Since then, Shelton and his teammates have been racing and training for what they hope is a spot in the 2016 Summer Olympics in Brazil.

"I've come a long way in a short amount of time, but I know I have a long way to go."



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YES WE CAN



USD comes down

on the **COMPASSIONATE** side of the
Immigration Reform debate

by Julene Snyder

Like most teenagers, Paola Carrasco eagerly anticipated

the day that she'd have true freedom. She was a high school sophomore, and a lot of her friends were starting to get their licenses. Now it was her turn.

She recalls casually asking her mom when she could start taking driver's ed and get her driver's license. Not surprising, really, that the answer is etched in her memory, as it reverberated like an earthquake: "*Mija ... no podemos hacer eso. Somos indocumentados.*" ("*Mija ... we can't do that. We are undocumented.*")

The list of things she couldn't do grew from there: No, she couldn't vote when she turned 18. No, she couldn't have a real job; maybe she could babysit. No, she couldn't travel abroad, because she wouldn't be able to return to the U.S. And college? Not likely.

But because of USD's long-standing commitment to ensuring fair and equal treatment for undocumented youth to pursue their education, Carrasco is not just the first in her family to attend college, but is involved at the very heart of the university's push for comprehensive immigration reform.

Born in the Mexican city of Chihuahua, Carrasco's father came to Chandler, Ariz., a suburb of Phoenix, when she was just a baby. Once he'd established that he'd be able to find enough house painting and construction work to support his family, he sent

for the others to join him. It didn't take long for the family's quality of life to dramatically improve.

"Everyone worked hard and saved money so that we could have a decent life," she says.

But once the bomb dropped about her undocumented status, Carrasco realized for the first time that while she may have felt privileged all those years — at least compared to those left behind in Chihuahua — her options in the U.S. were limited.

"My school counselors basically told me there was no way I'd be able to go to college, that getting a job would be impossible." The stress kept building, especially given the hard line policies of Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio, a longtime advocate of strong enforcement of immigration law.

"Anyone could report you," recalls Carrasco. "It was bad enough that when I told my friends at school, and they started joking around and calling me 'beaner' and 'wetback,' but it really got to a point that just going to the grocery store was terrifying. If I saw a police car, I'd start to sweat."

But Carrasco — who as a high-school senior, was holding a 4.32 GPA even as she carried a full load of Advanced Placement courses — was determined to find a way to a better life for herself. Neither of her parents had finished high school, so when it came to planning for

college, she was on her own.

She eventually connected with the Arizona Ivy League Project, a college preparatory program. Currently she was able to navigate the steps necessary to get a work permit through the then-new executive presidential order, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), which allowed her to work legally without risking deportation.

The money she earned in part-time jobs at a restaurant and a retirement home allowed her to pay the necessary fees to apply to 16 private colleges, but in reality, she knew that no matter what, she'd need a lot of financial help to make it work.

The University of San Diego was the only one of the 16 that came through with a full-ride scholarship. Exciting, yes. But she still had no way to pay for housing and other expenses. "When I came out for a campus visit, I walked the halls of Admissions knocking on doors, telling them how much I wanted to attend USD and explaining my predicament," she recalls.

"They talked to me as a human being," she says. "The people here at USD all put in the effort to make it a priority to help me." A few weeks later, she got a call from Admissions Counselor Eric Felix letting her know that her housing costs would be covered through the USD Special Fund.

It's been a whirlwind, but

Carrasco, a freshman, is starting to get acclimated to her new life in San Diego. She's found some groups where she feels at home on campus, and was asked to join USD's newly formed Immigration Reform Task Force.

As for the future, she hopes to one day help others the way the USD community has helped her. As a DREAMer — a student who meets AB 540 criteria in California — she'll qualify for conditional resident status upon completion of two years of college. Of course, a more permanent solution would be nice, but the federal legislation that would allow conditional permanent resident status to students upon acceptance to college, graduation from a U.S. high school or being awarded a GED in the U.S. remains uncertain.

"The Dream Act and comprehensive immigration reform are my only hopes right now."

The debate over immigration reform can quickly move from heated to boiling over, but the empirical evidence is clear: Immigrants have a beneficial effect on our economy, are a critical part of the U.S. workforce, and the long-run fiscal effects of immigration on the economy as a whole are positive. This is not breaking news, it's the conclusion of a 2007 report issued by then-President George Bush's



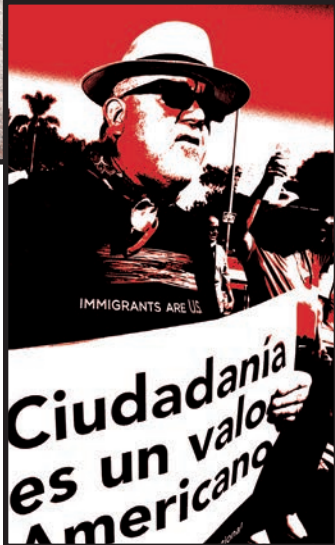
Council of Economic Advisors.

"In the current moment, we are seeing the highest level of immigration enforcement that we've ever seen in our history," explains Assistant Professor of Sociology Greg Prieto. "This is based on a number of different measures. The immigrant death rate and number of deportations are the highest they've ever been."

For the estimated 11 million undocumented workers currently in the United States, the unrelenting crackdown has immediate, daily consequences. "People live their daily lives in fear of running into a police officer who might turn them over to immigration," says Prieto. "They live in fear to the extent that they won't report crime because they're afraid of drawing attention to themselves. This is a particularly acute problem for immigrant domestic violence survivors, who are even less likely than their native counterparts to report because they're afraid of being deported."

Families are being destroyed in record numbers. In just over two years, the federal government deported more than 200,000 parents who said their children were U.S. citizens, leaving those children behind to fend for themselves.

"Sometimes their kids are passed onto other family members, but often they go into foster care. The disruption that



occurs for children and families when someone is deported is enormous," says Prieto.

"You hear stories about this from teachers, who've seen their pupils' parents deported. The child is listless, can't focus, is depressed, cries all the time. The effects ripple out."

Senior Ernesto Reyes-Hernandez got involved with the issue in part because he sees the path to citizenship as inherently unfair.

"I was born in Cuba and came to the United States when I was 15," he says "My father had been living here for eight years, and because he was a Cuban citizen, he was able to obtain permanent resident status within a year of his illegal entry to the U.S. In 2009, he became a U.S. citizen. I was able to do so as well because I was a minor."

It's not that easy for others. "Current immigration law has a per country quota on most categories of immigrants, so if you're

coming from a country like Belgium, the line's not very long, but if you're coming from Mexico, the line is almost 20 years long," explains Prieto. "So to say, 'You just need to get in line like everybody else did,' ignores the fundamental disadvantage of people looking to come here legally from places like Mexico, China and the Philippines."

Reyes-Hernandez, a theology and international relations double major, would like to be part of the solution. "People want to come to the United States to feed their families. I can't think of anything more crucial or more important than feeding your children.

"Through that belief, and my personal faith as a Catholic, I came to the realization that the system in our country today puts people in a position of having to choose between feeding their family members and risking being arrested and deported, when they are here for the sole reason of improving their lives or the lives of their children."

Attempts to reform U.S. immigration policies in a comprehensive way have been stymied by partisan political turmoil amid national and global crises for a number of years. In October 2013, a group of House Democrats, led by Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, unveiled a comprehensive immigration bill that attempted to find some level of bipartisan common ground. Although a majority of Democrats and Republicans appear

to favor a path to citizenship for DREAMers, that seems to be the extent of agreement. President Barack Obama has called on Congress to renew its bipartisan efforts to pass a comprehensive immigration reform bill.

The USD community has long been concerned about the fair and equal treatment of undocumented youth, particularly when it comes to ensuring that educational services and financial aid benefits are available to all students, regardless of their legal status.

Further concrete examples over the years include: USD's advocacy for the successful passage of the California Dream Act, which enables undocumented students to receive Cal Grant scholarship aid; student eligibility for merit scholarships regardless of their legal status; and a strategic partnership with the Diocese of San Diego, the San Diego Organizing Project and Catholic Charities of San Diego to help facilitate information sessions for legislative advocacy, community organizing and immigrant processing.

These and other examples were cited in an April 2013 statement that reaffirmed the school's belief that the values of Catholic social teaching should echo those voiced in a joint 2003 pastoral letter from the Catholic Bishops of Mexico and the U.S.

"The time to act is now," said the statement, which was released by the university's full Executive Council. "We remind ourselves again of the sanctity of life, the dignity of the individual and the human imperative to care

for our world and for one another." USD's support of comprehensive immigration reform is two-fold: both to ensure the equality of education opportunities for all students, and because the school's commitment to Catholic values demands it.

Toward that end, in the summer of 2013, USD President Mary E. Lyons joined more than 90 other presidents of Catholic institutions of higher learning in calling on Congress to pass immigration reform.

"Together we represent universities that educate more than 260,000 students. Our broken immigration system, which tears parents from children, traps aspiring Americans in the shadows, and undermines the best values of this nation, is morally indefensible," said Lyons.

While Roman Catholic bishops had been lobbying for some time for a bill that includes a path to

citizenship for undocumented immigrants, the involvement of college presidents on such a large scale is a new development.

In Fall 2013, the USD Comprehensive Reform Task Force was formed, with an initial double-pronged emphasis on education and action. The educational component, co-chaired by Assistant Vice President for University Ministry Michael Lovette-Colyer and Community Service-Learning Director Chris Nayve, aimed to bring together a wide variety of campus entities already working on the issue, as well as to hold a September prayer vigil and Mass for Peace, and to plan forums and town hall meetings.

The action team — helmed by Prieto and Assistant Dean of Students Marie Minnick — got USD students involved with the October 2013 National Day of Action March for Dignity and Respect. Dozens of USD students gathered

on campus before boarding trams that brought them to the march and rally that began in Balboa Park and culminated at the County Administration building. That boots-on-the ground effort was a resounding success, in no small part due to Carrasco, who was heavily involved in getting the word out on campus.

"The energy and commitment of the students was absolutely infectious," Prieto recalls. "We stood in a circle before we boarded our tram, and Ernesto Reyes-Hernandez led us in a prayer. Then I asked them to share why they were here today. They said, 'I'm here for my cousin.' 'I want my uncle to be able to leave the house without living in fear.' 'I want my mom to be able to pursue her

education so she can get a better job than the one she has now."

Prieto says those messages reinforce just how close the issue is to home: "As you hear more from undocumented students, but also citizen students who have undocumented family members, you realize how pressing this issue is. Not just for the state, not just for the nation, but for our USD community as a whole." ■

For more about USD's work on this issue, go to www.sandiego.edu/cir.



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AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT

2013 Founders' Gala truly lived up to its billing

A record 400 attendees enjoyed beautiful surroundings at the Jenny Craig Pavilion, dined on an exquisite four-course gourmet meal, bid on one-of-a-kind and luxury silent and live auction items, and learned firsthand how their generosity helps USD student scholars succeed. The gala, which honors university founders Bishop Charles Francis Buddy and Mother Rosalie Clifton Hill, is USD's signature fundraising event. The net revenue total of the event was more than \$580,000, with all proceeds going to the Founders' Endowed Scholarship Fund.

"These scholarships support our students, 'Changemakers' who make a difference in communities near and far," said USD President Mary E. Lyons, PhD.

Three Founders' Galas have raised nearly \$1.6 million. Highlights of this year's event included a video message by 2001 MFA alumnus and "Big Bang Theory" TV star Jim Parsons and a Swarovski crystal ring as a surprise gift for all female guests, courtesy of USD family members Elisabeth and Manfred Swarovski.

"It's always inspiring to see the generosity that's expressed by our USD alumni, parents and friends," said Founders' Gala Chair Coreen Petti.



1) Elisabeth and Manfred Swarovski with USD President Mary Lyons; 2) SOLES Dean Paula Cordeiro and David O'Brien; 3) Doug and Lydia McLaughlin '03; 4) Al and Maha Paulus; 5) Legacy Sponsor Cox Communications table; 6) Bob and Dita Baker; 7) Galen and Renea Aswegan; 8) Ky Snyder, Dan Herbert '82 and '86, Jamey Power '85 and Msgr. Daniel Dillabough '70; 9) Michelle Meloy and Deb Hall; 10) Gala host Xiomara Galindo and Oakland A's pitcher AJ Griffin '10; 11) Members of the USD Alcalá Club.

[extraordinary]

THE REMARKABLE TEN

USD celebrates stellar achievements at Alumni Honors

by Krystn Shrieve

Every year the University of San Diego welcomes to campus the best and brightest, most notable alumni for Alumni Honors, USD's premier alumni celebration. This extraordinary affair is held on campus to highlight the exceptional achievements of alumni

who are recognized for their volunteer service, their contributions to humanitarian causes, their athletic excellence and their outstanding career achievement.

This year's event, scheduled for April 26, 2014 at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, will honor 10 alumni, in-

cluding the first recipient from the new Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering. The evening will include video tributes to and reception under the stars.

"Every year we are proud to honor these recipients who reflect USD's core values through their service and their endeavors

This year's alumni honorees will be celebrated at an event that culminates at USD's Garden of the Sky.

in life," says Director of Alumni Relations Charles Bass. "In communities near and far, they are sharing with the world what it means to be Toreros."

The recipient of the Mother Rosalie Clifton Hill Award is **Kevin W. Dooley '93 (BA)**, executive director of CCS. The

Mother Rosalie Clifton Hill Award, established in 1991 to commemorate the legacy of USD's co-founder Mother Hill, honors recipients for outstanding service to USD. Dooley has been deeply engaged with the university for more than two decades, serving on numerous committees and boards, including the Alumni Association Board of Directors and the homecoming committee. In 2009, he founded the USD Wine Classic and continues to be involved with the event, which to date has raised more than \$200,000 for the USD Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund.

James W. Brennan '96 (BBA), the CEO of Enlightened Hospitality Group, will receive the Bishop Charles Francis Bud- dy Award. Established in 1976 to commemorate the legacy of USD's co-founder Bishop Bud- dy, this award honors recipients for their contributions to humanitarian causes. Brennan has received national recognition as a restaurateur, nightclub owner and philanthropist. He was the driving force behind Rockaway Reach, a disaster relief fund created in the aftermath of the devastation inflicted by Hurricane Sandy on the communities of Breezy Point, Belle Harbor, and the Rockaways, in Brennan's hometown of Rockaway, NY.

Andrew Rae '76 (BBA), who played men's tennis for USD from 1972 to 1975, will be inducted into the Chet and Marguerite Pagni Family Athletic Hall of Fame, created in 1994 to honor USD's top athletes. Rae was a two-time NCAA Division II All-American and National Singles Champion (1974 and 1975), the NCAA Division II National Doubles Champion (1974), and the NCAA Division II National Doubles Runner-up in 1975. He led USD to back-to-back NCAA Division II National Team Championships in 1974 and 1975.

The Author E. Hughes Career Achievement Award was estab-

lished in 1995 to commemorate the legacy of USD President Emeritus Author E. Hughes and is given to one recipient from each school to recognize outstanding achievements in their careers.

The College of Arts and Sciences recipient is **Peter Kiley '85 (BA)**, vice president of affiliate relations for C-SPAN. Kiley manages the network's relationships with cable television operators, satellite companies and other multi-channel video providers. He assures the broadest distribution of C-SPAN, C-SPAN2 and C-SPAN3 to 100 million U.S. households.

Robert Bruning '86 (BBA), a managing partner at Ernst & Young, will be honored by the School of Business Administration. As the coordinating partner for many multinational companies, Bruning has gained experience in the global coordination of services in Asia, Europe and China, and has participated in more than 100 public transactions related to equity or debt financings and acquisitions. He serves on the Board of Trustees of the San Diego Museum of Art and is a board member of the University of San Diego School of Business and the YMCA of San Diego County.

The Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science will recognize **Susan Stone PhD, RN, NEA-BC '94 (MSN), '07 (PhD)**, senior vice president and CEO at Sharp Coronado Hospital, a full service community hospital specializing in total joint replacements and advanced liver care. Active in the Association for California Nurse Leaders, she is currently a Southern California Regional Representative to the state Board of Directors and


serves as a regional Nursing California Action Coalition Champion.

Traveling from Nepal, where she is the founder and executive chair of Women for Peace and Democracy, **Shobha Pradhan Shrestha '08 (MA)** will be honored by the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies. With more than a decade of experience in peacebuilding and conflict resolution, she is working with 416 marginalized women in the rural parts of Nepal focusing on building their capacity and facilitating their role in the process of socioeconomic and political change.

Jeffrey T. Thomas '82 (JD), a partner with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, LLP, will be the recipient honored by the School of Law. Thomas, who was the 2007-08 president of USD's School of Law Alumni Board of Directors, was named in 2010 to the *Daily Journal's* 75 Leading IP Litigators. He was selected by the Southern California legal community for the 2009-2013 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*; was recently named one of the Top 50 Lawyers in Orange County by *Los Angeles*

Magazine; and in September 2013 was named one of the Top 100 Lawyers in California by the *Daily Journal*.

The School of Leadership and Education Sciences recipient is **Stuart Grauer '89 (EdD)**, founder of The Grauer School, president of The Grauer Foundation for Education and founder of The Small Schools Coalition. In 1991, he founded The Grauer School in order to establish humanitarian secondary education in Southern California. He's considered one of the nation's top authorities on small schools and expeditionary education and consults and speaks widely on these areas.

Mauricio López-Hodoyán '93 (BS/BA), '95 (IMBA) is the very first recipient representing USD's newest school, the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering, which was inaugurated in September 2013. López-Hodoyán is the vice president of strategy and analysis at Qualcomm CDMA Technologies. He is responsible for researching, analyzing and forecasting global cellular device and chipset demand by geography, technology, price tier, operating system, OEM and distribution channel for Qualcomm's Chipset Division. 

To learn more about Alumni Honors, which takes place on April 26, 2014, go to www.sandiego.edu/alumnihonors.





[delectable]

POSITIVELY DELICIOUS

Blog celebrates food, community and following a dream

by Julene Snyder

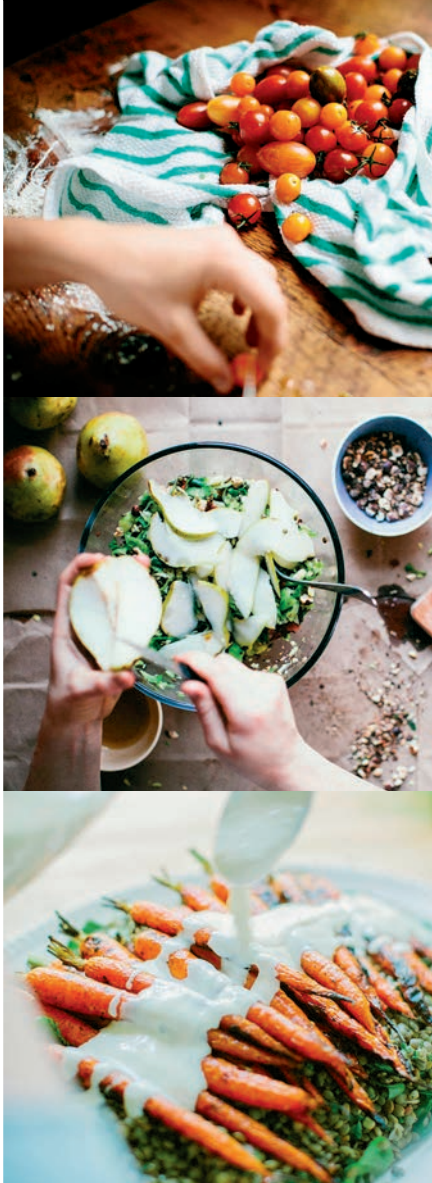
First, there's the food. Oh, how it entices. The succulent piles of shaved chocolate destined to be enhanced with chiles and spices, transformed into savory mole sauce. Mmm. The handfuls of fresh basil converted to an impossibly green pesto sauce that punctuates a grilled pizza covered with cheese, herbs and halved cherry tomatoes. Yum. Strawberry and rhubarb cobbler slow cooked in a Dutch oven over a camp-

fire, then consumed with gusto after a long day's hike up a mountain. Delicious.

More than just a blog, Happysolks is an immersive experience. While the recipes and photography are undeniably delicious, there's a philosophy at work here that is hitting a cultural sweet spot. The brainchild of 23-year-old Kelsey Brown '12, her blog, Happysolks: Recipes and Stories for Happy Folks, has the goal of celebrating the experience of "creating a wholesome

meal and the happiness that inherently grows from it."

"It's really about mindful eating," Brown explains. "The body is a vessel that allows us to do great things." She's got a passion for bringing people together that's just as strong as her fervor for food. It's working: Since she started the blog in 2009, it's steadily gained a loyal following, currently garnering 100,000 visits a month, and dozens of thoughtful comments building into true conversations after each post.



"The blog is about me giving my heart," she says. "But it's just as much about the community of readers who visit the site and where they find themselves in their lives." She shares her own journey as well. This fall she announced her engagement through a lyrical post: "Here's to all the years and lines and thrills we have still to earn and learn. What do you say? Meet me in June next year, by that mountain we love with all of our friends? I'll wear a white dress, and hand you my whole heart."


Much like the zucchini, eggplant and tomatoes she grows in raised beds in her Denver backyard, the blog's growth has been organic.

"I didn't even know blogs were a thing," she laughs. "But writing has always been a part of my life, and when I moved from my

dorm room in Maher Hall to an apartment with an actual kitchen, I wanted a place where I could archive the experimenting I was doing with cooking and mindful eating.” And an online forum was a great place for her to further hone her love of writing. “There was no pressure, no grades, and eventually, people started to like what I had to say.”

An international relations major, Brown was drawn to USD in large part because of the school's stellar program and emphasis on study abroad. She looks back at her Semester at Sea — which took her from Nova Scotia to Africa to Asia and finally back across the Pacific Ocean — as a life-changing experience. “I had thought the way to save the world was to work as a diplomat,” she explains. But feedback from friends and professors convinced her that she could make a career out of her aptitude for writing.

So far, it's working. While she doesn't make any money from Happyvolks, its success has gotten her a number of writing assignments from quarterly print magazines like *Pure Green*, *Kinfolk*, and *Food & Wine*. Most likely there will be a book in her future, but for now, she's happy that her likeable persona coupled with an infectious passion for health and mindful eating is resonating in the blogosphere.

Not that her ethos is all kale and quinoa. "Nourishment doesn't always mean nutrition," she says with a laugh. "Sometimes what you really need when things aren't going your way is a nice big piece of cake." 

*Happyolks was a finalist
for Saveur's 4th Annual Best
Food Blog. Find it online at
www.happyolks.com.*

1950s

[1958]

ROSALIE PARKMAN (BA) recently purchased a home in Rancho Mirage, Calif. She enjoys dividing her time between California and her summer home in the pines in Lakeside, Ariz. During her business career in New York City, "Roz," a former travel writer and subsequent airline marketing executive, enjoyed eye-opening travel experiences to such places as South Africa, Lebanon, Syria and Egypt, to name a few. "My days at USD are forever in my heart," she writes.

1960s

[1960]

ALEXANDER HARPER (BA, JD '63) was with the San Diego City Attorney's Office and then a partner with Huntington, Bryans, Harper, Henderson, Burney & Newman-Crawford. He was chief trial counsel in *SEC v. Wencke, Superior Motels v. Gould* 622 F2d 1363 (9th Circuit 1980). Alexander is now a retired litigator who still represents a few corporations.

[1963]

VICTOR BIANCHINI (JD) was elected to the statewide board of the California Judges Association. He also was named to the San Diego High School Hall of Honor.

ROSA (YAMADA) NAGAISHI (BA) writes: "My son, Kevin, and Marisa have Laila, 2. Monica and Tony Au have Daniel, 6, Joshua, 5, and Benjamin, 3, and they are teachers. Debbie and Steve just had Katelyn Emi Chung on Aug. 9, 2013. I am looking forward to helping in Daniel's second-grade class this year, while Hiro and I take care of the boys."

[1966]

VERN SCHOOLEY (JD) was re-elected counselor to the Judge Paul R. Michel Intellectual Property American Inn of Court and Ball/Hunt Inn of Court, Long Beach, Calif. He recently

toured the House of Lords in London with Lord McColl of Dulwich. He also attended a trade secret hearing at the United Kingdom Supreme Court and, on a visit to Old Bailey to see a seven-defendant murder trial, he was invited to sit with the robed and wigged barristers. Vern practices intellectual property law as a senior partner at Fulwider Patton LLP. He is leading the organizing committee to form an intellectual property Inn of Court in Orange County, and he was recently invited to give a lecture on ethics, civility and professionalism at Concord Law School.

[1967]

JAN (CONWAY) WILLBANKS (BA) and her husband, Doug, have been married for 42 years and they have five grandchildren. "To own one's own business, which I do, is the best," she says. "As a result, I get to grow and create every day. Nothing better!"

[1972]

PIERRE PORTAS (BS) retired from the United Nations and established a non-governmental organization titled WE 2C (Waste Environment Cooperation Centre) in 2008.

[1973]

WILLIAM MATZ (MA) retired from the Army in 1995. Subsequently, he was a vice president with Raytheon and a general manager with Northrop Grumman in Saudi Arabia. He also was president and chief executive officer of the National Association for Uniformed Services.

1970s

[1976]

ANNA RYAN (BA), owner of San Diego Therapy Center, has incorporated equine-assisted psychotherapy into her psychological clinical practice. Anna uses the Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association (EAGALA) model in her center's equine-assisted psychotherapy. Her center has locations in San Diego and Del Mar, Calif. Anna also holds a PhD, is a licensed marriage



[true love]

KALI KIRK '03 (BBA) was on a harbor cruise during freshman orientation week when she spotted a “very tall, lanky guy doing the funniest, goofiest dance moves” she’d ever seen. After dating for an epic 13 years — causing them to be characterized as the “Kurt Russell and Goldie Hawn” of their group of friends — she and that lanky guy, **Matt Passiglia '03 (BBA)**, married in the fall of 2012. Their nuptials were featured in the Fall 2013 issue of *Exquisite Weddings* magazine.

and family therapist, and is EAGALA certified. The center’s website is www.sandiegotherapycenter.com.

[1977]

DARRYL NYZNYK (JD) is the author of *The Condor Song: A Novel of Suspense*, inspired by the battle in the 1960s between the Sierra Club and Walt Disney Productions over a proposed ski resort in the Sierra Nevada mountains. The book is available on Amazon.com.

[1978]

JAN MULLIGAN (BA, JD '81) was appointed to the Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation, the State Bar of California agency that

evaluates all candidates who are under consideration for a judicial appointment by the governor. With the San Diego law firm Mulligan & Banham, Jan represents patients and other consumers in catastrophic medical malpractice, nursing home abuse and personal injury cases. She is active in several community and professional organizations, and is currently a clinical instructor at the University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine.

JEFF STOREY (BBA) reports that his son, Nick, expects to graduate from Westview High School in San Diego in 2014.

1980s

[1982]

LAWRENCE IVEY (JD) started the Ivey Law Firm in May 2013 in San Francisco and Glendale, Calif. It is rated AV Preeminent by *Martindale Hubbel* and specializes in defending private and public employers involved in workers’ compensation litigation. Previously, Larry was a partner at Ingber, Silverii and Ivey. His website is www.IveyLaw.net.

RUSSELL PARKMAN (JD) was promoted to lead professor for graduate accounting at National University. He has practiced in taxation since 1982. Russell expected to present a poster in October 2013 at a conference held at the American University of Rome.

[1984]

VICTOR MANUEL TORRES (BA, JD '88) was slated to receive the Roberto Martinez Spirit of the Barrio Award at the Border Angels’ annual fundraising dinner in November 2013.

[1985]

GEORGE AUCOIN (MA) expected to retire from the Marine Corps on Nov. 30, 2013, after 33 years of service. On Dec. 15, 2013, he planned to sail out of San Diego Harbor on the 50-foot sailing vessel *Isosceles* for a cruise around the world.

PABLO BUENA MENDOZA (BA) completed a PhD in higher education policy in July 2012 from the University of Missouri, Columbia. His dissertation topic was STEM grant programs between a Bureau of Indian Affairs university and a predominantly white institution. Pablo is chief diversity officer for Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

[1986]

CLARICE LETIZIA (JD) has a free e-book and hosts a telesummit to teach women lawyers how to open their own law firms. The e-book is available at www.WealthyWomen-Lawyers.com.

MARK SHOUP (JD) is the supervising attorney for the capital defense unit of the San Bernardino County Office of the Public Defender.

[1987]

MARY KELLY (SCHROEDER) DAKIN (BA) writes, “Playing four years on

the USD women’s basketball team prepared me for a lifetime of fitness.” Kelly planned to compete in the Ironman World Championships in Kona in October 2013 — her fourth Ironman — after qualifying at Ironman New Zealand in March 2013. “Go Toreros!” she adds.

MAUREEN (MCDONALD) LEGG (BA) was named executive director of the Eric Paredes Save A Life Foundation, a San Diego nonprofit dedicated to saving lives through awareness and action to prevent sudden cardiac arrest, the number two killer of youth under 25.

GWEN RUTAR MULLINS (JD) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America* (2014). Gwen specializes in construction law with Howard & Howard, a full-service law firm with offices in Michigan, Illinois and Nevada.

[1988]

EDWARD BACH (BBA) is traveling around the world on a motorcycle. He left home in 2012 and has ridden more than 50,000 miles in 35 countries to date. Last year, he traveled from Alaska to Argentina. He is currently in Eastern Europe and plans to travel through Africa next year. His blog is: <http://advrider.com/forums/showthread.php?t=801516>.

CHRISTIAN HULBURT (JD) was ordained a permanent deacon in the Diocese of San Diego on June 7, 2013.

CYNTHIA PARKMAN (MSN) completed a PhD with honors in nursing education at the University of Nevada in July 2013. She has accepted a position as assistant professor of nursing at National University and expected to deliver a paper on her dissertation topic in October 2013 at a conference held at the American University of Rome.

THOMAS (IGNJATOVIC) STEELE '89 (MBA) moved to Tampa, Fla. and started a telecommunications business in 1996, which he subsequently sold upon retiring in 2009 to start a family with his wife, Marina. They recently moved across state to Palm City, Fla. for the great school system, and celebrated their 4-year anniversary with son Adam (2) and Andrea (9 months).

1990s

[1990]

DAVID BERNAUER (BA) moved from Florida back to Chicago and

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[teamwork]

IT'S A VISION COLLISION

Creating spaces for women entrepreneurs to grow

by Kelly L. Knufken

It's the daily grind, with a twist. When the 300 or so women who call Hera Hub their office arrive at work, they're greeted by soothing music, bubbling water and a workspace that's more cooperative than corporate.

Hera Hub, a co-working space for women, caters to its disparate members' souls while helping the entrepreneurs among them navi-

gate small-business issues. Founder Felena Hanson '95 has made a career of helping women entrepreneurs grow, and she's got her eyes on some serious growth of her own business as well.

"Women, when given the opportunity, connect differently. It's still a professional environment, but it's an extremely supportive environment," she says. Toward that end, Hanson pro-

vides not just co-working space as an alternative to the distractibility and inertia that can come from working from home, but programs and connections for entrepreneurs looking to grow their business.

"It's 1,000 percent a now-business," Hanson says. "It definitely couldn't have existed five years ago." But it's not just co-working. Gurus — experts in

various fields — donate "office hours" to help other members, who include a number of USD grads. And don't discount the power of a group of women working together — even if they're not focused on the same thing.

Elizabeth Stone was a personal coach working out of Hera Hub and sharing her skills with others in the community, and now she's chief financial officer of Sash Group. The Sash Bag, a low-profile purse that is worn sash-style for hands-free ease, was born from the brand of collaboration that Hera Hub supports: dreamed up by Nichole MacDonald, with investment from Stone and others.

"Nichole was a graphic designer helping me with my logo. I was a [personal and business] coach helping her with her power, and boom! We became partners," Stone enthuses. "Felena fostered that environment."

Hanson herself projects a businesslike vibe that's also in keeping with the spa-like setting of the office she's created. Before Hera Hub, there was Hanson's vision-board filled with pictures of women smiling and working together, of work spaces that look less than corporate and images of success and happiness. She melded those concepts into an even better, real-life version.

And it's hard to doubt her drive or vision, especially when she proclaims her goal to open 200 Hera Hub franchises in five years. The three San Diego County locations — the first opened in Sorrento Valley in 2011 — will remain company-owned, while Hanson has built her own franchise model to take on the rest of the country and branch out internationally.

"I've created a system and a structure that helps support (members), so I just look at franchising as the next step." 📌

To learn more, please go to www.HeraHub.com.

now works as a financial advisor with Wayne Messmer & Associates in Northbrook.

JAMES MATHISON (JD) accepted a new position as Deputy Attorney General III at the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, Criminal Law Section, in Sacramento. James has many years of experience in private practice, specializing in public entity representation.

[1991]

ARNIE GARCIA (BA) completed a master's degree in leadership and organization studies at Azusa Pacific University in June 2013. He is a customer outreach and energy solutions advisor for San Diego Gas & Electric. In the community, he is serving his second year on the board of directors for the Clairemont Town Council and he volunteers at St. Charles Borromeo Academy in Point Loma, Calif. Arnie and his wife, Kristina, a librarian at the San Diego Central Library, have two children: Olivia, 6, and Owen, 3.

ROY RAPHAEL (BA/BS) took part in the launch of the Navy's second Mobile User Objective System satellite, which took place at the Cape Canaveral Air Station in Florida last July. Roy was on console during the event as part of the launch team.

JENNIFER SNYDER (BA) and her husband, JJ, expected to open Legacy Brewing Company in Oceanside, Calif., in the fall of 2013. "It's been a long road, but we are super excited that we'll be open soon," writes Jennifer.

[1992]

CARRIE CWIAK (BA) was awarded the Medical Innovation and Leadership Award by the Feminist Women's Health Center at their annual fundraiser, Stand Up for Reproductive Justice. Carrie is an associate professor of gynecology and obstetrics at Emory University School of Medicine, where she is director of the Family Planning Division and the Family Planning Fellowship, and medical director of the Grady Health System Family Planning Clinic. Carrie and her partner, Chad Huot, live in Atlanta.

KELLIE LOGSDON (BA) is a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker and she splits her time between Los Angeles and Ridgefield, Conn. She

has two daughters, ages 14 and 11. They visited San Diego in May 2013 — the first time since Kellie's graduation in 1992 — to run the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon. "I asked myself, 'Why did I ever leave beautiful San Diego?'" she says. "My niece, Ryann Linthicum, now attends USD as a sophomore. It looks like I'll be spending more time in San Diego soon."

ARCHIE MEDRANO (BA) writes, "It is great to be back on campus teaching Math 150 (Calculus I) and Math 151 (Calculus II)!"

KARIN REUTER-RICE (BSN, MSN '94, PhD '06) was named a 2013 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholar. An assistant professor at the Duke University School of Nursing and School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, Karin is one of just 12 nursing educators across the country to be awarded this honor. She will receive a three-year, \$350,000 award to promote her academic career and support her research. "This award ... provides a wonderful opportunity to focus my research on trauma and brain injury with children," Karin says.

[1993]

KURT CAMPBELL (JD) was named to the 2013 *San Diego Super Lawyers*, an annual publication that ranks outstanding lawyers in the region who have attained the highest levels of peer recognition and professional achievement. Kurt is the chief real estate officer for Klinedinst PC and has been recognized in *San Diego Super Lawyers* every year since its inception in 2007.

MISHELLE PATTY SCRAGG (BA) lives in Cave Creek, Ariz., and is an academic facilitator coordinator for the Deer Valley Unified School District.

[1994] 🎓

STUART KERST (BBA) and his wife, Stephanie, just returned to the Bay Area after living in Asia for five years. "We spent three years in Tokyo and the last two in Singapore ... what a wonderful experience," he writes. "We now have two kids, both born abroad — Avery in Tokyo and Ford in Singapore — and are living in Menlo Park, Calif., looking forward to connecting with the Bay Area USD crew!"

ADAM VITALIS (BAcc) completed his PhD in accounting at the University

of Wisconsin-Madison. He is an assistant professor at Georgia Tech and lives in Decatur, Ga., with his wife and two daughters.

[1995]

ALISON MAAS BRAY (BA) and her husband, Tim '95, are celebrating six years in Texas. In the last year, Tim was named the assistant general counsel for the Texas Department of State Health Services. After taking a few years off as a full-time mom, Alison returned to work in 2011 as a full-time visiting professor at Texas Lutheran University. "I am enjoying teaching general chemistry, instrumental techniques and environmental science, and coaching undergraduates in research projects," Alison says. "Our three kids (ages 9, 6 and 4) are doing great and life is very busy and happy. We treasure our USD days and can't believe it's been so many years since we were the freshmen on campus!"

STELLA MELLO-STEHLY (BA) and her husband, Noel '92, have three girls: Eleni, 7; Amalia, 6; and Sophia, 3. Noel and his brother, Jerome, opened a specialty grocery store called Stehly Farms Market on Morena Blvd. near USD.

DMITRI MOUTZOURIS (BBA) welcomed a third daughter, Penelope, on June 22, 2013, to join big sisters Helena and Norah.

WALTER SPATH (JD, LLM '95) was named one of the Top 10 lawyers in the public law arena in San Diego County by the *The Daily Transcript*. This is the fourth time he has received this honor. Walter is an attorney with Christensen & Spath, and represents clients on matters involving real estate and taxation. He lives in Point Loma, Calif. with his wife, Tammy, and two young children.

TINA CROWLE TEDESCO (BA) writes, "As an executive producer in TV, I had the privilege of reconnecting with and helping a classmate and friend in a special way. News10/KXTV hosted (fellow USD alumnus) Mark Maynard to talk about his book, *Grind*." Tina reports that she is still in Sacramento and has four awesome kids, ages 2, 4, 6 and 8. "Hoping to get back to USD for a visit soon!"

[1996]

NICOLE (MESSINEO) ANTHONY (BA) is an attorney for the Law

Offices of Kevin Pegan in Santa Ana, Calif., and was hired by AIG in October 2012 as a senior trial attorney.

JASON EBERL (BA) was appointed the Semler Endowed Chair for Medical Ethics in the College of Osteopathic Medicine at Marian University in Indianapolis. He recently completed a research fellowship at the Centre for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

MARY (STETTER) HOLDEN (BA) and her husband, David, recently moved to Nashville for career opportunities. She reports that their daughter is starting kindergarten. "Life is good!" she adds.

MEG MURPHY (BA) is in her 18th year in residential mortgage lending in Southern California's San Gabriel Valley. "Putting people in homes is what I do best!" she says. "As a longtime resident of San Marino and Pasadena, my knowledge of the local market benefits both Realtors and customers."

ALEXIS (PERSHALL) ROBIN (BA) launched the P.link Coaching Center for Excellence, "a coaching firm that is underpinned by positive psychology aimed at making the world a better place." Her website is: www.plink-coachingcenter.com.

PAUL SUMAGAYSAY (BBA) is a Commander in the U.S. Navy, and has two girls; seven-year-old Mia and two-year-old Kara.

[1997]

GUADALUPE RODRIGUEZ CORONA (MA, EdD '10) is the founding campus director of Alliant International University at Sweetwater in San Diego.

WADE GOCHNOUR (JD) of Howard & Howard was named to the 2013 *Mountain States Super Lawyers*. Just 5 percent of the lawyers in Nevada, Utah, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming are named to this list annually. Wade specializes in construction litigation.

ELLI JOHNS (BA) has a new job with Medartis, a Swiss-based orthopedic implant company, serving upper-extremity orthopedic surgeons with fracture management solutions and expertise. "Just moved back to San Diego from Orange County," Elli


says. “I have one child, a beautiful and expressive daughter, Kennison Christian, born in 2010.”

MICHELLE (PETERSON) PROKSCHL (BA) and her husband, Brian, were married on Aug. 16, 2013. “Then, as of Aug. 25, he was diagnosed with inoperable and incurable pancreatic cancer. God chose for us to be united as one prior to diagnosis. Love is the greatest gift there is and that will carry all of us from this life to the next.”

[1998]
FRANCISCO IBARRA (BA) writes, “My career adventure began in San Francisco in investment banking (equity research), followed by equity arbitrage at a couple of hedge funds. I have since been involved in insurance exchange development software. My application is used by accountants to help their clients with the best health insurance plans.”

JEREMIAH MAESTAS (BA) earned an MFA in acting from Brooklyn College in 2012. “I am pleased to report that I just completed work on the Broadway show, ‘Ann,’ at Lincoln Center Theater, starring Holland Taylor,” he says. Jeremiah also was scheduled to perform in “Macbeth” at Lincoln Center Theater, starring Ethan Hawke and directed by Jack O’Brien, former artistic director of the Old Globe Theatre. The first preview of “Macbeth” was on Oct. 24, 2013. The website is www.lct.org.

KRISTI MILLER NICHOLS (BA) and her husband, Thomas, were married on March 15, 2013, in their backyard in Windcrest, Texas. “My family went from two to six in just seconds,” she says. “My husband and I have four girls between us: my 9-year-old, and his 11-, 12- and 17-year-olds.” Kristi is a project archaeologist for the Center for Archaeological Research at the University of Texas at San Antonio. In the fall of 2013, she planned to be one of the four main speakers at the Save Texas History! symposium in San Antonio. In her spare time, Kristi is a Girl Scout troop leader for a group of Brownies and Juniors (one is her daughter).

[1999] 
THERESA DUPUIS (MBA) was named the board chair for the Jewish Federation of San Diego County. She became involved with the federation in the late 1990s through the

Young Adult Division and has held many leadership roles over the years, including chairing the annual campaign in 2012, which raised more than \$7 million for Jewish causes in San Diego, Israel and around the world. Her son, Jake, chose to work with Save a Child’s Heart (SACH) for his Bar Mitzvah project. SACH is an Israeli-based international humanitarian project that helps children from impoverished countries get life-saving cardiac treatment.

TRAMY “EVELYN” HUYNH (BA) lives in Bronx, N.Y., with her husband, Joe Levert. They recently celebrated their two-year wedding anniversary by visiting areas where the 17-year cicadas had emerged, including South Orange, N.J., Staten Island, N.Y., and Hickory Run State Park in Pennsylvania. Evelyn finished contract work with FEMA, where she provided assistance to Superstorm Sandy survivors. She also worked as an interim campaign manager in New York, and is currently looking for opportunities to contribute to the community development of New York City.

KENNETH KASSNER (MA) was promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps in September 2013. An infantryman and combat-wounded veteran, Ken has deployed multiple times to Iraq and Afghanistan, where he served as the executive officer and commanding officer of 3d Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion. After his most recent tour of duty, he attended the U.S. Army War College, earning a master’s degree in strategic studies. He currently serves with the Marine Corps Special Operations Command in Camp Lejeune, N.C.

JENNIFER (TYSOR) McINTOSH (BA), her husband and their two sons, ages 4 and 2, are moving into their dream home in Bermuda Dunes, Calif. “Can’t wait to settle in and start making memories,” she says.

SCOTT SHAFT (BA) and his wife, Evelyn, have a son, Colin, who turned 3 in September 2013.

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CHRISTINA (FRUEH) HOLMES (MBA) and her husband, Adam ’01, just moved back to San Diego.

BETHANY (FISCHER) WILLIAMS (BA) and her husband, Matt, welcomed their son, Coleman Lawrence, on Nov. 9, 2012. Cole was born in Evanston, Ill., and weighed 9 pounds, 6 ounces.

LARRY WILLIAMS (BA) reports that his oldest daughter was a freshman track runner at Indiana University during the 2012-13 academic year. “She led her team in the 100m and 200m times and made the NCAA regional championships in the 200m.” He says his youngest three girls finished their first year of track and were looking forward to soccer, swimming and karate.

[2001]
ANDREW BOHLEN (BA) is married with two children, Orlando and Isabella. “I continue to teach long snapping to college athletes,” he says.

KIM (POHLEN) CROTHERS (BA) is a “a happy stay-at-home mom of four.” She says she “keeps busy as a volunteer confirmation teacher and Respect Life coordinator at our parish in La Mirada, Calif.” She and husband Tim have four children: Teresa, Katie, Tommy and Julie Anne, who was born in May 2013.

RACHEL DANJCZEK (BA) is an administrator and teacher at a college preparatory high school in Los Angeles. She also serves on the board of directors for the Junior League of Los Angeles. “This summer, I was able to catch up with (fellow alumnae) Kristen Iacobelli and Jocelin (Dills) Schultz in London,” she says. “What a great USD Kappa reunion!”

REBECCA HAYES (BA) is the owner of and an educational consultant with e3 consulting (www.ethreeconsulting.com) in Del Mar, Calif.

ADAM HOLMES (MSGL) gave up command of Marine Aircraft Group 41 in Fort Worth, Texas, in June 2013 and returned to San Diego to take over as chief of staff, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.

SISTER SHARON McGUIRE (PhD) has published a chapter for a new nursing book that will be used primarily in nursing doctoral programs. The chapter is called “Borders, centers and margins. Critical landscapes in migrant health.” The new book is *Philosophies and Practices of Emancipatory Nursing: Social Justice as Praxis*.

CHRISTOPHER NEUMANN (BA) and his wife, Brittany, are the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl named London Rubbie. They both pray that their daughter will grow up and attend USD, recognizing that the “education, experiences and life lessons learned from this amazing academic institution are simply priceless.” They wish for their own daughter the lifelong friends and professional relationships through USD that they have enjoyed.

[2002]
SARA (CHIOCCA) HORBOVETZ (BA) welcomed her first child, a beautiful baby girl named Zoe Louis, on Dec. 28, 2012.

RITA McCREREY (MA) opened a private psychotherapy practice in La Mesa, Calif.

PRESTON SCHUMACHER (BBA) and his wife, Jennifer ’13, welcomed McKenzie Belle into the world on Aug. 22, 2013. “Mom, dad and big brother, Aaron, are loving every minute spent with her!” Preston says.

[2003]
JESSICA M. BECK (BA) has earned a PhD and is teaching at Canterbury Christ Church University, at Canterbury in Kent, England in the Music and Performance Arts Department. A chapter Beck wrote entitled “Theatre, performance and ‘the century of the brain’: Influences of cognitive neuroscience on professional theatre practice” was included in the textbook, *Medicine, Health and the Arts: Approaches to the Medical Humanities*, edited by Victoria Bates, Alan Bleakley and Sam Goodman, which was recently published by Routledge.

KARA BERGLUND (BA) and Ed Barbier were married on Sept. 21, 2013, at a vineyard in McMinnville, Ore., surrounded by family, friends and fellow USD alumni. They met while working together at Home-Street Bank 14 years ago. The newlyweds traveled to Greece and Italy for their honeymoon.

MEGAN (CORCORAN) FABIAN (BA) and her husband, Michael, are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child, Emily May. She was born on May 8, 2013, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and measuring 19 inches. Megan, Michael and Emily live in Brea,



[reunited]

COMING FULL CIRCLE

50 years later, a man and his ring are together again

by Krystn Shrieve

Benjamin Flores’ class ring has great stories to tell: about Flores, who lost it shortly before deploying to Vietnam; about its moment on the arm of a Miss Universe contestant; about the time it spent buried in the sands of Florida; and less dramatically, about the decades it waited, tucked in the jewelry box of a man who spotted it during a walk on the beach, and about its round trip back to its Torero nearly a half century later.

The tale begins with Flores (pictured above, standing at right), one of 10 children, whose dad recommended the San Diego College for Men to his son in 1960, just six years after it opened, because it was touted as the “Notre Dame of the West.”

“My dad didn’t care what it took, he wanted all of his kids to go to Catholic universities,” says

Flores ’64. “I worked hard washing dishes at night for the Colleges for Men and Women.”

During college, Flores helped establish a chapter of Phi Kappa Theta, a Catholic fraternity and was founding president of the International Club. He joined the cheerleading squad and helped name the Toreros when the College for Men mascot changed from the Pioneers in 1961.

Flores served dinner to Charger football players attending training camp at Alcalá Park after moving from Los Angeles to San Diego in 1961. He won oratorical contests and once played Judas so convincingly in a Passion play that he scared his cast mates.

After graduation, Flores was drafted into the military. An officer convinced him to sign up for an additional year, go through officer

training and apply for flight school.

Flores, who always dreamed of flying airplanes, joined the Marines and reported to Quantico, Va., in March 1967 for Officer Candidates School.

That July, after graduating as an officer, Flores drove to Pensacola, Fla., for flight school. The day he arrived, Flores chatted with a captain over drinks and a game of dice. It turned out that the captain was charged with choosing escorts for the Miss Universe pageant, which was about to be held in Miami. When the day came, with his USD class ring on his finger, Flores took the arm of Miss Colombia for a nerve-wracking walk down a long flight of stairs and a waltz in the spotlight.

Later that summer, Flores lost the ring. He doesn’t know when or where, but remembers spend-

ing time at the Tiki Bar. It was near there that Bob and Donna Hoffbauer found it two years later, peeking out of the sand.


It was now the summer of 1969 and Flores was at California’s El Toro Air Station training on the F-4 Phantom II, a supersonic jet with a top speed of just over Mach 2.2 — more than twice the speed of sound.

He would go on to fly more than 100 combat missions in Vietnam, including two where he nearly lost his life — once when his 53,000-pound aircraft came slamming back down on the runway just seconds after takeoff, and another time after crash landing when he was forced to abort a mission because of failed hydraulics and make an emergency trip over the South China Sea to dump 12,500-pound bombs that were armed and about to explode.

“Ultimately, everything in my life happened through mercy and the grace of God,” Flores says. “He gave me these talents and opportunities. He was there to protect me and allowed me to live. I give God all the glory.”

Fast-forward to March 2013. Bob Hoffbauer passed away. The class ring was given to his grandson. The boy’s mother, Rachel Hoffbauer, made the call to USD that ultimately reunited Flores with his ring. “My in-laws tried to find the owner, but back then there was no Internet and it was practically impossible,” says Hoffbauer. “It sat in that jewelry box for 46 years waiting to be reunited with Benjamin.”

Flores was shocked when he heard from Hoffbauer.

“I was flabbergasted,” says Flores, who now lives on California’s central coast. “So much has happened since I lost it, but it still looks brand new. It brings back so many fond memories and I’ll always treasure it. I believe this all happened for a reason. Nothing is accidental. God is sovereign, he allowed that ring to be lost, to be found again and to come back to me at the exact right time in my life.” 



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CONNECTING THE DOTS

Breaking the silence around postpartum anxiety

by Trisha J. Ratledge

Taking a rare seat midday in her Escondido, Calif., dining room as her sons chatter, Peggy O'Neil Nosti '94 (BA) is yoga-calm. She savors being a mom to her children — Ella, 8; Charlie, 5; and Theo, 3 — perhaps especially since not too long ago, she couldn't savor anything.

When Theo was just 4 months old, an inexplicable, intense anxiety suddenly took hold of Nosti, robbing her of sleep, appetite, even the ability to think clearly. "When I drove through an intersection," Nosti (above, right) recalls, "I would have to say to myself, 'green, green, green, green,' so I was sure the light was green."

A discerning overnight doula recognized that Nosti was suffering from more than sleep deprivation, and referred her to Dr.

Kathryn Hirst, founder of the UCSD Maternal Mental Health Clinic. Treatment for her postpartum anxiety, including temporary medication, returned Nosti to health, and her family.

What haunted her after the ordeal, however, was how the stigma of Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders (PMADs) often silences women. Talking to friends, many shared their own stories — some in whispers — giving Nosti both comfort and pause.

"I wanted to start something to let women know they weren't alone," says Nosti.

True to her word, she launched The Blue Dot Project in July 2013 with co-founders Kathryn Hirst and Jessica Heldman '04 (JD), president of the board of Postpartum Health Alliance (PHA). The project, which operates in affilia-

tion with PHA, centers on an informational website and thousands of baby-blue magnetic or bumper sticker dots with the website's address.

"The overarching feeling I had when I was depressed was that I was a terrible mother," says Heldman (above, left), who suffered debilitating postpartum depression after the birth of her twins. "I did not know I had a disorder. I thought I had a character flaw."

With increased awareness and understanding of PMADs — which affect one in eight new moms — the BlueDot campaign encourages women to speak up and to seek help early. "There are resources that can help," says Heldman. 📍

For more information, go to www.thebluedotproject.org.

Calif., where Megan is a full-time mom and part-time student at Azusa Pacific University, working toward a master's degree in social work.

BARBRA CALANTAS (BA) is currently working as a senior wildlife biologist at AECOM.

JENNIFER (GILROY) SARNA (BA) and her husband, Keith, welcomed their first child, Zachary, on Aug. 9, 2013. Zachary weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and measured 21-1/2 inches. "We are overwhelmed with joy and love!" Jennifer says.

MABEL TEJEDA (BA, BA '03) reports that she loves her career as a contracts administrator and was thrilled to celebrate her son's first birthday last October.

[2004] 🎓

MELODY ABLOLA (BA/BS) was the recipient of the 2012 Cassidian Prize for Best Dissertation by the Glamorgan Business School; her dissertation was submitted as part of the fulfillment of requirements for the Master of Science degree in International Transport and Logistics that she earned from the University of Glamorgan. Entitled, "The Future of Sustainable Urban Freight Distribution: A Delphi Study of the Drivers and Barriers of Electric Vehicles in London," the work is currently undergoing revision for journal publication. The study investigated the viewpoints of a wide range of expert stakeholders to elicit the most critical drivers and barriers to electric freight vehicle use. The award ceremony took place in Treforest, Wales in December 2012.

PAIGE (ELLIOTT) COHEN (BA) and her husband, Dan, welcomed their firstborn son, Caleb Daniel, into the world on Aug. 28, 2012. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and measured 20-1/2 inches. The family lives in San Diego; Paige remains active in the USD community through the MBA Mentor Program.

NICOLE (BROWN) COOPER (BA) and her husband, Charles, celebrated their second wedding anniversary on Sept. 10, 2013, and their son's first birthday on Aug. 31.

SEAN DESHLER (BBA) recently accepted a position as vice president of strategy and planning for

Leading Edge Aviation, the world's largest aircraft painting company. He, his wife Tracy, and son Noah are currently living in Irvine, Calif.

KRISTEN KRAUSFELDT (BA) recently graduated from the Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California. She started a new job as a consultant with Gallup in Irvine, Calif.

HEATHER PERRY (BAcc, MS '05) welcomed a baby girl, Valerie Gwen Goddard, on March 1, 2013. She is thrilled to be a mom.

EMILY (COONFIELD) SAATCIOGLU (Med) married Argun Saatcioglu, and she completed a PhD at the University of Kansas in 2012.

[2005]

KONNIE (FUENTES) BRUSH (BBA) and her husband, Ryan, were married on March 24, 2012. She works for Capital Group Companies as a control analyst in Irvine, Calif.

JOEL CARDOZA (BA) is working with U.S. Foods San Diego and USD Dining to provide sustainable, local, American-sourced albacore tuna.

NATASHA CRNJAC, who attended USD in 2004-05, was one of the final two contestants on season four of the TV show "MasterChef," which features culinary competitions between talented home cooks culled from a nationwide search. Natasha's husband, Robert Boyce, is an architecture student at USD and expects to graduate in the spring of 2014.

COLLEEN (D'ONOFRIO) ESKRIDGE (BA) reports that her husband, Christopher, left the Marines after 15 years. "We just moved to our forever home in Ewa Beach, Hawaii," Colleen says. Christopher starts his new job at the end of the month and Colleen just started a new career with Beacon Health Strategies. Colleen says her 6-year-old daughter is in the first grade and her 3-1/2-year-old daughter is in preschool.

JAMIE ROSE (ERICKSON) PLUM (BA) and her husband, Jason '05, welcomed their second child, Jackson Daniel, into the world on May 30, 2013. Jackson joined big sister, June Olivia.

[2006]

KRISTEN (THORNTON) CAMUGLIA (BA) was married on June 1, 2013, to Jeff Camuglia and they bought their first home in August 2013 in Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif. Kristen works for the County of Orange and Jeff works for Cox Communications. Kristen says they are excited about their future together and are eager to start a family.

NERISSA (CYSEWSKI) CROASDELL (BBA) and her husband, Ross, were married on Dec. 31, 2012.

TOMMY FEITER (JD) owns The Fighter Law Firm in Orlando, Fla., and he recently became board certified in criminal trial law by the Florida Bar. Tommy also was promoted to the rank of captain in the U.S. Army JAG Corps Reserve. His unit is currently deployed in Kuwait and Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

RYAN KRUPA (MSGL) founded Mosaic (www.exploremosaic.com) in 2010 with two of his best friends, Melissa Love Glidden and Ryan Glidden. "We started with an idea: What do people need most?" Ryan says. "And our answer is an education in the healing and spiritual arts." They also are engaged in leadership education and have created a theory called sagacious leadership. Another service of theirs, Mosaic Yoga, has a new state-of-the-art center in San Diego and placed second out of 60 studios on the San Diego A-list. "Through all of this, I'm learning what it takes to live a life of meaning, joy and truth," Ryan says.

LINDSAY (RHINE) PETERSEN (BA) and husband Adam '04 (BA) welcomed their first child, a baby girl named Sadie, in July 2013. "We are thrilled with the new addition to our family," Lindsay writes.

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CRYSTAL CATALAN (BA) serves on the boards for From Mission to Mission and Cabrini Mission Corps. She works at a private school in Northern California leading immersion trips and coordinating community service.

LISSETTE GOMEZ (BA) returned to San Diego after two years working as a school psychologist for the San Jose Unified School District.

She is now a school psychologist for an elementary and middle school in the San Diego Unified School District. "I am looking forward to reconnecting with all of my San Diego friends, visiting all of my favorite places and restaurants in San Diego, as well as planning my wedding," she says.

KELLI JENSEN (BBA) writes, "After four amazing years living and traveling abroad, I am officially back in San Diego. I am trying to get used to being back in the States, but can't help but feel a little displaced in San Diego, which I have always called home." Kelli is building a foundation in San Diego for herself and her 2-1/2-year-old daughter, and she is excited to be able to join in some alumni activities.

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

JOE RENEY (BBA) has 13 years of service in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he currently holds the rank of captain and his specialty is public affairs. He and his family have been stationed in Pennsylvania for the last two years. "Here's hoping we get back to San Diego soon!" he says. "Go Toreros!"

RUTH (FISHER) RIVET (BA) and her husband, Michael, welcomed their first child, Michael Peter, on Feb. 2, 2013.

[2008]

BRIAN BARBOSA (BBA) was recently hired by USD's Torero Store as computer department manager.

SARAHLYNNE (GOLDMAN) DAVIS (Med) published a book, *Making Kid Time Count: The Attentive Parent Advantage*, through Lesson Ladder. It is a nonfiction book on child development from birth to age 3, and includes the latest research as well as activities parents can do with their children to support various phases of development. The book is available through Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble.

MICHAEL FOX (BA) was one of just three recipients of the Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship, a highly competitive scholarship program

administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The program provides an annual stipend for research and education for master's or doctoral students. Michael is pursuing a PhD in marine biology at Scripps Institution of Oceanography. His dissertation will examine how nutrient pollution affects competitive interactions between reef-building corals and macroalgae. He plans to work within the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary, the Pacific Remote Islands National Marine Monument and the Line Islands. The scholarship was established by Congress in 2000 to honor the work of Nancy Foster, a former director of NOAA's National Ocean Service.

JASON GASMIN (BA/BS) is working as a Technical Sales Engineer with Eaton Filtration in Tinton Falls, New Jersey.

ISABELLA RIOS (MSGL) and her husband, Marco, welcomed their first baby, a daughter, in June 2013.

MAIYIA YANG (MA) is working on a PhD in organizational leadership, policy and development at the University of Minnesota.

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KATIE COLLINGS NICHOL (BA) worked at San Diego Superior Court as a judicial administration fellow after graduation, then for Voices for Children as an advocacy supervisor. "In early 2010, I met the love of my life, Christian Nichol, a surfer/mountain biker, born and raised in La Jolla," she says. They were married in Palm Springs, Calif., on Nov. 19, 2011, and moved to Spokane, Wash., when Christian was promoted to real-time power trading manager of the Western Region for Shell Energy North America. Katie helped launch Mobius Science Center and Children's Museum, Spokane's first state-of-the-art science center in August 2012, and she continues to work in the fundraising and development department. "We are loving life exploring the Inland Northwest," she says. "We also enjoy volunteering for Habitat for Humanity and Union Gospel Mission here in Spokane." Katie says that her mom, Desiree Collings, is looking forward to her 30th reunion at USD in 2013.



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JENNIFER SKEEN '01 (BA) has season tickets to USD women's basketball games and enjoys attending home games with her family. In fact, six-year-old daughter Erin (pictured) loves to bring her own pom-poms and try to copy the cheerleaders' dances. "They always come over and say hi to her, which is very nice," says Jennifer. Now, husband Tim, Erin and four-year-old son Jack are excited to welcome the newest member of the family, Allison Paige, who was born on Feb. 15, 2013. "She is a happy, joyful little girl and we are so thankful for her each and every day," says Jennifer.

2010s

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MICHELLE DOMINGUEZ (BA) graduated from the Boston University School of Medicine with a master's degree in medical sciences. She teaches three general chemistry laboratory courses at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences University and four general chemistry laboratory classes at Boston College.

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

RIA FRANCISCO (BA) finished her master's degree in accountancy at San Francisco State University in May 2013. She moved back to San

Diego, where she works for Grant Thornton LLP.

KELSEY GAPSTUR (BA) moved to Pasadena, Calif., where she is in her third year of studies toward a doctorate of veterinary medicine at Western University of Health Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine.

STEPHANIE LEUNG (BBA) recently started her own online jewelry business, Set & Style, which features handmade jewelry made in America that supports great causes around the world.

SARAH MIRALLES (BA) completed a master's degree in ethnic studies at San Francisco State University. She is a teacher at Longfellow Elementary in San Francisco and at Skyline College in the Bay Area.

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DEREK ABBEY (MA) was named director of the Marine Corps' Train the Trainer School.

JAMES ARNDT (BA) was voted chairman of a political action committee in Arizona called "Yes for Creighton Kids" which is leading an override campaign in a school district in Phoenix. "Also recently purchased a house in Phoenix," he writes.

JEREMY DAY (BA) is working toward an international MBA and a master's degree in international and intercultural communication at the University of Denver.

JENNA ROHRBACKER (BS/BA) joined UTC Aerospace Systems in Chula Vista, Calif., in July 2012 as a design engineer for the A320neo Translating Sleeve.

ALEXA STROBRIDGE (BBA) is in graduate school at New York University.

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ANDREW DISOTELL (BS/BA) is an industrial engineer for General Atomics Aeronautical Systems in Poway, Calif., where he primarily focuses on process improvements and lean initiatives at the company.

REBECCA LOVANO (BA) completed a year of service in August 2013 with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in New Orleans, where she was working at Harry Thompson Center, a daytime homeless shelter.

She is currently a resident minister at the University of San Francisco.

CHEYENNE MCCARTHY (BA) just completed her Masters of Science degree in Osteoarchaeology at the University of Sheffield in the UK. "I'm currently residing in glorious San Diego enjoying postgraduate life," she writes. "I'm excited to begin my career in teaching, field-work and museum studies."

TONY TERAVAINEN (MSEL) was recently elected chairman of the board for Support the Enlisted Project (STEP), a San Diego-based nonprofit organization that provides emergency financial and transition assistance grants to active duty and recently discharged enlisted military and their families in Southern California. Tony grew up in a military family, and served in the U.S. Navy for eight years himself, witnessing the financial pressures that service members face. A long-time volunteer with STEP, Tony plans to increase the awareness of these financial difficulties throughout Southern California and help mitigate individual financial emergencies through STEP grants.

ANDREA WARREN (BS/BA) is in the Manufacturing Leadership Program at Cobham Defense Electronics, which consists of four six-month job rotations. She is currently in her first rotation, gaining management experience by supervising one of the test lines. "I was connected with this opportunity through another alumna, Jaclyn Sonico," Andrea says. "Go Toreros!"

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AARON BROWN joined forces with his USD roommate, Lawrence Kourie '10. The pair own and operate SoCal Gas and Car Wash, an ARCO station in Escondido, Calif. He invites fellow alums to "come by for a visit."

CHRISTIAN FETTERS (BS/BA) is a test engineer for Alliant Techsystems in San Diego.

SAMANTHA JOY JASA (BA) is attending graduate school at UNLV and studying special education.

CAROLINE KERSHNER (BA) was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to Germany for an English teaching assistantship. Caroline

is one of 1,700 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad for the 2013-14 academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

DIANE KIILEHUA (MSN) is a family nurse practitioner at Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton in north San Diego County.

HECTOR RAMOS (BA) completed his final class at USD during the summer after graduation 2013 and turned his experience into a full-time job. He used the lessons from that class, Interviewing and Negotiations, in his ongoing career search. "After weeks of hard work and persistent follow-up with one of the class guest speakers, the CEO of Proven Inc., I ended up being offered a full-time position with the company as an associate recruiter," Hector says. "Not only am I learning a lot through my job, but I am also continuously utilizing the skills and techniques that I learned from Dr. Chung while making a positive impact on the lives of the people I help through their career search."

KARISSA VALENCIA (BA, BA '13) is working toward a master's degree in television-radio-film at Syracuse University.

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GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

San Diego charter school attains Changemaker status

by Sandra Millers Younger

Imagine a school where students learn empathy and collaboration as well as reading and math. A school where creativity matters as much as standardized tests. A school where children discover not only how to read and write about the world, but also how to change it. That's the kind of school San Diego Cooperative Charter School (SDCCS) strives to be — and one of two main reasons it was recently designated an Ashoka Changemaker School.

Located just down Linda Vista Road from USD, which two years ago was designated a Changemaker university, SDCCS employs a number of USD alums, including principal Wendy Ranck-Buhr '01 and primary lead teacher and inclusion specialist Kate Dickinson '02 (BA), '06 (MED)

who also now serves as the school's "change leader." In addition, many USD faculty and staff send their children to the school.

One of those SDCCS parents is Chris Nayve '98, '06 (JD), '07 (MBA) director of USD's Center for Community Service-Learning and community engagement advisor for the Changemaker Hub. He spearheaded the effort to have USD nominate its K-8 neighbor for Changemaker status.

"The Changemaker designation is really for doing what we say we're going to do as a charter school, which is putting progressive ideas into practice," Dickinson says. "We're on the cutting edge of a paradigm shift in how we're looking at K-12 education."

She's helping to enlist a new generation of educators to advance this progressive agenda

by advising current education students during weekly office hours in USD's Office for Community Awareness, Service and Action.

Now in its 12th year of operation, SDCCS comprises a diverse enrollment of 420 K-8 students, including children with special needs. The school's progressive reputation has created growing demand — and a waiting list long enough to justify opening a second campus last fall, led by principal Anthony Villaseñor '99, '02 (MAT).

Dickinson (pictured, above) sees a logical reason for the appeal SDCCS holds for Toreros. "Our experience at USD was about putting research into practice. It was about being life-long learners and researchers and continuing to create the best possible experiences for students." 📷



THE INAUGURAL CHANGEMAKER FACULTY CHAMPIONS have been named at USD, nominated by their respective deans in recognition and support of their work in social change and entrepreneurship throughout the years. The six professors are (clockwise from left): Professor of Supply Chain Management Simon Croom; Sociology Assistant Professor Adina Batnitzky; Electrical Engineering Professor Susan Lord; Associate Professor/Director of Undergraduate Leadership Minor Cheryl Getz '98 (EdD); Political Science and International Relations Professor/Department Chair Mike Williams '02 (BA); and Assistant Professor of Social and Legal Research Tera Ceranic.

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10:30 a.m. - Noon
Shiley Theatre
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Saturday, April 26
Alumni Honors
6 p.m.
IPJ Theatre,
Joan B. Kroc Institute
of Peace & Justice
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Friday, May 17
[Law]
Saturday, May 24
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Friday, February 14
Baseball Season Opener
6 p.m.
USD v. New Mexico
Fowler Park
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Friday, March 21 -
Sunday, March 23
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