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## *Big Man on Campus*

President JAMES T. HARRIS III, DEd, dives into his new role



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# THE WAY OF THE WORLD

Firsts and lasts and milestones, oh my



Even without photographic proof, I would remember the outfit: A gray and black and lavender plaid jumper with a crisp white blouse beneath, ruffled ankle socks and brand-new black Mary Janes with a sturdy buckled strap. The hair was tamed into two carefully curled ponytails. The ensemble was completed with a butterfly backpack that seemed huge when hoisted on a five-year-old’s slim shoulders.

We walked the four blocks to the big-kid school, mostly hand in hand, except when her excitement about beginning kindergarten would suddenly overwhelm her. Then she’d wrench her hand from mine, and pirouette, or leap over sidewalk cracks, or do a little dance before realizing that she was too old for that sort of thing.

We got to school early; when the bell rang, she ran to join her classmates without looking back. I walked briskly away, but couldn’t resist peeking through the bushes from the sidewalk. I watched her hang up her backpack alongside the others on a hook outside the classroom, and then take her place in line to enter the classroom in a neat and orderly fashion. I’m fairly certain there was no spontaneous dancing on my walk home.

Thirteen years have passed since that crisp fall day. That little kindergartner has just become legally an adult, and another first day is fast approaching. She’ll be moving out of the bedroom she’s had since the age of two, and moving into an apartment with five other girls. She’ll be living on campus, not too far from home, but it still somehow feels like nothing will ever be the same.

Bittersweet as it all is, there is something here that feels profoundly right. This is the natural order of things, after all. While her excitement about moving on to the next step hasn’t yet inspired spontaneous outbursts of dance, I wouldn’t rule it out, quite frankly. And it’s not like we’re in this all alone. Most of the parents that we’re closest to are going through the same thing, many of them sending their kids much farther away, telling us how lucky we are to be keeping her close to home, blinking rapidly and pretending that those aren’t tears.

At this writing, move-in day at USD hasn’t yet happened, but I can all-too-easily imagine the emotional overload of a thousand families dropping off a thousand first-year students, overflowing with excitement, apprehension and an overwhelming feeling of endings giving way to beginnings. And by the time you are reading this, I won’t have to imagine our family’s own leave-taking, because it will have happened.

Will there be dancing? Of course. Will there be tears? Perhaps. And maybe that’s as it should be. As the great singer/songwriter Leonard Cohen put it: “There is a crack, a crack in everything / That’s how the light gets in.”

— Julene Snyder, Editor

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# TAKING CARE OF HOME

## Protecting the earth reflects pope's powerful message

*by Bonnie Nicholls*

**P**ope Francis made a bold statement on the environment in his June encyclical, *Laudato Si*, with a message that not only validated the sustainability movement at USD, but set the stage for a visit to the campus by a renowned Catholic climate-change activist this fall.

Dan Misleh, founder and executive director of the Catholic Climate Covenant, will speak here on Oct. 8 about the encyclical and suggest practical steps people can take to address the issue.

The Catholic Climate Covenant works primarily with major Catholic organizations to help them integrate Catholic teaching and

climate-change abatement into their work. The covenant has also piloted a program, Creation Care teams, to show smaller teams at parishes what they can do to bring about “ecological conversions” within the community.

"We're asking people to turn away from behaviors that are destroying our common home, and towards something that is more in keeping with these values that we hold as people with faith," Misleh explains.

USD has gone through its own ecological conversion, starting in 2006, when the university formed a task force on sustainability. Soon after, it created the Office of Sus-

tainability to manage the impact of the campus on the environment, which led to the first electronics recycling center (ERC) on a college campus, the installation of 5,000 solar panels and significant energy efficiency upgrades.

The office and the task force have also ensured that USD has a strong voice on climate change in the San Diego community at large. The university is also home to the San Diego Climate Collaborative, a network for public agencies aimed at advancing solutions to facilitate climate-change planning.

Michel Boudrias, an associate professor and chair of the Environmental and Ocean Sciences

**Associate Professor Michel Boudrias says that, as a Catholic university, it's important for USD to be at the forefront of the climate change issue.**

Department, as well as academic director for sustainability, serves as project leader for Climate Education Partners, a group that educates high-profile decision makers and the general public on climate science. He says it's important for USD, as a Catholic university, to be at the forefront of the climate change issue, especially in light of the pope's encyclical.

"There was clearly this environmental message — that climate change is real and the planet is in trouble, that we need to take care of it because this is our home. There was also the social justice message that we need to take care of the planet for everyone."

Those two ideas, Boudrias says, really get to the heart of USD "as a university whose mission is to

prepare our students to be ethical citizens of the world.”

One such student is Claire Flynn '17. As a double major in environmental studies and sociology, she interned over the summer with the Office of Sustainability, where she worked on several videos to explain to incoming students at orientation how and why they should conserve water and energy.

"Any little thing counts," says Flynn. "It's easy to think, 'My little actions aren't going to make a difference.' But they do."

Law students are making a difference too, by conducting energy and climate-related research and analysis through USD's Energy Policy Initiatives Center. "We've been engaged in some pretty meaningful work on the local and state level," says director Scott Anders, including a greenhouse gas inventory of the San Diego region and a review of the legal aspects of California's cap-and-trade program.

More faculty members are getting involved by incorporating sustainability into the curriculum, according to USD Director of Sustainability Michael Catanzaro. Marketing students in the School of Business Administration are managing a Google AdWords campaign for the ERC, while MBA students are studying the center's supply chain and efficiency.

Engaging faculty is just what Jeffrey Mark Burns, director of the Center for Catholic Thought and Culture, is trying to achieve. He not only invited Dan Misleh to speak at the campus, but he's also working to launch a longer-term panel series in the spring called "On Our Common Home," named after the subtitle of the pope's encyclical, to put the spotlight on faculty and their work on climate change.

"We want to have something that has legs so the encyclical just doesn't die, to keep it on people's minds," Burns says. "This is something for the long haul."



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# [news briefs]

**The School of Business Administration** has announced that Jaime Alonso Gómez, PhD, has been named as its new dean. Dr. Gómez has been working in various capacities at USD for more than 20 years. This summer, David Pyke, who had served as dean of the school for seven years, stepped down. After a sabbatical, he will join the SBA faculty.

**The Center for Cyber Security Engineering and Technology** — a joint effort between USD's Division of Professional and Continuing Education and the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering — was recently launched. The goal is to move toward the creation of one of the most rigorous and immersive cyber security educational environments in the nation.



**THE OPENING OF THE NEW BETTY AND BOB BEYSTER INSTITUTE**  
for Nursing Research, Advanced Practice, and Simulation was celebrated with a ribbon cutting on Sept. 1, 2015. A lead gift of \$8 million from Betty Beyster and the late Dr. Robert Beyster, founder of research and engineering firm SAIC, laid the foundation for the 30,000-square-foot facility adjacent to the existing nursing school. (Pictured above, from left to right, are Mary Ann Beyster, Betty Beyster and Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science Dean Sally Brosz Hardin.)

**The institute's first floor will hold the new and expanded Dickinson Family Foundation Nursing Simulation Center, the keystone of the school's clinical teaching facilities and a national model for nursing education. The second floor includes the Lizbeth and Walter Smoyer Family Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Education Center focusing on the management of preventive care and leadership of interdisciplinary teams. More than 1,000 APRNs, including 100 with the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, have graduated from USD since 1984.**

The institute's third story focuses on nursing research; its research centers include the Hervey Family, San Diego Foundation Military and Veteran Health Center, the Women and Children's Health Unit, the Kaye M. Woltman and Melisa R. McGuire Hospice and Palliative Care Education and Research Unit, and the Senior Adult Research Unit and Functional Assessment Apartment. The third floor also includes the Krause Family PhD Research Library and Study.



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# CONFIDENCE BUILDERS

A year in, STEM cohort is committed to working together

From left to right are new USD professors Joan Schellinger, Jessica Bell, Jennifer Prairie, Molly Burke, Divya Sitaraman, Amanda Ruiz, Odesma Dalrymple and Imane Khalil.



by Liz Harman

Last fall, the University of San Diego began an ambitious effort to increase the number of women faculty in science, and become a national model for undergraduate institutions striving to increase diversity. A year later,

a cohort of eight women STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) professors has firmly taken root on campus.

A collaborative spirit, plans for innovative new courses and research, and a club to promote women in STEM are just a few

signs of the group's cohesion.

"They're very committed to bringing ideas and change to the university," says Biology Professor Lisa Baird, one of the leaders of the initiative. While each of them would have surely had great success on her own,

working together has made their impact even greater.

"They were clearly identified as a cohort; they have worked together that way and that has been a unique and very special piece of the effort," says Baird.

With women comprising

only 25 percent of full-time professors in science and engineering and women of color less than 6 percent (according to the National Science Foundation), USD undertook a novel approach to increase the participation and advancement of women faculty in the STEM and social science fields.

Supported by a five-year, \$600,000 NSF grant, the university created a program dubbed Advancement of Female Faculty: Institutional climate, Recruitment and Mentoring (AFFIRM).

"Women, especially those of color, are underrepresented in the STEM disciplines nationally. Here at USD, we are committed to creating a new norm," says Andrew T. Allen, university vice president and provost.

The goal was to hire a cohort that was committed to working together and increasing the number of STEM students from underrepresented groups. In hiring the eight professors, USD used innovative recruiting tools to make sure that the university was attracting a diverse pool of applicants. "The results were impressive," Allen recalls.

"While the university originally planned to hire two additional STEM faculty in 2014, the pool of applicants was so outstanding, we decided to hire these eight women."

"Having other STEM faculty in their first year with me has been invaluable as a support system," says Jennifer Prairie, assistant professor of environmental and ocean sciences.

"As we are all working on developing classes, setting up labs, applying for grants, and working with students, it is very useful to have colleagues to bounce ideas off of."

Bonding through their daily interactions, along with monthly potluck brunches, the new professors have come up with a number of new plans and ideas.

For example, Prairie and Assistant Professor of Mathematics Amanda Ruiz are planning to co-teach a class in the 2016-17 school year on mathematics modeling for marine biology. Students might learn how to model the movement of an organism around the ocean or how it interacts with other organisms. Prairie and Ruiz have also started a club for female STEM students to organize and network.

Another cohort member, Jessica Bell, assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry, has created a rigorous biophysical chemistry course and has also had a paper accepted by the prestigious *Journal of Biological Chemistry*.

Odesma Dalrymple, assistant professor of industrial and systems engineering, is the faculty advisor for the Society of Women Engineers at USD. This summer, Dalrymple helped lead a STEAM (STEM + Arts) Summer Academy focused on hands-on learning and holistic academic enrichment.

Members of the cohort have also been busy filling up their research labs with students and applying for research grants.

While working together has been key, one of the most important reasons for success, says Ruiz, is the perception that their activities to increase diversity and broaden participation in STEM fields are a meaningful and important part of the tenure process at USD. "I definitely recommend [this type of initiative] for other universities. This is a really good approach."

"These new members of our faculty have demonstrated a commitment to interdisciplinary approaches to teaching and to mentoring a diverse student population in addition to their own scholarship," adds Allen. We're so excited to have them here." 📌

## [gifts at work]

### USD School of Business Administration (SBA)

parents Roger and Judy Benson have been generous donors for years. Most recently, they gave \$50,000 to the SBA Entrepreneurship Program, a gift that has supported the school's V2 Pitch Competition the past two years. V2 — an initiative that some call "*Shark Tank* meets academia" — provides a rich learning experience for students. The event has tripled in both the number of entrants and audience participation since it debuted in 2012. The total amount of funding available for student ventures has risen from \$15,000 to \$100,000, divided between USD students and binational entrepreneur tracks.

### Gregg Tolton '69 (BA) has established a memorial scholarship fund

in honor of his parents, whom he credits for their insights and sacrifices in supporting him in college. The Orian S. and John F. Tolton, III Memorial Scholarship Fund was established with a \$50,000 gift. Tolton has also established the Robert (Bob) M. Brower '69 Memorial Scholarship in honor of his late classmate. This fund is meant to assist undergraduate students majoring in history who exhibit both academic promise and financial need.

### The newly established Dr. Robert and Ginger Infantino Endowed Family Scholarship

will provide tuition scholarship support each year to one or more Infantino Scholars — deserving and qualified full-time undergraduate or graduate students who demonstrate financial need. The

recipient must be admitted to a teacher credential program or a combined credential and master's program in the Department of Learning and Teaching at the School of Leadership Sciences (SOLES). Dr. Infantino was director of Teacher Education and director of Secondary Teacher Education in SOLES from 1976 to 1998. He retired in 2007 after 31 years at USD.

### The Notchev Scholarship Endowment received

a gift of \$579,389 from Steve Ermenkov, who named USD and this endowment as beneficiary of his investment account. His sister-in-law was Vessa Notchev, who, with her husband, created the J. Notchev Science Scholarship Endowment with a gift of \$200,000 in 1993. This legacy endowment provides scholarships to science students. The Ermenkov gift will increase annual scholarships by at least \$20,000 per year.

### At a luncheon at their home for supporters

of the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies and others, William Lerach and Michelle Ciccarelli Lerach doubled their scholarship support with a \$50,000 gift in the fourth year of their named scholarship fund. The Lerach Peace and Justice Scholarship provides African peace builders and human rights protectors with the opportunity to strengthen their skills and learn new approaches to conflict prevention and resolution as they earn a master's in Peace and Justice Studies. Michelle Lerach also serves on USD's Women PeaceMakers Advisory Committee.



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## ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

Summer internships help students explore potential career paths

by Ryan T. Blystone

**J**uliana Mascari's summer volunteer engagement internship with the United Way of San Diego included setting up a community event in City Heights and Vista, Calif. Featuring book distribution and literacy activities for parents and children, it was there that Mascari knew she was in the right place to make a difference.

Mascari, recalling a University of Kansas-published research study, *The Early Catastrophe: The 30 Million Word Gap by Age Three*, points to a significant finding about variance in vocabulary. The study indicates that a three-year-old child with working professional parents has an estimated vocabulary of 1,116 words. Whereas, a child of welfare parents is estimated to have just 525 words at their disposal. The difference between these children is likely to grow as they do. That statistic inspires Mascari to do more, and deepens her belief that education can break the cycle of poverty, especially if it starts early.

"I'm forever grateful for taking part in affecting the lives of some of the most vulnerable members of our society," says Mascari, an English major and theology and religious studies minor at the University of San Diego. "Philanthropy, specifically philanthropy oriented towards supporting family stability, has always been my



passion. Learning how this passion can be utilized in pursuing a Changemaker career after college is invaluable."

Mascari's insight and real-world application of her passion during her summer 2015 internship brings a smile to USD Career Development Center Director Robin Darmon's face.

"We've been working a lot on how to get them out there

earlier, particularly with liberal arts majors, because their skills are so phenomenal," Darmon says. "We've been working on teaching them to articulate how those strengths can have an impact in a company."

Internships serve a valuable purpose, providing students with the necessary setting to gain confidence about a particular career path, exposing

Business administration major Meimei Nakahara (below left, alongside supervisor KishaLynn Elliott) served as a life skills support intern for San Diego's Monarch School this summer.

to take part in internships this summer.

All internships connected to this program — which include companies such as Catholic Charities, California Music Theatre, NASA, the Environmental Protection Agency, GET Engineering, Manta Instruments, Enterprise Rent-A-Car and the Monarch School — provided real value to both students and employers for up to 10 weeks.

Many students used the scholarship dollars to cover basic essentials. For some, it meant the difference between staying in San Diego and going home for the summer.

Katie Fotion, a math major, went to NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va. She designed software and user interfaces for a next-generation 3D printer. Fotion learned to work in a group setting and enjoyed other perks. "I had the opportunity to attend several seminars on potential thesis topics for my math major," she recalls. "And I met an astronaut and listened to his abundance of advice."

Austin Haynes and Danny Debruin, both mechanical engineers, say their internships at GET and Manta, respectively, sharpened their engineering skills with hands-on projects and by working and learning alongside staff members to utilize the "soft skills" side of USD's BS/BA dual degree.

Meimei Nakahara, a business administration major, was a life skills support intern for San Diego's Monarch School. Dedicated to educating students impacted by homelessness and to helping them develop the necessary skills and experiences for personal success, the school and the students made a lasting impression on her.

"I didn't know about Monarch School until I applied for the internship. I researched the school and its background


and, at first, I wasn't sure how to act or interact with the students because I don't share a similar background," she explains. "But then I thought, if I come in with an open mind, talk to people, learn a little more about the organization by asking questions to people in different departments, that would help me."

It did, and Nakahara completed her internship inspired by the students' efforts and determination to succeed. She performed data analysis and validated her interest in working in education administration.

"I've always been someone who is interested in the admin department, organizing and helping other people, whether that's students, other young adults or fellow coworkers. It's something I have a passion to do. Working in this internship showed me that I really like it and that I could pursue this kind of work."

Having the support of alumni, parents and the Career Development Center is a key resource for all USD students. The center hosts job fairs, runs the online ToreroLink for students and alumni to access job and internship opportunities, and is set to have two Torero Treks this academic year.

Last spring's Torero Trek to the Silicon Valley took students to Google, Adobe and LinkedIn. Upon graduation, five students were hired at Adobe. Darmon has scheduled a dual Bay Area Torero Trek Oct. 22-23, including company headquarters visits and a networking event with Bay Area USD alumni. Another trek will be in January in Seattle.

"A lot of our four-year plan focuses on getting students active in the exploration process so that they have a clearer sense of their strengths. That leads them to professional happiness," Darmon says. 

[conviction]

## PIZZA WITH PADRE

Father Martin Latiff integrates faith into the routines of student-athletes

by Bonnie Nicholls

**F**ather Martin Latiff is so soft-spoken, you have to lean in to hear every word. It's not a voice one might associate with the cacophony of sports, where athletes shout to each other, coaches yell out directions, and crowds cheer. But it's the perfect tone for a university chaplain who guides student-athletes in weekly ethical leadership training sessions that include Bible study, called Pizza with Padre.

Using the platform of sports as a way to transmit the faith, Latiff discusses the gospel for the upcoming Sunday with the athletes, and then presents a different virtue that they can focus on the following week.

"In the reality of sports, you need constancy, perseverance, resolution, determination, a good spirit of camaraderie, patience, kindness, charity, selflessness — all the virtues that help a team do better," he says.

Latiff started the group in 2014; he meets with the athletes for an hour every Tuesday evening in the Warren Hospitality Suite of the Jenny Craig Pavilion.


Pizza with Padre, a name the athletes came up with, doesn't concentrate solely on sports, however. The group talks about "their spiritual growth, their closeness with Christ and how they can integrate the faith into everything they do," Latiff says. Topics range from academics to life in the residence halls to friendships and family.

It's not surprising Latiff connects with students through sports. Born and raised in Buenos Aires, Argentina, he grew up playing rugby and tennis,

but he was particularly attracted to nature-based activities such as hiking, biking and rock climbing. Not only did he find God in the outdoors — in the trees, the lakes and the trails in the foothills of the Andes Mountains — but he also enjoyed the fun and challenge of hard physical activity.

Latiff belongs to the order of Miles Christi, a religious congregation of priests and brothers. It was at their request that he came to the U.S. in 2001, at the age of 24, to study theology in Michigan. Later, after he had been ordained as a priest, the order started a new house in San Diego and invited him to head west. It didn't take him long to say yes.

A university chaplain at USD for the past four years, Latiff has found other ways to reach out to students besides sports. At Founders Chapel every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m., he welcomes students to join him in a reflection and meditation.

Teaching — and teaching the faith — is what he loves to do. "What really helped me decide on the priesthood was the opportunity of caring and educating others in a very personal way." 





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# MAKING RULES OF LAW

Justice in Mexico project helping train lawyers in new judicial reforms



CHRIS PARK

Janice Deaton '10 (MA), a lead trainer of the Justice in Mexico Project, is part of a team that's working toward bolstering the rule of law in Mexico.

The new adversarial trials will provide greater emphasis on the due process, including the presumption of innocence and the right to adequate legal defense. But perhaps more importantly, the new process will require significant modifications to police agencies and their role in criminal investigations.

"As a criminal defense lawyer and human rights advocate, these changes are something I really believe in," explains Janice Deaton '10 (MA), an alumna of the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies and Justice in Mexico lead trainer.

"This new system will address a lot of the problems and injustices that existed in the old system, but it's a work in progress. Certain skills are required to argue in person," Rodriguez says.

The United States is one of the key providers of trainers for the reform. With help from the Merida Initiative, a strategic partnership between the United States and Mexico continues to grow, and all those involved with the Mexican criminal justice community must be retrained in order for the reform to succeed. As a neighbor to Mexico, the University of San Diego is poised to help.

A number of USD institutes and faculty members are involved in all aspects of enhancing the justice system in Mexico, including the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies' Trans-Border Institute (TBI). Its director, Everard Meade,

PhD, has been very successful in his work as an expert witness in asylum cases, and has recently taught peacebuilding seminars, in both San Diego and Mexico, on topics ranging from human rights to conflict resolution. Additionally, two of TBI's advisory council members train attorneys and judges for the reform.

Due in large part to the partnership, Justice in Mexico has attracted more than \$2 million in extramural grants over the past decade. This has allowed dozens of USD students and alumni to help produce cutting-edge research and provide assistance for judicial reform efforts in Mexico.

The program's newest project is the Oral Adversarial Skill-Building Immersion Seminar (OASIS). In 2014, Justice in Mexico received \$1.1 million from the U.S. State Department's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement to work in conjunction with Mexico's Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. Between February and April 2015, OASIS staff members joined forces with eight trial-skills instructors to provide three two-week training workshops on oral trial skills to a total of 240 participants.

Deaton, Shirk and Rodriguez worked together to provide the trainings in Mexico City. The participants included 180 law professors and 60 law students. "I had been interested in peace studies and conflict resolution all my life," Deaton says. "Even before I became a criminal defense lawyer, I knew this was my passion."

As they look towards the future of the program and the changes across the border, the team is optimistic. "This year, I'm really excited to get interns involved with the process. It's always inspiring to hear their ideas and embark on a new year together," says Deaton.

Rodriguez echoes those sentiments. "I love the work we do and I feel very lucky to be doing it and sharing it with others." 🌱

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# BACK TO THE BEGINNING

Richard and Kaye Woltman's gifts make a difference

by Krystn Shrieve

The year was 1972. The nation watched as the Vietnam War raged on, Watergate unfolded and nine Israeli athletes in Munich were killed when terrorists descended upon Olympic Village.

Closer to home, San Diego Mayor Pete Wilson declared a week in May as "America's Finest City Week," giving rise to the city's unofficial yet still-popular city slogan, and the College for Women, College for Men and School of Law completed the process of merging into one institution. With the quick, cramped signature of Secretary of State Jerry Brown, the institution became known as the University of San Diego.

That was also the year that Richard Woltman joined USD's Board of Trustees, a post he held until 1987.

"Our new president, Art Hughes, began to execute his plan to grow the university and further establish its identity, cultivate its Catholic heritage and clarify its mission. I liked all his ideas," Woltman recalls. "As a trustee, I wanted to expand the business of developing philanthropy as part of USD's growth plan so it would become an important part of the university's financial footings."

Together with his wife, Kaye Woltman — who also served as a USD trustee from 2006 to 2010 — the couple became longtime donors with gifts that date back to 1973. Over the years, they supported everything from scholarships to the Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science and the School of Leadership and Education Sciences, to professorships in the School of Business Administration.

"My wife and I always thought of education as the gateway that

allowed people to build their lives and make a difference in the world," Woltman says. "Scholarships were important to us and we believed they should help not just the underserved, but those who have exemplary ideas but don't have the means to get the education to maximize their vision."

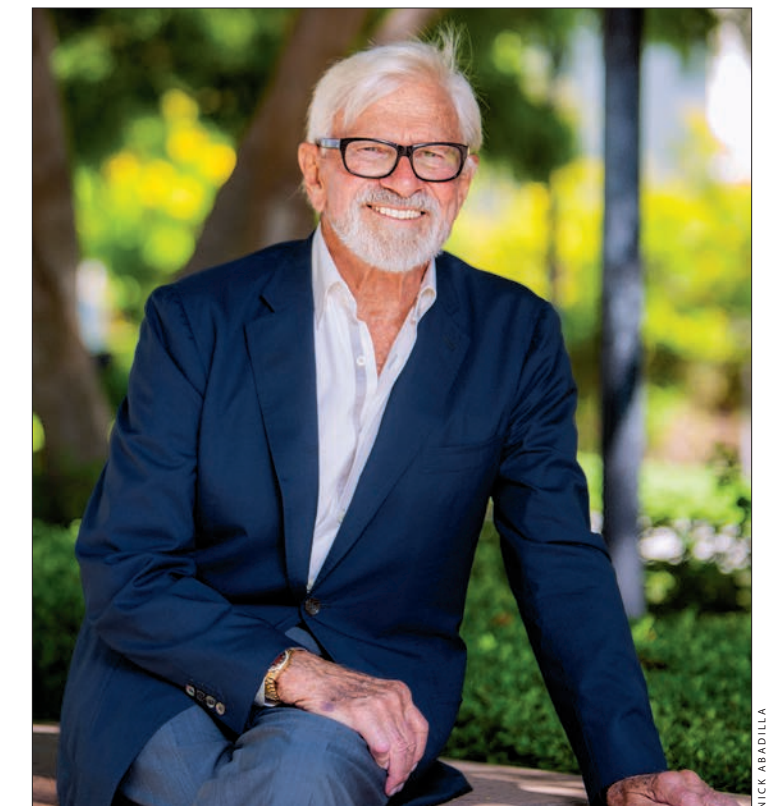
Recently, in honor of his wife and stepdaughter, he established the Kaye M. Woltman and Melisa R. McGuire Hospice and Palliative Care Education and Research Unit in USD's newest building, the Hahn School of Nursing's Betty and Bob Beyster Institute for Nursing Research, Advanced Practice, and Simulation.

"My wife liked to support the School of Nursing as a way to recognize her mother, who was a career nurse," he says of Kaye

Woltman, who passed away in 2010. "She also was deeply involved in San Diego Hospice and was very supportive of the concept of hospice and the need for care at the end of life — allowing people the opportunity to spend their final weeks and days in comfort and with dignity."

From the beginning, the Woltmans appreciated all that USD had to offer and were honored to support it philanthropically.

"We were blessed in our lives and believed that when you're given those gifts, you should share them," he says. "It was important to me do something with my life that would make a difference, and Kaye shared those values with me 100 percent. That's why we worked so well together. For us, one and one has been more than two." 🌱



NICK ABADILLA



[from the heart]

# ALL THE RIGHT MOVES

Cornerback Devyn Bryant wants to change the world

by Don Norcross

Junior University of San Diego cornerback Devyn Bryant is a mechanical engineering major. He selected the specialty, in part, because his mother is a researcher for a pharmaceutical company and he grew up with a passion for the sciences.

He chose the major for an altruistic reason as well.

"I wanted a major and a degree and a job where I could actually impact the world," he says. "Knowledge is power, and power shouldn't be kept to yourself. If I have a specialized knowledge in an area that can meet a need, I want to use it."

Last January, Bryant backed his words with deeds. He joined other USD engineering students on a 15-day trip to the Dominican Republic where they built 16 low-cost concrete and ceramic stoves. The students, who paid \$1,500 for the trip, also installed two chlorinators to disinfect drinking water in a mountainous village.

"It was tough work. I'm not going to lie," says Bryant. "And oh my gosh, it was hot. So hot."

Before the USD students built the stoves, the locals had been warming food by building a fire, then putting pots on wooden planks above the fire.

"Just going to the Dominican Republic made me more humble and grateful to live where I

do," says Bryant, who grew up in the San Diego community of Mount Hope and attended Horizon Christian Academy.

"They didn't have warm water for showers. It was a very humbling experience, being on top of a mountain, apart from civilization. They use cattle to plow their fields."

Bryant formed a bond with the locals.

"When we left, they were sad. We were like family," he says.

Bryant also participates in the Autism Tree Project Foundation, a USD football program where players connect with autistic children during the season. In 2014, Bryant started meeting regularly with a family of three autistic boys.

"He really embraced the role," says Dan Asher, father of the three boys. "One trait of autism is they have difficulty expressing feelings. But they could see the kindness and joy he has spending time with them. They love him."

Bryant continued meeting with the family after the season.


"It's from his heart," says Asher. "There's nothing insincere about the time he spends with them. He lights up our lives."

Bryant is one of 197 players who have been nominated for the 2015 Allstate American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team.



"He's what I call a 'USD man,'" says Toreros Head Football Coach Dale Lindsey. "Bo Schembechler always talked about a 'Michigan man.'"

USD cornerback Devyn Bryant wants to impact the world by developing specialized knowledge in areas that can help to meet pressing needs.

 [sandiego.edu/video/bryant](http://sandiego.edu/video/bryant)

## GETTING TO KNOW ...



### LAMONT SMITH

**AGE:** 40  
**HOMETOWN:** Colony, Texas  
**BONA FIDES:** After finishing

his playing career at USD in 1999, Lamont Smith began a 16-year run as an assistant coach, with stops at St. Louis University, Saint Mary's, Santa Clara, Arizona State, Washington and New Mexico. Smith has a clear vision of the type of player he's looking to bring to USD. "I want high-character young men who can be successful and thrive on the court and in the classroom. Skill, athleticism and toughness come next, and they've got to be able to dribble, pass and shoot from all five positions on the court." **GETTING DEFENSIVE:** Smith plans to build the team's identity through a commitment to making opponents work for every single basket. "I really value defense. You don't see teams getting easy layups against top programs like Duke and North Carolina. You have to be mentally and physically tough to succeed in this sport, and that all starts on the defensive side of the ball." **LOVE WHAT YOU DO:** Back in 1994, it took Smith just a few practices with his Torero teammates to realize his dreams of playing professional basketball were likely pie-in-the-sky: "The desire was there, but the size and talent weren't." So he shifted his focus to learning the X's and O's of coaching, and the rest is history. "I just wanted to find an 'in' to staying around it. Coaching was that in, and it's given me so much. I'm blessed and grateful for the opportunities basketball has provided me; especially the one I have here."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

**USD student-athletes received** four of six major 2014-15 West Coast Conference awards at the sixth annual WCC Honors Dinner in early June. Volleyball's Alaysia Brown earned the Mike Gilleran Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year and WCC Post-Graduate Scholarship; basketball standout Johnny Dee was the Michael Gilleran Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year; and baseball's Ben Wyllly earned the WCC Male Sportsmanship Award.

**Seven Torero baseball players were selected** in June's MLB First-Year Player Draft: Kyle Holder, shortstop (first round, New York Yankees); David Hill, pitcher (fourth round, Colorado Rockies); Jesse Jenner, catcher (seventh round, St. Louis Cardinals); PJ Conlon, pitcher (13th round, New York Mets); Anthony McIver, pitcher (15th round, Minnesota Twins); Austin Bailey, outfielder (21st round, Kansas City Royals); and Jacob Hill, pitcher (32nd round, Cleveland Indians).

**USD's Jenny Craig Pavilion** will be one of four regional sites for the 2015 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship for Sweet 16 and Elite Eight rounds that takes place on Dec. 11-12. At each site, four teams will compete in single-elimination competition. The four winning teams from each regional will advance to the Final Four in Omaha, Neb. The 64-team field will be announced Nov. 29, with first and second rounds Dec. 4-6 on 16 campus sites. The Toreros have hosted first- and second-round matches twice (2013, 2004), but this marks the first time for Sweet 16 and Elite Eight rounds. To learn more, call (619) 260-7550.





# By Leaps and Bounds

*Things are heating up for junior powerhouse Lauren Schad*

*Photography by Chris Park*

*by Don Norcross*

There are sounds distinctive to sports. When bat squarely meets baseball, *crack* echoes throughout the ballpark. *Swish* is for basketball, a shot from deep distance that makes the net dance like a grass skirt swaying in a breeze. Volleyball offers its own authentic acoustic. It's when a player elevates, rotates the shoulders and lays palm to leather. The *thwack* comes not when hand meets ball, but when the ball caroms off the floor.



## “Like a thunderclap,” says USD Women’s Volleyball Associate Head Coach Brent Hilliard. Late one afternoon in the summer of 2012, he was roaming a Columbus, Ohio, convention center lined with courts when all of a sudden he heard that distinctive wallop.

Elite high school players were leaping through warm-ups. “I didn’t know who hit it right away,” he says. He watched for a few minutes. “There was only one player who was hitting with that type of heat,” Hilliard recalls.

That moment — literally hearing from Lauren Schad — led to Hilliard and USD head coach Jennifer Petrie successfully recruiting the Rapid City, S.D., native. Schad is a 6-foot-2 middle blocker. A junior now, she played sparingly her first year, sitting behind Chloe Ferrari and Katie Hoekman, stars of a team that was at one time ranked second in the nation. Last season, with Ferrari and Hoekman departed, Schad started every match, leading the Toreros in blocks per game.

Hilliard does not mince words about the growth he expects from Schad this fall.

“Her first couple of years at USD she sat back and absorbed the learning process,” he says. “I think she’s done with the old Lauren Schad, who competed well but didn’t step on anybody’s toes.

I think she’s ready to step out of her shell. She has a chance to be a national team prospect.”

Schad and USD teammate Canace Finley have been selected by USA Volleyball to the 36-player U.S. Collegiate National Team Program.

Adds Hilliard, regarding Schad, “She has a chance to be very special.”

“It’s kind of humbling to hear him say that,” Schad says. “It’s different than your parents telling you you’re good.”



There’s more about Schad that separates her from the norm. For one, she’s Native American. Some 334 universities sport Division I women’s volleyball teams. At an average of 15 players per team, that would total 5,010 Division I women’s volleyball players. According to the NCAA, only 13 are Native American, less than 0.3 percent.

Schad’s father, Ralph, was raised on the Cheyenne River Reservation about 160 miles

from Rapid City. Her mother, Laura, is Native American. Their ancestry is with the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. Like many people, the Schads are a blend of ethnicities, but the family most identifies with its American Indian heritage.

Lauren is the youngest of three sisters. Dinners were often spent with mother and father educating the girls about their native culture. Aunts, uncles and cousins lived on the same reservation where their father was raised, and the Schads often visited family there.

“I just remember being outside, running around,” says Lauren. “It was always sunny, always nice outside. We’d go to the pool. Go horseback riding. I had a really strong sense of family.”

Honoring her heritage, Lauren was given an eagle plume feather when she graduated high school. A tattoo on her right rib cage is shaped like a bear claw, representing her father’s maternal family name. The bear’s paw is designed in the shape of a medicine wheel, which, among many things, represents compass directions.

“It reminds you of balance,” says Lauren. “To keep you centered. It’s important to know where you came from.”

After graduating from USD with a degree in anthropology, Schad plans to talk with an Indian elder, who will give her an Indian name based upon her unique characteristics. Her father’s Indian name translates to Screaming Eagle. Of her future name, Schad says, “I’d prefer something strong and powerful as opposed to something more dainty.”

She’s definitely not the shrinking violet type: One day in high school during a creative

writing class, Schad was sitting with a small group of students. The subject turned to the nearby Black Hills and Native Americans. As Schad recalls, one girl had this to say about Native Americans: “They need to stop asking for handouts from the government. They need to stop moping around and do something to fix their lives. They need to stop drinking alcohol.”

“You know,” Schad told the girl, “I’m Native American, and that’s really offensive.”

“Well,” the girl said, “I don’t count you as Native American.”

“That made me angry. She felt like she couldn’t categorize me in my heritage because of the stereotype she had for American Indians,” Schad says. “I thought it was small-minded and ignorant for her to say. I was almost speechless.”



One way to combat ignorance is the pursuit of learning and education, which is supremely important to members of the Schad household. Ralph earned two master’s degrees and works for a natural gas company. Laura is employed by a nonprofit that serves tribal communities.

Lauren’s oldest sister, Rae-Anne, a vocalist, graduated from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. Taylor, the middle sister, graduated this year from Stanford with a degree in Native American Studies.

There is an adventurous, bold side to Lauren. When she was a toddler, she liked to swing lying across the seat on her stomach. “She was always daring,” says her mother. By age 9 or 10 she was leaping off 15-foot-tall rocks

at a small lake. She has plans to skydive. “I told her to wait until she graduates,” says Laura.

That dauntless spirit helped produce a marvelous athlete. Leaping off one leg, Lauren can touch more than 10 feet off the ground, the highest on the team. Off two legs, she reaches 9 feet, 11½ inches. Only two teammates reach higher. That athleticism is important because middle blockers must move quickly from side-to-side.

“You’ve got to be able to explode short distances,”

says Hilliard. “At 6-2, she’s long and lean, one of the most athletic kids we have on our team.”



Mount Rushmore sits 22 miles southwest of Rapid City. Sturgis, site of the famous Sturgis



Motorcycle Rally, is 30 miles to the northwest. Tourists make their way to the state. College volleyball coaches do not. Looking at the 2015 rosters of last year’s final regular season Top 20 Division I women’s volleyball programs, 67 players grew up in California.

Croatia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Italy, Sweden and England were each represented by one player. The number of players from South Dakota on those rosters: zero.

Hence, the quality of Schad’s club volleyball competition in high school was not keen. “Her progress has been about what we thought coming from that low level,” says Hilliard.

But now, the Toreros are expecting more.

“The plan is for her to be our next All-American middle blocker,” says Hilliard.

Petrie has built one of USD’s most successful athletic programs. The volleyball record the previous 16 seasons is 300-110. The Toreros advanced to the NCAA Tournament in all but two of those seasons. When Schad talks about the pride she feels representing USD’s volleyball program, she sounds like she’s echoing thoughts about her Native American heritage as well.

“You feel a responsibility,” she says. “You take it personally. You want to uphold those traditions. You want to make sure the legacy lives on.”

 [sandiego.edu/video/schad](http://sandiego.edu/video/schad)



# NOT AFRAID TO GET HIS FEET WET

*by Julene Snyder*

*Photos by Chris Park*

On just his second day on the job,  
USD's new president paddled like a pro

There's a game that the USD Outdoor Adventures team likes to play while en route to outings, particularly when people are meeting for the first time. Someone volunteers to be in the "hot seat," and the others take turns asking questions. That's the situation USD's new president, James T. Harris III, DEd, found himself in on just his second day on the job.







A supremely good sport, Harris and his son, Braden, agreed to accompany a group of students led by Outdoor Adventures Assistant Director Mark Ceder on a kayaking trip through the La Jolla Marine Reserve. Ceder was psyched for the trip, seeing parallels to outings designed for incoming first-year and transfer students to get to know the area: “Our trips help to build community and educate people. Getting out there gives them a sense of place.”

On the van ride from campus, the president was game to take the hot seat and get to know his fellow adventurers. Among them were senior Cameron Heyvaert, a biology major from Evergreen, Colo.; junior Angela Hessenius, an interdisciplinary humanities major from Brookfield, Conn.; and senior Danford Jooste, a mechanical engineering major from Capetown, South Africa.

While Harris’ wife, Mary, came along for the ride, she made it clear that she would be staying on dry land, content to hang out with her trusty camera and a convivial group of USD community members. The 20-minute drive to the beach was filled with laughter; there’s something about Harris that puts folks at ease. A personable soul, he clearly likes people, and much like a book that falls open to favorite passages, he has his go-to stories.

One is that when he first met Mary in college, he knew right away that he’d met the woman he was going to marry. “It was love at first sight,” he said, then laughed. “At least for me.”

In response to a query about his favorite food, he answered like a shot, nearly before the question was asked: “Ribs! My specialty is barbecued ribs. And yes, I give out my recipe, but you have to know that it’s always changing. Braden and I try to do something different every time.”

As the group grew closer to the launch site, the excitement was palpable. “It’s not just beautiful and a great place to go kayaking, but it’s also an ecological preserve,” explained Ceder. The location, just south of La Jolla Shores Beach, contains five distinct marine environments in less than two square miles. “It’s one of the most unique stretches of coastline in California. Sandy beach, rocky shallows, steep cliffs, kelp forests and deep-water canyons all come together here.”

Harris waxed rhapsodic about his love for the water, and kayaking in particular. “I’ve loved the water since I was a boy. My father and I used to go boating. Being on the water in some way has always been important to me.” So important, that Jim and Mary bought a family vacation home on the Chesapeake Bay that they

tried to get to as frequently as possible; succeeding most weekends and much of each summer.

“About three years ago, I bought a pair of kayaks,” he said. “I’d injured my leg a few years before and found that kayaking was good exercise. Before long, I’d go out every weekend when we’d go to our place, rather than using the motorboat. I loved getting into these little streams and watching the birds, figuring out what animals I was seeing. There were terrapins and snapping turtles and river otters and bald eagles, which were my favorite.”

He smiled, remembering. “There were dozens of bald eagles in the area. Last summer, there was a bald eagle nest that Braden and I discovered on one of the small streams. I’d go take a look every weekend, watching the pair of eaglets grow, alongside their mother. It really inspired me to start reading all about eagles and how they nest. It brought out the nerdy side of me.”


Harris approached this new fascination with nature and the outdoors methodically: “Other than in college, I’d never really studied botany or biology or the outdoors, but I found myself getting books so that I could learn more about, ‘What did I see today?’ I’d delve into all the different kinds of life I’d spot on the water, all the flowers, all the plants. And all of that started with kayaking.”

As the group neared the beach, Hessenius confessed that she was excited to have the opportunity to spend time with USD’s new president in such a relaxed, fun manner. “I feel really fortunate that I get to interact with him like this on just his second day on the job. How many people can say they went kayaking with the president? Experiences like this are what make USD special.”

Right on cue, the van had arrived. As the kayakers piled out onto the parking lot and made their way to the launch spot, there were plenty of other things to think about, such as getting geared up, following the lifeguards’ instructions not to linger on the shore too long so that other kayaking groups had the space they needed, and making sure that everybody actually listened to the instructions about staying safe before paddling out.

It was definitely an afternoon to remember. The water was sublime, the sun was warm but not punishing, and in a relaxed fashion befitting Southern California, the group paddled to the edge of sea caves, came across sleepy sea lions sunning themselves, splashed one another with their paddles, and generally had an awesome outdoor adventure.

And even though one rider — who shall remain nameless — took a tumble overboard when riding a wave back to shore, it was all good. That certain someone shrugged it off with a quick high-five, a “what-can-you-do?” shrug and a blinding smile. All things considered, not a bad second day on the job. Not bad at all.

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**1) Dr. Harris, his wife, Mary and their son, Braden; 2) Braden, Dr. Harris and Mark Ceder confer before the group paddles out; 3) Dr. Harris couldn't seem to wipe the grin off his face; 4) Cameron Heyvaert '16 points to the sea caves the group will soon be paddling toward; 5) A moment of connection for Cameron Heyvaert, Angela Hessenius '17, Danford Jooste '16, Dr. Harris and son Braden; 6) Braden Harris clearly enjoyed the experience; 7) Dr. Harris was ready for adventure.**



# BEYOND TITLE

## GETTING TO KNOW THE NEW MAN ON CAMPUS

Stories from USD's new leader, President James T. Harris III, DEd

### SILVER SPOON? NOPE.

"I remember when my dad received a raise to a dollar an hour. It was a big deal to make one dollar an hour. I also remember the time that he sold his car for \$200 and went to the bank and asked for it all in dollar bills. He came home with the money in a paper bag and threw those bills up in the air. I ran all over the room scooping them up. No, I didn't get to keep the money. He needed it to buy another car. But, he often did fun things like that to make me feel special."

### MUSIC THAT TRANSPORTS HIM BACK TO THE AGE OF NINE

Jim grew up in the auto town of Fostoria, Ohio. He looked to Detroit as the "big city" nearby, and as a kid he listened to Motor City radio stations. Favorites remain Gladys Knight, Bill Withers, Stevie Wonder and Lou Rawls, but Marvin Gaye will always hold a special place in his heart.



### FIVE JOBS THAT ARE NOT ACTUALLY LISTED ON HIS CV

- 1) Newspaper delivery boy
- 2) Ice cream parlor clerk
- 3) Custodian
- 4) Crank shaft manufacturer
- 5) Seasonal worker at tomato processing plant

### MR. HITE = AWESOME

"I wasn't sure if I would go to college when I was in high school. Since my dad had seniority at the factory where he worked, he could have arranged for me to get a good paying job there. However, during the spring of my senior year in high school, my English literature teacher, Mr. Hite, would come into the ice cream parlor where I worked and we would talk about the literature we were reading in class. I thought it was just because he liked butter pecan ice cream, but it was actually because he was trying to convince me to consider going to college. Obviously, it worked."

### AND ALL THESE YEARS LATER, HE HASN'T FORGOTTEN


"The best life advice I ever received was from my grandmother. I was working as a custodian, trying to earn money for college. I had a nametag and pushed a cart around. I worked in a few factories where I would clean cafeterias and rest rooms and so forth. I noticed that most people walked by and never said hello or engaged me in any way. I remember going home and being upset and sharing my experience with my grandmother, who said to me 'Be glad that you have a job and that you have the blessing of being able to earn money, many people don't. Be glad you're going off to college.' And she said, 'Never forget what it feels like to be invisible.'"



### SUCH A CUTE COUPLE

Jim met Mary in a University of Toledo psychology class on the day before the blizzard of 1978. "She was sitting behind me, and I needed to borrow

notes from somebody, because I had missed the day before. It turned out that she had missed two days before that, so we exchanged notebooks at the end of class. The blizzard hit that night, and classes were cancelled for the rest of the week. We both came back and sat in the same chairs, both worried about whether or not our notes were going to come back. It was love at first sight for me. I don't think it was for her."

How Jim Knew   
Mary Was "The One"

"It was something in her voice."

How Mary Knew   
Jim Was "The One"

"It was something in his voice."

### BOOK READ ON THE PLANE RETURNING FROM FAMILY SUMMER TRIP TO BARCELONA

"The most recent book I've read was *The Church of Mercy*, by Pope Francis. It's a collection of his homilies and writings. I read a biography about him this summer as well. He is an inspiration and the living embodiment of servant leadership. He's sending a remarkable message to us all about our responsibilities to serve the poor and care for our planet."



### (NOT REALLY FEELING ALL THAT) GUILTY PLEASURE

Jim's dream meal would be barbecue ribs, Tony Packo's "sweet hot" pickles and peppers, a bag of Ballreich's potato chips, and an ice-cold IPA. Bonus points if this is consumed while watching *House of Cards* with Mary and the boys.

### PITMASTER-IN-CHIEF

Jim's rib preparation is involved, and takes 8-12 hours from start to finish. "First, I sear them on the grill, put my special dry rub on them, and follow that with my wet sauce. I cook them low-and-slow in the oven at 250 degrees and keep basting them all day. I like my ribs juicy; the end result is probably closest to Memphis style." For dessert? He makes a mean German Chocolate Cake. Yes, from scratch.

### NOW HERE'S A SOMEWHAT SURPRISING REVELATION

"I love blues music. My favorite blues musicians include Stevie Ray Vaughn, Keb Mo and Buddy Guy. I love the feel of experiencing live music in a great blues establishment. My favorite place to hear the blues is in Chicago. What a great music town."

### A TALE OF TWO PRESIDENTS

When Jim was president of Widener University in Pennsylvania, then-Senator Barack Obama came to campus. "It was 2008, the week before the election, and it was a cold, rainy day. Twelve thousand people were gathered in this little quad on our campus and they'd been waiting in the cold for hours. When I went out to welcome everyone in front of the international news media, they couldn't hear me because the mic wasn't working properly. Senator Obama wore a black leather jacket and blue jeans and looked so cool. I was not so brave, wearing a poncho and a stocking cap."

### BEACH READING?

"One book I found fascinating is entitled *Lincoln's Melancholy*. It describes in detail how Lincoln was a mere mortal like the rest of us, and how he overcame many obstacles. The key themes are resiliency and integrity; I think both of those are characteristics that any leader needs to be successful. He had great empathy for others. That's what made him our greatest president."



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## A GRAND TIME, RAIN OR SHINE

**Memorable Wine Classic benefits student scholars**

What's a little rain when you're having a good time? A rare July thunderstorm caused a quick relocation of the Seventh Annual USD Wine Classic from the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice's Garden of the Sea. Once inside, delectable wines and delicious food kept the hundreds of slightly damp USD alumni and friends happy. Dozens of volunteers — along with very flexible winery partners — made sure that guests had a great time while helping to raise more than \$50,000 for the Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund. Thanks to all who took part in this memorable event. Mark your calendar: Next year's Wine Classic weekend is scheduled for July 16-17.



USD's seventh annual Wine Classic was a huge success, with more than 600 attendees, the most ever to register. The event raised more than \$52,000 for the Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund.



**A delightful afternoon of fine wine, food and unpredictable weather made the 2015 Wine Classic one unforgettable event:** 1) Sponsor Mark Hoekstra '86 and his wife, Glynna; 2) Katie Lavieri '13 (right) with her mother, Susan; 3) Robert Gallardo '80 (MEd) and Sheila Baron; 4) Alumni Board Member Lars Schmidt '02 and Kristin Gray; 5) Shawn O'Hearn '86, Alumni Association Board Member and USD Wine Classic Sponsor Paul Davis '86, '08 (MS) and Ryan O'Connor; 6) Lisa Alexander '86 (JD) and her husband, George, are two of the more than 40 volunteers who made the 2015 Wine Classic possible; 7) William and Kathleen Dooley, winemaker Jim Fontanella, Sunnie and Merrill S. Manly.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Friday, Oct. 16 –  
Sunday, Oct. 18**  
**Homecoming and  
Family Weekend**  
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**Saturday, Oct. 17**  
**Football Tailgate  
and Picnic**  
USD v. Drake  
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**Saturday, Nov. 14**  
**Founders' Gala**  
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**Friday, Dec. 11  
and  
Sunday, Dec. 13**  
**Lessons and Carols**  
Founders Chapel  
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**Saturday, Dec. 12**  
**Alumni  
Christmas Mass**  
Founders Chapel  
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**Friday, June 24 –  
Sunday, June 26**  
**European Alumni  
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history. A few years ago, he had retired as in-house counsel from the Sacramento Municipal Utility District. “Catherine and I have been doing some traveling and helping to plan our daughter Nicole’s wedding in September,” he says. “I’m still pondering my next career.”

**JEANNE GOODYEAR (BA)** and her husband moved to Coronado, Calif., two years ago and shortly after, she took over the 25-year-old Doncaster Women’s Luxury Clothing business on the island. “Now I am in the fashion business and love it!” she says.

**ADRIENNE LEONARD (JD)** is senior counsel at Level 3 Communications in Broomfield, Colo. “I have one daughter, Kristen, who completed her first year of law school at the University of Colorado,” she says. “Her twin sister, Shannon, is now a CPA with KPMG in Charlotte, N.C. Their younger brother is a great photographer and is developing his skills to become a commercial photographer.”

1980s

**[1980]**  **LINDA DUBROOF (JD)** and her husband recently moved to Naples, Fla. Their son, Tommy McGinnis, committed to a baseball scholarship at Northwood University in West Palm Beach, Fla.

**MARY PAT SHEPPARD (BA)** teaches for City Colleges of Chicago. “It’s a great job and I owe my beginnings to USD,” she says. “I’ll never forget one of my favorite (and most amusing) math professors, Dr. Jack Pope! Life is good. We gained a wonderful son-in-law last summer.”

**MARITA SULLIVAN (BA)** is a senior litigation counsel with the Illinois Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission in Chicago.

**[1981]** **JAMES POOLE (JD)** was appointed an expert witness in chemistry and other petroleum industry subjects by Thomson Reuters, a multinational intellectual property services company. He has rendered written expert opinions in patent litigation and reexamination proceedings.

**[1982]** **ANNE DENNIS (BA)** is a marriage and family therapist practicing in Pasadena, Calif. She has three children.

**GARRETT SANDERSON (BA)** works in San Francisco, enjoys bicycling and has three kids, two of whom are in college.

**EVA SATORI (BA)** moved and accepted a new job as of July 2014.


**[1983]** **KAREN MEYER CAMPBELL (JD)** is semiretired, keeping her hand in the field by editing legal documents and transcripts, in addition to novels and other books. Because her work can be done anywhere an Internet connection is available, Karen says she is doing quite a bit of traveling. Her website is [www.IntlProofing-Consortium.com](http://www.IntlProofing-Consortium.com).

**MYRA EVANS (BA)** is a Ruth S. Shur Fellow with the League of Women Voters; she recently attended a select leadership institute sponsored by the national organization. Shur Fellows work across the organization’s grassroots network, enabling volunteers to better serve their communities nationwide. Myra’s work with the League of Women Voters (LWVM) of Mobile, Ala., includes serving as local nominating chair, member of the local LWVM Ambassador Team and youth voter outreach coordinator/facilitator.

**KATHY (KNOTT) GALIPEAU (BBA)** and her husband, Jerry ’82, live in Encinitas, Calif. Their son, Jon ’12, and daughter, Megan, a 2014 alumna of Loyola Marymount University, live in Long Beach, Calif. Kathy owns MYKA Interior Design Group, an interior design and architectural remodeling business in North San Diego County. Her website is [www.mykaidg.com](http://www.mykaidg.com).

**[1984]** **JOSEPH ANFUSO (BBA, MBA ’89)** joined MG Properties Group as the company’s chief financial officer, responsible for such financial operations as budgeting, treasury, tax, accounting, information technology, risk management and insurance. Prior to joining MG Properties, Joseph was chief financial officer and director of development for ColRich; chief

operating officer and chief financial officer for Florsheim Homes; and chief financial officer for Shea Homes. He is also chairman of the Residential Real Estate Committee of the Policy Advisory Board for the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate at USD.

**[1985]**  **LAURA (PALAZZI) REYES (BA, MA ’88)** celebrated her son’s graduation from USD in May 2015. At the ceremony, she commemorated the moment with a picture of her son, Christopher ’15, and her daughter, Analisse, who enters USD in the fall as a freshman.

**ROB WILDER (JD)** expects to teach international environmental law as a Fulbright senior specialist in Croatia in spring 2016. He is a chief executive officer in clean energy, enjoys travel and will speak on environmental entrepreneurship during the fall of 2015 aboard Semester at Sea in Europe. His son completed his sophomore year at the University of California, San Diego, and his daughter will soon be applying for college.

**[1986]** **JANINE MASON (BS, MA ’11)** was named the Author Hughes Career Achievement Award recipient for the School of Leadership and Education Sciences and was honored at USD’s Alumni Honors event on April 25, 2015.

**JOHN SLAUGHT (BBA)** writes, “Enjoying the alumni trips back to USD even more as we get to visit our daughter, Kendall, who is a freshman.”

**[1987]** **FRANCIS BENNETT (BBA)** was named Defense Attorney of the Year by the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

**KAREN KARAVATOS (JD)** writes, “After litigating complex cases on behalf of plaintiffs for over 25 years, I finally made the Southern California Super Lawyers list in 2015.”

**[1988]** **BARBARA BRODERICK (EdD)** is a fundraising consultant for nonprofit corporations.


**DANIEL UGLIETTA (MBA)** works in the contracts department at ViaSat Inc. in Carlsbad, Calif.

**[1989]** **KAREN CADIERO-KAPLAN (BA)** recently returned to San Diego State University from a three-year appointment as the director of the English Learner Support Division with the California Department of Education. “In this role, I led the state in policy and initiatives for English learner standards, program and policy, along with policy for migrant education,” she says. “I represented California on a national level as the state director for Title III (EL) and Title I Park A (Migrant) Programs.” Karen is interim chair in the Department of Dual Language and English Learner Education at SDSU and is a member of the doctoral faculty in the Joint PhD program with Claremont Graduate University and SDSU.

**ROSEMARY COATES (MBA)** has her own management consulting firm, Blue Silk Consulting, which focuses on global supply chain consulting and specialties in Chinese manufacturing. “About a year ago, we established the Reshoring Institute with USD’s Supply Chain Management Institute, where we hire student interns to conduct reshoring research,” she says.

**KEITH FINK (BA)** writes, “After being awarded certification as a therapy dog team and being sanctioned by Independent Therapy Dogs Inc., my dog, Gracie, and I have been accepted as one of only six volunteer therapy dog teams into the Sharp Memorial Hospital Integrative Therapy Program.”

1990s

**[1990]**  **JEFF SNYDER (JD)** cofounded Shuman Snyder LLP, a four-lawyer firm in Menlo Park, Calif., in 2012. “We represent companies in employment litigation and counseling issues,” he says.

**[1991]** **DAVE HOILES (BA)** recently returned to San Diego with his wife, Theresa, and their three children (ages 13, 10 and 5) after he accepted a new position as management shareholder of the San Diego office of Jackson Lewis, a national law firm that represents management in workplace law.

Dave has been with the firm for 14 years. He and his family live in Carmel Valley, Calif., and they are busy exploring their new surroundings.

**ART LA FLAMME (BA)** recalls that he was willing to enlist in the Army in 1995, only if his girlfriend, Kristin, would marry him and join him for the adventure. Art and his wife are now finishing up nearly 20 years in the Army, with all but one of their assignments spent outside the continental United States. Assignments included more than 12 years at units in Germany and four in Hawaii. They just completed their last assignment with the National Ground Intelligence Center in Charlottesville, Va. Art’s deployments include stints in Bosnia-Herzegovina as a lieutenant, Iraq twice as a captain and company commander, eastern Europe as a major and two more deployments to Iraq. A long-term hip injury — which was misdiagnosed and finally treated — led to a medical retirement in March 2015. The La Flammes plan to move to Portland, Ore., to be closer to family. Art plans to teach at a Portland college and Kristin, a nationally recognized fiber artist, plans to join Portland’s robust artisan community.

**PAUL ROHRBACHER (Med)** is in his fifth year of a professional sales career.

**DARON WATTS (BA)** is a partner with Sidley Austin, the law firm he joined upon graduation from the University of Southern California Law School in 1994. Daron relocated from the firm’s Los Angeles office to the Washington, D.C., office in 2010 to start the Government Strategies practice group.

**[1992]** **KIM DO (BA)** went to law school and then worked as a business lawyer around the world after graduating from USD. She returned to San Diego recently and is now handling real estate investments for herself and other investors. Kim’s short-term strategy includes luxury flips in single-family residences, and her long-term strategy includes buy-and-hold transactions of multifamily apartments in emerging markets.

**LAURA WILCOX (BA)** is the director of management programs

at Harvard Extension School in Cambridge, Mass. She lives in Arlington, Va., with her fiancé, Dan, and his two daughters, Emma and Zoe. “We try to get outdoors as much as we can, and Dan and I share a love of international food and travel,” Laura says.

**[1993]** **LILIA ALVAREZ (BBA)** recently opened an office on Third Avenue in Chula Vista, Calif. “I continually keep up-to-date on tax changes,” she says. “Happy to be serving my clientele since 1994.”


**JEFF ERTWINE (BBA)** retired from the U.S. Marine Corps as a lieutenant colonel after 21 years as an F/A-18 pilot. He is currently a director in portfolio/program management at Cox Communications in Atlanta.

**TOM KEEGAN (BAcc)** and his wife, Jennifer (Hendricker) ’97, celebrated their 17th anniversary in February 2015. They enjoy spending time with their son, 10, and their daughter, 8, and they are looking forward to adopting two more children. Tom is in the internal audit department at ViaSat and Jennifer is a full-time mother and works part time in finance at the San Diego Unified School District.

**DAVID NEMETH (BA, JD ’96)** celebrated the first anniversary for his law firm, Rogers Nemeth Germain, on March 1, 2015. The Orange County, Calif., law firm represents owners, developers and contractors in the construction industry.

**[1994]** **VICKI BARON (MA)** was an honoree at the Salvation Army Women’s Auxiliary 50th Anniversary Women of Dedication event.

**BETH FRATT (BA)** is a stay-at-home mom with her three daughters, ages 15, 13 and 10. “I actively participate in our high school ministry at our church while supporting my husband’s new company,” she says.

**[1995]**  **BILL HOMAN (BBA)** is in informational technology project management at the University of California, San Diego. “It’s exciting to be back in an educational environ-



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ment and enabling students to complete their studies/degrees,” he says.

**BETHANNE YOXSIMER PAUL-SRUD (Med)** was awarded a doctoral degree in educational sciences in languages and language development at Stockholm University, Sweden, in June, 2014. The title of her dissertation is *English-Medium Instruction in Sweden: Perspectives and Practices in Two Upper Secondary Schools*. BethAnne teaches courses in the English department as well as pre-service and in-service teacher training courses at Dalarna University in Falun, Sweden.

**MICHELLE WEHRLI (BA)** operates her own business as a paralegal-legal document preparer.

**[1996]** **WILL CHRISTIAN (BA)** founded The Vanguard Eye Institute, his own private practice specializing

in cutting-edge cataract and refractive surgery and innovative ophthalmic research.

**ADOLFO GONZALES (EdD)** is the chief investigator for the San Diego County District Attorney’s Office. He also is writing a course on police/community engagement for USD’s new master’s degree in law enforcement and public safety leadership, an online program.

**ROGER HIGGINS (JD)** is managing partner of The Law Offices of Roger Higgins LLC in Chicago. Previously, he was a partner with Kirkland and Ellis.

**MICHAEL KORMAN (MBA)** is the branch chief for applied research and information sharing at the Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance in Honolulu, Hawaii. For the past six years, he has worked with developing countries in the Asia Pacific region to improve civil-military coordination and



build capacity for disaster pre-paredness and response. Michael is retired as a colonel from the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

**WENDY (WERNER) LaFRANO (BA)** has two daughters, ages 9 and 12, and a son, 20 months.

**JAMES McCREA (BA)** earned master's degrees in psychology, pastoral counseling and elementary education, and is now helping others to become financially independent. "One day, I will work on a doctorate in psychology so I can help others to find the ability to excel beyond their wildest dreams," he says.

**THOMAS OLSEN (JD)** is an equity partner with Lorber, Greenfield & Polito, a midsize firm in San Diego specializing in construction litigation. He spends his free time coaching his daughters' softball teams, with the occasional golf game thrown in.

**TODD STICHLER (MBA)** is director of middle market lending for National Funding, one of the country's largest private lenders of small business loans. Todd leads the company's expansion to serve medium-size businesses that are in need of financing from \$250,000 to \$1 million. He was formerly managing director of LendSpark, a San Diego-based middle market lender, and chief financial officer for an \$80 million, 350-person design and construction company specializing in education, healthcare and civic facilities. Todd is on the board of Sharp HealthCare Foundation and on the parent advisory board of the Neonatal Research Institute at Sharp Mary Birch Hospital for Women & Newborns.

**[1997]**  
**DANIELLE ALEXANDER (BA, MBA '00)** is the owner of Alexander Valley Lodge and Tours near Healdsburg, Calif.

**WENDY KELLER (BA)** was recognized in the field of occupational therapy in 2015 by *Continental Who's Who Among Pinnacle Professions*. As the founder and owner of LKPress-OTR (www.lkpressotr.com), Wendy specializes in occupational therapy, rehabilitation, sensory integration, healthcare, home care and life coaching.

In this capacity, she has worked with students, adults and seniors in a variety of settings. Wendy was recognized by the National Association of Professional Women as an NAPW VIP Woman of the Year. She has master's degrees in occupational therapy and in communications with a focus on online communities.

**JULIE LA BELLE (BA)** is the director of student activities and diversity at Chaminade College Preparatory in West Hills, Calif. She recently started My Name My Story, a social entrepreneurship with one of her students. An alternative to antibullying programs for schools, the program uses storytelling, teamwork, service and leadership to inspire empathy in young changemakers. "As a result of this program and my work with the diversity program at my school, Chaminade has been nominated as a Changemaker high school through Ashoka, which is a nice tie back to USD since it, too, is a Changemaker university," she says.

**ALICIA MEJIA (BA, MA '03)** is a consultant/project manager for a life sciences consultancy based in Irvine, Calif. "All of my projects are in the Bay Area," she says.

**TAMARA MUHAMMAD (BA)** has been teaching in San Diego for 16 years and is currently working toward an administrative credential. She also serves several nonprofit organizations in the community.

**JAMES PERKINS (BBA)** has a new job at the Stanford Graduate School of Business and relocated to the San Francisco Bay Area after 12 years in New York. "I look forward to meeting with new USD alumni in the Bay Area and reconnecting with old friends!"

**[1998]**  
**HEATHER HIRSCHKOFF (BA)** writes, "I have been teaching elementary school since I graduated from our fine institution! I miss USD college days so much!"

**EMALYN LEPPARD (BA)** says, "I really enjoy when USD students, staff and alumni visit us at the Montgomery Middle School Community Garden."

**MARYLOU SCOTT (MSN)** teaches in USD's Master's Entry Program in Nursing (MEPN), is in the Navy Reserves and is raising two young daughters.

**[1999]**  
**JORDAN HOPCHIK (MSN)** completed a DNP at La Salle University in December 2014. Jordan reports that he and Lee Friedman were married in August 2013.


**VICTORIA RAMIREZ (BA, JD '02)** writes, "So many blessings!" Victoria reports that she married Raul Bracamontes in 2013 and they became homeowners in 2014. "2015 saw us adopt two furry babies, Piggy and Mammias, and I will celebrate 10 years as a deputy public defender," she says.

**DAVID SCOTT (BAcc)** says expert mentoring from USD faculty helped him to begin his career in accounting, beginning at Arthur Andersen in San Diego and leading to a position as managing partner at a CPA firm in Sacramento, Calif. "My experience at USD inspired me to become a part-time teacher of accounting at UC Davis Extension in Sacramento. Thank you!"

**DENISE TESSIER-GLUZERMAN (LLM)** is a member of the California Association of Realtors Mediation Panel and was appointed to the Riverside Superior Court Private Family Law Mediation Panel. Her practice focuses on real estate, business, and family law litigation and mediation in the Southern California region.

**JESSICA TORRES (BA)** writes that she has been "happily playing 'evil scientist' in La Jolla since graduation."

## 2000s

**[2000]**   
**LAURIE COSKEY (EdD)** says, "I had great fun mentioning my USD doctoral degree in my TEDx-SanDiego talk in November of 2014. I continue to work for the Interfaith Center for Worker Justice as the executive director, sit on the San Diego Convention Center Corporation board as vice chairperson, and support higher educa-

tion as the chair of the SDCCD Trustee Advisory Committee."

**DANIELLE HUMPHRIES (JD, LL.M. '00)** is a partner with Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP and was named a San Diego Rising Star in the 2015 edition of *Super Lawyers*. With a focus on trusts and estates, Danielle's practice includes estate planning, wealth transfer and preservation, business succession planning, trust and estate litigation, and more. Danielle was recognized as a top attorney in the estate planning, probate and trust, and tax categories as published in the *San Diego Daily Transcript*. She is licensed to practice in California and Texas, and before the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California.

**DEVER LAMKIN (BAcc)** and his wife, Kelly, welcomed their second child, Harrison, on April 24, 2015. "The family, including big sis, Avery, couldn't be happier," Dever says.

**MARTHA MEDINA (BA)** reports that she married Nathan Garrett on Oct. 13, 2012, in Guadalajara, Mexico. She is vice president of international sales at 21st Century HealthCare Inc., in Tempe, Ariz. In her work, she travels around the world to promote the vitamin and dietary supplement markets for her company. Martha and Nathan welcomed son Lucca on Jan. 1, 2015.

**KRISTY ROZSNYOI (BA)** lives in San Diego with her husband and their two boys, ages 5 and 1. "I have been working for the San Diego Unified School District as a school counselor for the past 12 years and love it," she says.

**DENISE STICH (LLM)** retired from the U.S. Navy on Jan. 1, 2015.

**[2001]**  
**TIMOTHY CONNORS (JD)** is a captain in the U.S. Coast Guard and currently serves as the staff judge advocate for the North American Aerospace Defense Command and the United States Northern Command.

**LYNNAE LEE (JD)** recently celebrated the 11th year of her law firm and completed her 10th marathon, having acquired an appreciation for running at USD. Lynnae also enjoys volun-

teering in the legal field at the courthouse and in the Access to Justice program.

**YVONETTE POWELL (EdD)** coordinated student services for the San Diego, Orange County and virtual academic centers of the University of Southern California School of Social Work. Yvonne is now an adjunct instructor and is involved in many activities in the San Diego community.

**CRESCENTIA THOMAS (BA)** recently completed her coursework and dissertation to receive an EdD in educational administration from the University of the Pacific. She also celebrated the birth of a son, Carter, on Nov. 13, 2014. Carter weighed 5 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 17 inches long at birth.

**SHAWN WEBER (JD)** is a San Diego family law attorney and was installed in April 2015 as the 2015-16 president of Collaborative Practice California, the statewide organization for collaborative practice groups. Members practice and promote collaborative processes for the peaceful resolution of family law issues with the goal of protecting the health of family relationships and eliminating the need for litigation. Shawn started with the Solana Beach, Calif., law firm of Brave, Weber & Mack in 1999 and a few years later became the firm's managing attorney. In 2006, he became a partner and chief financial officer of the firm. He is a member of the San Diego County Bar Association, Family Law Section; the San Diego Family Law Bar Association; and the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals.

**KENDRA WOCHOS (BA)** completed a master's degree at New York University in 2003 and moved to Wisconsin in 2006. She reports: "I have two beautiful children and am home with them now after seven years at a nonprofit environmental law center."

**[2002]**  
**EDWIN BASILIO (EdD)** was a member of USD's music faculty from 2004 to 2014. He is currently director of the Westminster Choir for the First Presbyterian Church of San Diego and director of the Red Robe Choir at Grossmont High School. "Since graduating in 2002, I have conducted over 34 student performing tours of



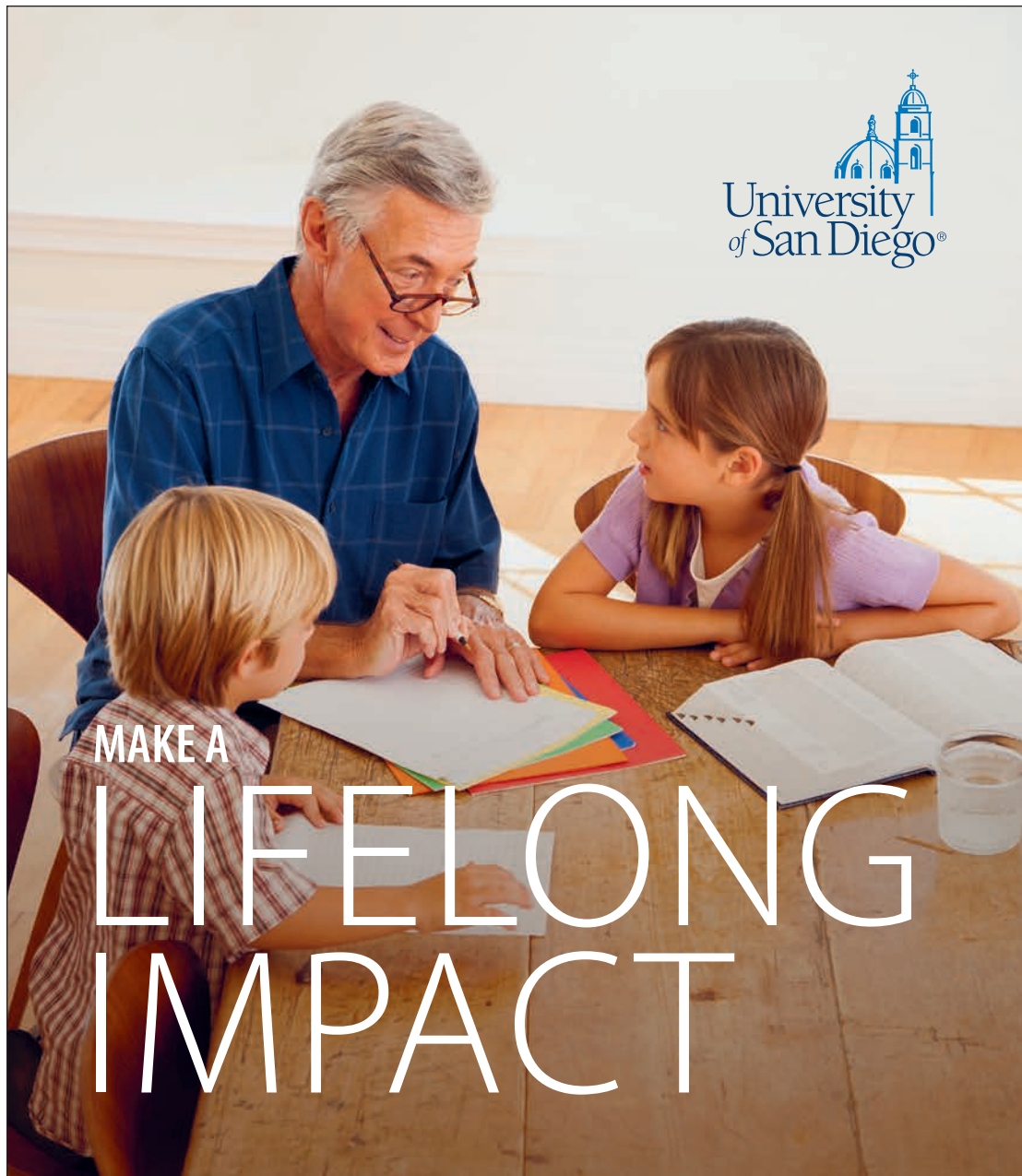
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Europe, four with the USD Choral Scholars," Edwin says.

**MARISA BROWN (BA)** writes: "Just returned from cruising to Mexico on our boat."

**GINO GENARO (BBA)** recently made history on the *Billboard* country albums chart when his management client, Aaron Watson, placed his new record, *The Underdog*, at No. 1, a first for an independent act.

**BETTINA HALVORSEN (MA)** is manager of the new business development unit for Project Concern International, based in San Diego. "I have had the opportunity to work on numerous program development proposals that have resulted in projects serving thousands of people around the globe," she says.

**PRENTICE LE CLAIR (BA)**, his wife, Ingrid, and son, Sebastian, 4, relocated to Sausalito, Calif. Prentice joined Roemer Industries in development and operations, government. The company manufactures portable, self-contained medical refrigeration and freezers for temperature-sensitive medical products such as vaccines, blood and biological samples. Ingrid is an educator with the Reed School District in Marin County, Calif.

**AURORA MADUENO (BA)** is in a new position as chief of operations at Canyon Villas Retirement, where she has worked for 12 years. Aurora also celebrated her daughter's graduation from Madison High School and her six-year anniversary with her husband, Tomas.

**CHARLES TAYLOR (LLM)** is staff counsel in the California State Controller's Office and a major in the U.S. Army Reserve JAG Corps as an international law officer for the 425th Civil Affairs Battalion.

**[2003]**  
**ALEXIS BRIEL** (Paralegal) recently completed a contractor position with the Department of Justice and volunteers with Surfrider on the Rise Above Plastics campaign.

**BASIL CONSIDINE (BA)** was appointed the National Opera Association's Regional Governor

for the North Central Region in 2015. He is also the artistic director of the jewelbox opera company, Really Spicy Opera.

**BONNIE ANN DOWD (EdD)** was a tenured faculty member at Palomar College when she entered the SOLES Leadership program. Three years after completing her EdD, she moved into an executive administration position at the college as one of four vice presidents. After 22 years with Palomar College, Bonnie accepted a position as the executive vice chancellor of the San Diego Community College District. She was awarded emeritus professor status by the Palomar College Faculty Academic Senate and currently serves as a part-time faculty member in the doctorate leadership program at San Diego State University. Bonnie also received the Walter Star Robie Award in 2014 for outstanding career achievements and exemplary service as a chief business official, and was named the 2015 Chief Financial Officer of the Year by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

**JOHN DZIDA (BA)** is a vice president with the Bank of San Francisco, which provides banking services to small- and medium-size businesses in the San Francisco Bay Area.

**GEORGINA MIRANDA (BBA)** launched a new company, Altitude Seven ([www.Altitude-Seven.com](http://www.Altitude-Seven.com)), after climbing Mount Everest in 2013. The company is an e-commerce marketplace that offers stylish and functional women's outdoor and adventure travel apparel and gear that does not compromise performance. "At the end of the day, we want to share the gift of adventure with other women, as I know firsthand how transformative it can be. We also have a commitment as a company to improve the lives of women through the support of our non-profit partners," Georgina says.

**TYSON SMITH (BA)** writes, "It's been a busy couple of years! I graduated from Golden Gate University School of Law in 2013 and I passed the California bar exam in 2014." Tyson reports that he and his wife, Kara, were married in 2013 and they welcomed their daughter, Lucy Jean, in 2014. The family lives in Marin County, Calif.,



## [ resonance ]

**MATT LEIGH '10 (BS/BA)** received an MFA in recording arts and technology from Middle Tennessee State University in 2013. He was recently hired as the studio manager and head engineer at The Tracking Room, a world-class recording studio in Nashville, Tenn., which serves a diverse list of clients ranging from Vince Gill to Barbara Streisand to U2 to James Taylor ([www.thetrackingroomstudio.com](http://www.thetrackingroomstudio.com)). Matt recently spent six weeks working with Taylor Swift and Firefly Entertainment as they rehearsed and prepared for Swift's upcoming concert tour.

and Tyson works for the Veterans Affairs hospital in San Francisco.

**[2004]**  
**JULIE (TOMKA) BITTNER (BA)** was promoted to partner at the Gonzalez, Saggio & Harlan law firm in 2015. She has been with the firm since 2009 and has experience in the defense of discrimination, harassment, retaliation and wrongful termination claims brought at the administrative level, as well as in state and federal court. She also counsels clients on employment policies and procedures, and provides training for management and employees on workplace diversity and other employment law issues.

**DOUGLAS BURTON (BA)** is working to help homeless veterans in San Diego County and is also working toward a marriage and family therapy license.

**ROBERTO FIERRO (BA)** was promoted to principal at D&P Creative Strategies, a government relations firm in Washington, D.C.

**MELISSA KUDO (BA)** and her husband welcomed their first child, Shane Masaaki Herrera, on Nov. 22, 2014.

**RYAN MANDELL (BA)** and his wife, Meghan (Burke) '04, live in University Place, Wash., with their three sons, Noah, 4; Ezekiel, 2; and Micah, 6 months. Ryan is a regional manager for B&R Auto Wrecking and Meghan is a stay-at-home mom.

**CASEY O'NEILL (BA)** is a federal prosecutor with the United States Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Fraud Section, in Washington, D.C. Previously, he was with the United States Attorney's

Office for the Northern District of California and also served with the global law firm Shearman & Sterling in New York, in a clerkship for District Court Judge Nelson S. Roman in the Southern District of New York, and as a war crimes prosecutor in East Africa with the United Nations' International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

**ALISON RODBERG (BA)** is an architectural production coordinator at Ware Malcomb in Irvine, Calif.

**CASEY SANFILIPPO (BA)** reports the following: "Still living the dream in sunny San Diego with my husband, Vito, and two sons: Luca, 9, and Giovanni, 5."

**DAMIEN SCHIFF (JD)** has a new position as counsel at Alston & Bird's Environment, Land Use & Natural Resources Group.





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#### [2005]

**ROBERT COFFMAN (BA, BBA)** and his wife, Jenna, welcomed a baby girl, Madelyn Renee, on Feb. 22, 2015.

**REBECCA DURAN (JD)** is working as a nurse practitioner.

**TAHA GAYA (JD)** is working for the U.S. Agency for International Development on U.S. economic assistance to Pakistan.

**MOLLY GILBERT (BA)** is working toward a master's of theatre education degree at Emerson College. "I have been acting on the stage since earning a BA in theatre arts from USD, and am excited to enhance my teaching skills through Emerson's program," she says.

**CRAIG HENRICKSEN (MBA)** joined Bose Corporation's product management group after graduating from USD. After nearly five years, he moved to iRobot, where he helped form a new product management function in its Home Robots division. Craig is now a senior manager in the company's product management group.

**SUZANNE TEMME (BA)** reports that she married Lars Temme on Sept. 27, 2014, in her home parish of American Martyrs in Manhattan Beach, Calif. Suzanne's new stepdaughter, Tessa, was a flower girl and fellow USD alumni in attendance included Trisha Zawidski Neuman, Tom Mantione, Cindy Vivoli Weinstein and Steve Britt.

#### [2006]

**VANESSA PERRY (BA)** writes, "I'm so proud to share that East Carolina University, where I'm wrapping up a PhD in rehabilitation counseling and administration, has done a feature story on me that can be found at [www.ecu.edu/cs-admin/news/PirateProfile\\_VanessaPerry.cfm](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-admin/news/PirateProfile_VanessaPerry.cfm)."

**JOE QUIROZ (BS/BA)** spent eight years at Northrop Grumman as a systems engineer working ground segment production for the Global Hawk, Euro Hawk and Triton UAV programs. In 2014, he moved to General Atomics ASI in Poway, Calif., where he is a project engineer working reliability and maintainability engineering sustainment for USAF UAV programs.

**VALERIE RAMIREZ (BA)** moved to Phoenix and is the legal administrator at Torgenson Law, a personal injury law firm.

**ELIZABETH SHOEMAKER** is an education consultant/advocate for special education students and their families.

#### [2007]

**BRITTANY CALDWELL (BA)** reports that she married Joshua Cerasuolo on Feb. 28, 2015, at St. Killian Catholic Church in Mission Viejo, Calif. Joshua and Brittany live in Brea, Calif. Brittany continues to work as an outpatient/post-surgical physical therapist.

**SHANNON (AYER) DOMANGUE (BA)** reports that she married Eric Domangue on May 17, 2014, and they closed on their first home in June 2014. "I have been practicing internal medicine as a physician assistant for five years and loving every minute of it!" she says.

**LUCY EAGLESON (BA)** is the program coordinator at Outside the Lens, a San Diego nonprofit that empowers youth to use digital media to create change within themselves, their community and their world.

**JOSEPH GAGGERO (BBA)** works for the McChrystal Group, a leadership consulting company. "It's exactly what I wanted to do after USD and the Student International Business Council," he says.

#### CYNTHIA SISTEK-CHANDLER (EdD)

is a faculty fellow for the Center for Innovation and Learning at National University. In 2014, she earned the President's Professoriate Award from National University and the Platinum Disk from Computer Using Educators for lifetime achievement and service to the educational technology community.

#### [2008]

**TAMMY DePETRO (MS)** is the first female operations manager with Aerospace Electronics; she has a staff of 80 direct and indirect employees. "I truly love it here and the experience is still amazing every day," Tammy says. "My master's degree in supply chain management has paid off immensely. I am truly enjoying my leadership role, working with

the entire team to move us forward, and coaching others in their career aspirations."

**JESSICA SAYLER (MS)** reports that she and Brandon Soderberg were married on April 25, 2015.

**ALANNA STREI (BA)** writes, "After seven years of active-duty Navy service, thanks to USD NROTC, I am prepared to transition out of the military to a civilian career."

#### [2009]

**JAIME CARRILLO (MA)** founded TemachtianiSol, a lifestyle and organizational management practice focused on strengthening San Diego-based, Latino-owned and Mexican businesses in the region. With a group of four women, he co-founded North County Abuse Prevention Services. Jaime was nominated Person of the Year by the Consolidated Association of Pride Inc. for work done as secretary of San Diego LGBT Pride. He also was elected alternate Region 1 director of InterPride, which includes Mexico, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada and Utah.

**KATE GILLINGHAM (BBA)** is a real estate broker at Coronado Island Realty and chair of USD's Real Estate Alumni Association. She was selected one of "30 Under 30" by the National Association of Realtor's *Realtor* magazine.

**AMANDA (RAUSCH) KNAPP (BA, MA '11)** reports that she recently married and moved to Seattle, Wash. She is a senior advisor and licensed therapist at InYourCornerOnline.com, an online telehealth startup (as seen on the TV show *Shark Tank*). "I specialize in anxiety and trauma for patients who are unable to leave their home or get to a therapist's office ... so I see them via video chat," she says. "I see clients all around the world, from war zones in South Sudan to boarding schools in Japan and coast to coast in the United States. Other than that, my husband and I just adopted a golden doodle puppy and are enjoying life in the city of Seattle."

**JESSIE LAMUG (BBA, BA '09)** is working in the film and television industry.

**ERIK NELSON (BA)** is an attorney at a plaintiff's civil litigation firm focusing on insurance coverage, construction defect, business law and product liability. He is an avid surfer, swimmer, climber and runner.

**CARSON REELING (BA)** was offered a position as a tenure-track assistant professor in the Department of Economics and the Department of Environmental Sustainability Studies at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Mich. Carson expected to begin this new position in August 2015.

**ANDREW ROBERSON (BA)** graduated from law school in 2013 and works in-house at Hyatt Hotels Corporation in Chicago. He focuses on the international corporate tax issues of Hyatt Corporation and its international subsidiaries. Andrew also is enrolled in the tax LLM program at Northwestern University School of Law and expects to graduate in 2016.

**NICOLE WIEDEMANN (BA)** is a flight attendant with Hawaiian Airlines and a part-time teacher for the Hawaii Department of Education.

## 2010s

#### [2010]

**DAVE HURT (BA)** started a software development company.

**CASSIE (HOPPOCK) LAYTON (BA)** reports that she married Joe Layton in May 2014 and they welcomed a son, Anthony Joseph, on April 15, 2015.

**SARINA MOLINA (EdD)** is an assistant professor in the Department of Learning and Teaching at USD's School of Leadership and Education Sciences.

**CHRISTINE PETROU (MA)** is transitioning out of executive leadership coaching and looking into teaching while she completes her PhD.

**JUSTIN WALKER (JD)** moved to Sacramento, Calif., for a new position with the Attorney General's Office.

#### [2011]

**NATALIE ANDREWS (MBA)** is the social media editor for *The Wall Street Journal*.



**ROB BROWN (MSRE)** is owner and a broker for Fantastik Realty. He represented the buyer in an all-cash sale of the Rush Press building near downtown San Diego for more than \$8 million. After an extensive remodel, the building will be a headquarters for a local San Diego tech company.

**HEATHER CARPENTER (PhD)** coauthored *The Talent Development Platform: Putting People First in Social Change Organizations* (Jossey-Bass, 2015).

**COURTNEY DeANDA (BA)** reports that she married her husband, Gabriel '08, in San Diego and they moved to Denver, where they both started their careers as teachers. Gabriel has been a math teacher at CEC Middle College for four years. Courtney was a K-8 Spanish teacher for a year and has been a middle school Spanish teacher for three years. "This year, I am making the move up to high school and I am beyond excited to be joining the incredible community at DSST Cole High School," Courtney says. "I am passionate about social justice, Spanish language and culture, and making a difference in the lives of my students." In her spare time, Courtney enjoys salsa dancing as well as sewing and crocheting, which she features in an online Etsy shop called Courtney Creations.

**MOLLIE DUFF (BA)** is working with the FACT Center to help children with autism and is fundraising for the Nepal earthquake disaster through the Red Cross.

**PAIGE HABER-CURRAN (PhD)** co-authored *Emotionally Intelligent Leadership: A Guide for Students* (2nd ed.), *Emotionally Intelligent Leadership for Students: Facilitation & Activity Guide* (2nd ed.) and *Emotionally Intelligent Leadership for Students: Student Workbook* (2nd ed.) texts (Jossey-Bass, 2015).

**MICHELLE HARRISON (BSN, MSN '13)** teaches at local nursing schools, including USD.

**CHRIS LISLE (BBA)** founded Avanti Development Partners, a real estate advisory and development company based in San Diego. The company provides project management services to investors and developers

in the San Diego region. Chris' experience ranges from financial analysis and market research to development management.

**CIERA (RUDIN) PRATT (MA)** reports that she married Mike Pratt in June 2014 and they have purchased their first home.

**CAMILLE SCHMIDT (BA)** continues to run her own fashion/lifestyle public relations company in San Francisco. Camille is also the president of the Bay Area Torero Club.

**ALLISON SCHMITT (BA)** is in her fourth year teaching in Chula Vista, Calif., and she reports that she was married in September 2014.

**KELSEY TRIEBES (BBA)** is a hairstylist at George the Salon, one of the top salons in Chicago.

**CHRISTINA WELLHOUSER (MA)** started a new position as a learning consultant with Electronic Arts in March 2015.

**[2012]** **ASHLEY BUMATAY (BA)** earned a JD with a concentration in intellectual property from University of California, Hastings, College of the Law in May 2015. She also expects to have a note published in the Summer 2015 issue of the *Hastings Business Law Journal*, Volume 11:2.

**MICHAEL CONE (JD)** practices securities litigation in Washington, D.C.

**MICHAEL CRUMPACKER (BBA)** joined Marathon Asset Management as an associate in New York City. He began his career at the Wells Fargo Commercial Real Estate Group in New York, where he was involved in the underwriting, origination and management of more than \$1 billion of structured real estate debt for the bank's institutional clientele.

**McKENNA DULEY (BBA)** is a project manager for RDM General Contractors, a custom home builder in Orange County, Calif. "We build some of the most elite homes in the area," McKenna says.

**EMMA GORDON (BA)** started a new job at Scripps HealthCare.

She found an internship there four years ago through USD. "I worked under another alum, and now that alum is my boss!" she says. "And her boss was also a USD alum. Now I have a USD intern working under me. Maybe I will get to hire a USD grad in a couple of years to keep the alumni network strong and the tradition going."

**AUSTIN HENDERSON (JD)** is in civil litigation for insurance defense at Jacobson Markham.

**NATALIE JOHNSON (BBA)** writes, "I recently moved to New York from California and am looking for a job."

**STUART McKISSOCK (MS)** was promoted to director of contracts at General Atomics ASI.

**KELLY NESS (BBA)** was named director of development and brokerage services at Nemax Inc., a privately held development and property management company. Kelly's responsibilities include listing industrial and retail centers, overseeing new multitenant industrial development from planning to completion, and assisting in acquisitions in Southern California. She recently became a Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) for commercial real estate professionals.

**HENRY PERAZZELLI (BBA)** started working at JP Morgan Securities in Los Angeles in 2012. In December 2014, he moved with his fiancé to Boston, where he continues to work at JP Morgan Securities.

**MEYLIA PFLAUM (BA)** is a business officer for the Department of Emergency Medicine at UCSD Medical Center.

**DANIEL REEVES (MSRE, MBA '12)** joined the Downtown San Diego Partnership in April 2014 as the vice president of economic development and public policy. He serves on the Downtown Community Planning Council and the Regional Chamber of Commerce Public Policy, and is an active member of the Urban Land Institute, sitting on several committees.

**KATIE SCHOLL (JD)** is an attorney with a solo practice focusing on estate planning, probate and business law.

**JOHN UKE (BS/BA)** has founded NewVo, a peer-to-peer fashion advice app for teenagers on iOS and Android.

**TYLER WILSON (BA)** is in his second year of law school at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. He is a staff writer for *The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review*.

**[2013]** **TINESIA CONWRIGHT (MA)** is the founder of Depositing Empowerment Through Outreach and Urban Redevelopment (DETOUR). The City of San Diego's Human Relations Commission honored the organization's F.A.N.C.Y. Teen Girls Expo & Academy. The Blue Heart Foundation also recognized Tinesia as a community member who helps local youth reach for the stars.

**CINDY CORDOVA (MA)** is an administrator at Chopra Center University, supporting the personal growth and development of students who go through the school's certification programs. She is also the program manager and leadership instructor at a leadership institute sponsored by Rotary International in Cusco, Peru.

**JUSTIN GEORGE (BBA)** says that his job at Amazon is to work with emerging mobile game developers to launch and grow their business on the Amazon Appstore. Other responsibilities include supporting confidential projects, creating and executing new standard operating procedures that improve the efficiency of the app store and creating new programs for developers that increase the visibility of their games on the platform.

**KELLY LOWRY** (Credential) completed a preliminary administrative credential in 2013; he is a special education project resource teacher with the San Diego Unified School District.

**JUSTIN MARINI (BA)** is part of a two-person recruiting team at Fandango, a division of NBC Universal, where he focuses his efforts on creative, tech, finance and legal. "I work alongside Stephen Galanis as well!" he says.

**JAY MARQUAND (PhD)**, principal at Coronado Middle School, was

named the 2015 Middle School Principal Administrator of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators for San Diego and Imperial counties.

**ELIZABETH MILLS (BA)** is pursuing a master's degree in conflict, security and development at the University of Bradford in Bradford, England.

**KATE PARTYNSKI (BA)** graduated from the University of Michigan in May 2015 with a master's degree in genetic counseling. She has accepted a position as a pediatric genetic counselor in the Metabolic Disorders Clinic at Children's Hospital of Orange County, Calif. "I couldn't be more excited to return to California!" she says.

**ANNIE PEARSON (Med)** is a second-grade teacher at Crest Elementary in El Cajon, Calif.

**LOREN ROBB (BBA)** writes, "After working for a year in digital marketing, I am returning to school to eventually pursue a master's in statistics. It is my hope to enter the field of data science."

**KATIE SCHOBLASKE (BA)** continues to work as a medical assistant and plans to apply to physician assistant graduate programs this year.

**JOSH SCHROEDER (BS/BA)** writes, "Coaching the USD club baseball team to its second straight conference championship. Went 3-2 out in Utah for the playoffs, falling just one win shy of advancing to the World Series in Kansas."

**GINA SOTELO (MSGL)** is in the process of relocating to another state.

**[2014]** **CRYSTAL DUJOWICH (PhD)** and fellow PhD alumna, Taylor Peyton Roberts, are managing partners and co-founders of Valencore Consulting and were featured in a Forbes.com article titled "Six Authentic Leadership Tips for Overcoming Your Fears."

**VICTORIA HAMBLEY (BA)** moved to Denver to attend the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

**HANNAH HOLMQUIST (BA)** started working with a franchise



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[resilience]

**DONNA STARR-DEELEN '87 (JD)** says that the events of Sept. 11, 2001 did more than just strike fear in Americans. “I, like everybody else, was shocked at what happened. Many people went into exploring the causes of terrorism,” she says. “But for me, the most salient point was, ‘how does a democracy such as the United States respond to an act of terrorism like Sept. 11? Further, how much power should a president be able to wield in response?’” Those are questions that she tries to answer in her book, *Presidential Policies on Terrorism: From Ronald Reagan to Barack Obama* (Palgrave Macmillan). While terrorism has become a fact of life, Starr-Deelen has relevant advice: “It’s important to stay resilient and calm.”

group in San Marcos, Calif., after graduation, helping them with marketing, public relations and social media. In February 2015, she accepted a position as an account coordinator with Ketchum PR in Los Angeles.

**RYAN KLINT (MSG)** started the master’s program in supply chain management at USD in August 2014.

**HANA LINK (BS)** is working toward a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine at the University of California, Davis.

**ESTEBAN LOPEZ (BBA)** moved to Sacramento, Calif., in March 2015, where he works in finance for the state.

**KEIL MILLER (MA)** is the student services coordinator at National University.


**GRACE POUSSON (Med)** teaches ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) at San Diego Miramar College while she continues to teach at the Manchester Family Child Development Center at USD.

**CODY TESCHER (BA)** is working for USD’s football team “and loving every second of it,” he says.

**ANDREW WHISNAND (JD)** was recently hired as a deputy attorney general with the California Attor-

ney General’s Office, Correctional Law Section.

**DANA YEE (BA)** finished her first year at USD’s School of Law.

**[2015]**  **KIMBER DE SALVO (BA)** writes, “Graduating from USD as an environmental studies major is bittersweet because this has been my life’s accomplishment, but I do not want to leave. USD has been an amazing experience filled with cherished memories.”

**SEAN DOWNEY (BBA)** is a revenue analyst at Pacifica Companies.

**DANA DOWSE (BA)** has been participating in the Capital Fellows Program as a Judicial Administrative Fellow in the Alameda Superior Court in California.

**CHRISTINE (SIKORSKI) EMERY (MS)** earned a master’s degree in supply chain management from USD in May 2015.

**PRESTON FAGGELLA (BBA)** works for Northrop Grumman and is working toward a master’s degree in USD’s supply chain management program.

**ELIZABETH GRACE (MA)** is enrolled in a Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) program in clinical psychology at George Fox University in Newberg, Ore.

**HENRY HUANG (BS/BA)** writes, “Applying to law schools so that I will ultimately fulfill my dream of becoming a patent law attorney.”

**JENNIFER JONES (PhD)** is an assistant professor of nonprofit leadership and management in the Department of Family, Youth and Community Sciences at the University of Florida.

**MADISON POPE (BA)** is a marketing associate at HighTower Advisors and is in the sociology graduate program at San Diego State University.

**EMERY SIKORSKI (MS)** earned a master’s degree in supply chain management from USD on May 23, 2015.

**ANGEL TORRES (MSG)** reports that he moved to Chicago recently for a new job assignment in the military.

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**Partners For Change**

A colloquium featuring Ira Harkavy, PhD, University of Pennsylvania.

Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice • 4:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 1**

**Torero Tuesday: National Day of Giving**

A global day dedicated to giving back.

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**Wednesday, Dec. 2**

**USD Day of Service**

A community garden project at Montgomery Middle School.

Linda Vista • 9 a.m. - Noon

**Thursday, Dec. 3**

**Inauguration Mass**

Founders Chapel • 5 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 4**

**Installation Ceremony and Reception**

Jenny Craig Pavilion • 2 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 5**

**City Championship USD vs. SDSU Basketball**

Petco Park • 2 p.m.

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