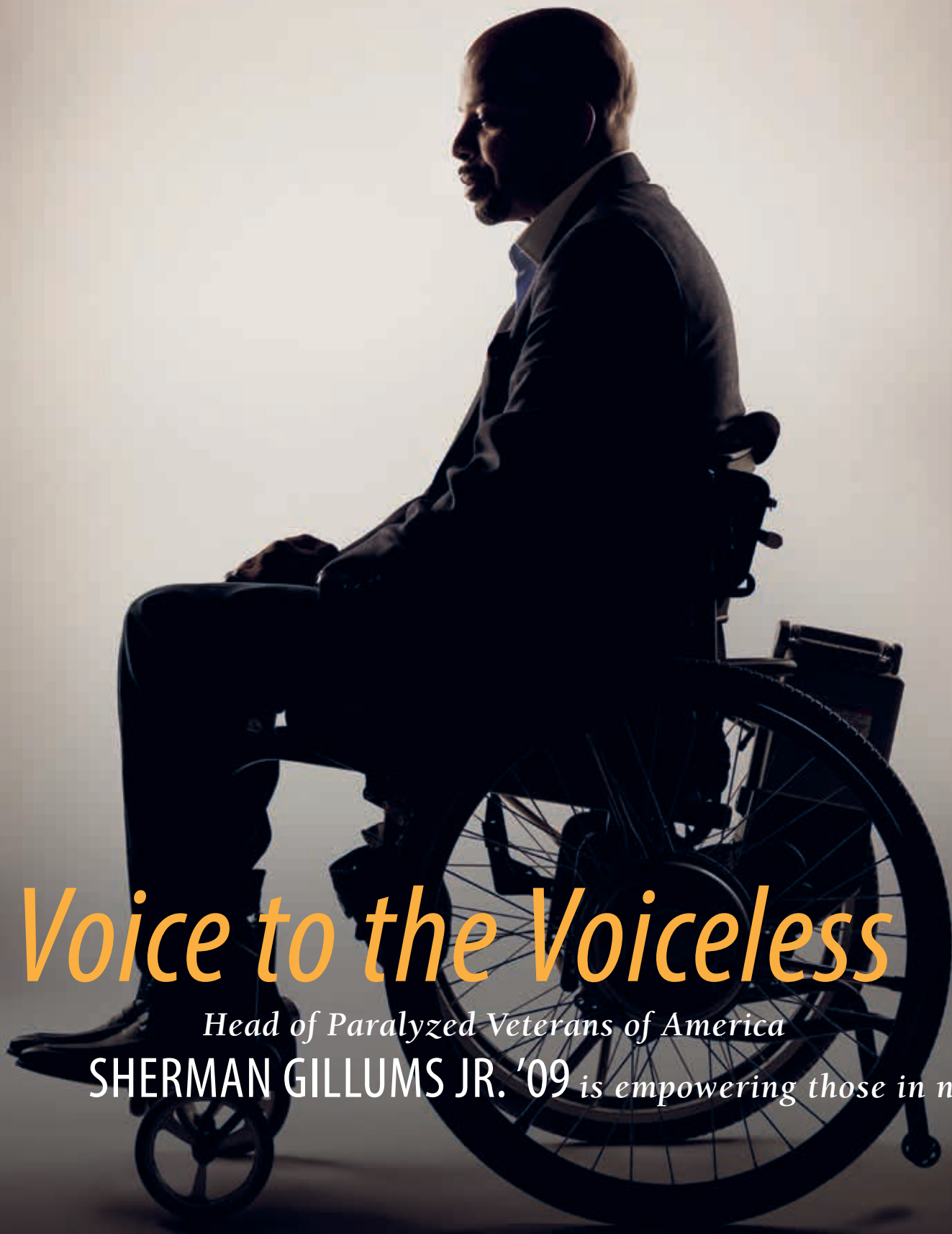


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VIEW FROM THE TOP

A whirlwind journey through complicated terrain



“Would you like to take a breather, Mr. President?” It was a good question. By 1 p.m., I had hosted six meetings in the president’s office, and had to admit that I was exhausted.

Already, I’d been privileged to learn about USD’s Campus Master Plan, had been brought up to speed on the rationale for student tuition increases, had learned about the process for admitting waitlisted students and hosted an open dialogue with top administrators about collaborative ways to meet the needs of underrepresented students who may not feel valued, supported or heard on campus.

I represented USD when I met with Linda Vista community leaders and City Council members, and was able to show my appreciation for all that the university has to offer. After meetings downtown, I returned to campus and accompanied University Relations Vice President Tim O’Malley to a home 20 minutes from campus for a donation solicitation. Surprisingly, the donor asked me about my organization, Pancake Ministry, and commented upon how passionate I was in describing my work there. She then turned the conversation around: “The same passion you have for serving, is the same passion I have for donating.” I was humbled; never have I met such a generous donor.

Upon my return to campus, I was interviewed in the president’s office by the student newspaper, *The USD Vista*, before accompanying student James T. Harris III to my Black and Womanist Theologies class. There, six students gave spectacular presentations about themes in our course. Student Harris was very engaged and asked plenty of great questions. This was a great opportunity, because student Harris not only learned about Womanist Theologies but he heard six different perspectives from students who each incorporated their own unique experience in their presentation.

We ended our day of trading places by attending the Take Back the Night event together, in which students raised awareness of sexual violence and sought ways to put an end to it.

Even though it’s been a few weeks since I served as USD’s inaugural President for a Day, I am still being hailed as “Prez!” Being chosen as President for a Day provided me with so many connections and so much support. It has been the best thing that has ever happened to me at USD, which is in no way downplaying my overall experience here at this university.

The main reason I applied for this position was to understand the interconnectedness of the decision-making that goes on at the university, in order to share those insights with my fellow students.

My main takeaway? USD does not stand for being neutral or complacent, but rather, this is a place for students and faculty to be challenged, to grow, to thrive and to be equipped with the necessary education, openness and leadership traits that will make us Changemakers on a worldwide scale after graduation.

When I applied for this opportunity, I stated that some of the greatest characteristics that leaders embody are humility, boldness and authentic love. I can state unequivocally that the University of San Diego is in good hands with our president, Dr. James T. Harris III.

— Will Tate '17
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THE NEXT CHAPTER

Campaign aims to impact the student experience

The most exciting and ambitious fundraising initiative in the history of the University of San Diego was announced in February 2016.

Leading Change: The Campaign for USD will endeavor to raise \$300 million and impact virtually every aspect of the student experience, focusing on five critical areas: capital projects, scholarships, program and faculty support and the endowment. More than \$200 million of the goal was raised during the early, quiet phase of the comprehensive campaign.

A campaign launch event featured remarks by President James T. Harris III. (Shown at left, above, alongside Student Campaign Committee Chair

Erin Smith '17, Honorary Campaign Chair Darlene V. Shiley, Campaign Chair James D. Power IV '85 and Board of Trustees Chair Ron Fowler.)

“USD is a community on an adventurous mission of light and enlightenment,” said President Harris. “Our university began, quite literally, with little more than a hope and a prayer. Less than 70 years later, USD is the youngest institution to be ranked among the nation’s top 100 doctoral universities by *U.S. News & World Report*. I believe that Leading Change: The Campaign for USD will provide us with the support we need to write the next chapter in the university’s amazing story.”

As part of the campaign launch, over the course of the

spring, President Harris embarked on a series of Torero Tours in order to meet USD supporters and give them a chance to learn about the campaign.

Spanning the United States, the two-month tour allowed him to connect with hundreds of alumni, parents and friends in Denver, Las Vegas, Chicago, Seattle, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., New York, Phoenix, Orange County and Los Angeles, culminating in a festive celebration on the USD campus.

"The success of the Torero Tours confirms that the University of San Diego network is vibrant and growing stronger each and every day," says President Harris.

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RELATIVELY AMAZING

Stehly family has a Torero tradition

by Ryan T. Blystone

Paige Stehly is busy. The University of San Diego sophomore is a finance major, supply chain management minor and a Kappa Alpha Theta sorority member. She's in University Ministry's Students for Life and is an ambassador for Love Your Melon, which raises awareness of childhood cancer. She visited Florence, Italy, in January and will study in Cork, Ireland, this fall.

Stehly is busy, but she's very happy with her college experience. "I love how welcoming USD is. I definitely feel like I'm where I'm supposed to be."

Spoken like a true Stehly Torero. Paige is the newest in a long line of Stehly students at USD. Upon graduation, she will become the 13th Stehly to earn a degree from the university.

Paige's father, Neal, is one of seven USD alumni siblings of parents Jerome Sr., and Katherine. Al graduated in 1978, Claire in 1979, Matt in 1981, Virginia in 1983, Jerome Jr. in 1985, Neal in 1987 and Noel in 1992. Furthermore, Jerome Sr.'s brother, Art, and his wife, Georgianne, have five daughters who earned degrees from USD between 1987 and 1995.

"With so many extended family members being alumni of USD, I've often been asked if I was pressured into going here. By no means was that the case," Paige says. "Everyone was super excited to hear there would be another Stehly attending USD. I'm excited and proud to call myself a Stehly Torero."

The origin of Stehly Toreros is rooted in USD's standing as a Catholic university and its location near the family farm, which started in 1963 in Valley Center.

All of the siblings worked on


the farm, but equally important was obtaining a Catholic education. Al and Matt attended Servite High School in Orange County. They lived with relatives during the week and worked on the farm on the weekends. Claire graduated from San Luis Rey Academy in Oceanside, but when it closed after Virginia's sophomore year, the Stehly siblings attended Catholic high schools in San Diego. That led to a unique family living arrangement.


"My parents rented us an apartment with Claire, going into her junior year at USD, and Matt, a freshman, on Mildred Street," says Virginia. "Jerome and I lived with Matt and Claire during the week, and drove home to the ranch on weekends." The family then bought a house next to the USD campus where Matt, Virginia, Jerome, Neal and Noel lived.

"Dad basically said, 'If you have a good reason to go somewhere else, then let's hear it,'" Neal recalls. "If not, you will be at USD."

Each Stehly has fond USD memories, including seven men's and women's rowing athletes.

Virginia says her family's relationship with the university has been a constant — in good times and bad. "When Mom passed away three years after I graduated, many USD alums shared in our lives at a difficult time. The same thing happened when Dad and Claire each died years later," she recalls.

"It really is in these times — at funerals, celebrating baptisms, weddings and milestone birthdays — that the full impact of the string of years my family extends into the alumni network is shown. It's been a great group to have in our lives." 

 To watch these three proud members of the Class of 2016 talk about their futures, go to sandiego.edu/videos/dreamjobs.

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WORKING TO BECOME

Students land dream jobs as newly minted graduates

by Julene Snyder

When it comes to actually achieving your heart's desire, tenacity turns out to be a common theme.

Jesse Nebres, a double accounting and finance major, was methodical in working on connections in order to gain a competitive edge.

Mackenzie Dandoy, who walked the commencement stage to accept her dual BS/BA degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering, was certain that the happiest place on earth was the place for her.

Jimmy Bried, who just earned his BBA in marketing, was just as clear about what he didn't want as what he did want.

While these three newly minted USD graduates took different paths to reach their goal, each praises the university for helping them hone the tools they need to succeed.

Be Prepared

Nebres, a Los Angeles native, was drawn to become a Torero due to the School of Business' excellent reputation. "Generous financial aid helped too," he admits.

Working in conjunction with the Career Development Center, he had multiple internship offers from big accounting firms, including Deloitte and PricewaterhouseCooper, but he set his sites on Ernest & Young (EY) after an internship the

summer between junior and senior year.

"I made a lot of friends there, and received an offer to work on the audit side, but where I really wanted to be was transactional advisory services. I was told early on that this was a very competitive area."

So he got creative. "I found a USD alumnus, Andy Kaestle '09 (BBA), on LinkedIn, who had



worked in that area at EY. I called him up and he was super enthusiastic about coaching me through the process."

It worked. Nebres, armed with the inside scoop, wound up getting an offer for the incredibly competitive position. He starts his job in downtown Los Angeles this summer with a comfortable starting salary. "And it's just a few blocks from the Staples Center," he laughs. "I am definitely going to catch some games."

Follow Your Dream

Mackenzie Dandoy always loved math and science. "My mom thought I should be an engineer. I thought she was wrong."

As it turns out, Mom really did know best. "I had planned to major in business, but my first semester, I took an engineering class and completely fell in love."

Another love was all things Disney. "I love everything about them." A YouTube video, "Industrial Engineering the Magic at Disney," helped her hone in on her major. "It showed me a direct path to what I wanted to do, which was work at Disney."

So Dandoy set about making her dream come true. She auditioned for the Disney College program and earned a spot in the entertainment division, as a friend of Chip and Dale. She took the fall semester of junior year off from school to make it happen. Her decision was practical; not only did she get paid a living wage, but was able to make crucial connections.

Since then, she's interned with three different departments at the company, taking off an additional semester from USD. "I'm graduating a year late, but it's well worth it. It's really hard to get your foot in the door of Disney engineering. But once they know you, it's all about relationships."

Speaking of which ... "Yes, I met my fiancé at an engineering class at Disney," she admits. The couple will take up residence in Orlando after their



June wedding, and Dandoy starts her new job in Disney's Revenue Management Department on July 1.

"I can't wait," she says. "I love the idea that they're a company that actually creates happiness."

Do Your Work

Jimmy Bried knows exactly when the wheels fell off the cart. As a first-year at the University of Arizona, he dove headfirst into the party scene. By the time he emerged, it was to enter rehab, where he remained until the age of 21.

Looking back from the perspective of one who's been clean and sober for four years, Bried is excited about the

life he's created for himself. "I worked construction at first and took a few classes," he recalls. "When I decided that I didn't want to swing a hammer forever, my boss had an enormous influence in convincing me to go back to school full time."

He came to USD as a transfer student in the spring of 2014. It wasn't necessarily easy. "I was behind the curve in terms of academics. I figured out pretty quick I needed to sit in the front row and go to office hours. Oh, and hold myself accountable as a sober person."

Bried credits the Career Development Center for keeping him on track. He followed the center's advice about being strategic when it came to getting an internship the summer after his junior year.


"I got an internship at Stryker Sustainability Solutions, which was huge, since it was the one sales intern opportunity available throughout the entire company."

Upon graduation, Bried was able to choose between job offers, ultimately accepting a major account executive position with CareerBuilder's Phoenix office. The starting salary is exceptional, with major



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incentive bonuses to sweeten the deal.

"I'm so grateful to USD," he says. "They knew my background and took a chance on me. I can't wait to see what my future holds." 

[faith in action]

LIFE'S CALLING

Changemaking path is a global journey

by Allyson Meyer '16

Three thousand seventy six miles from the University of San Diego, Thomas Nolan '13 found home. The 27 months he spent with the Peace Corps in Barranquilla, Colombia, is an experience he'll never forget.

"I forged some great relationships that helped me immensely in my work and in my service," says Nolan, who was awarded the 2015 Peace Corps' John F. Kennedy Volunteer Excellence Award, which acknowledges the success of his efforts.

He's one of many USD students who put a priority on building compassionate community upon embarking on his postgraduate career. In fact, in 2016, USD ranked 14th among medium schools for the Peace Corps' list of Top Volunteer Producing Colleges and Universities.

For Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Relations Avi Spiegel, himself a Peace Corps alumnus, this ranking is an indication of USD's commitment to social justice. "The Peace Corps and USD are a perfect match: both share a real and profound dedication to community service and global awareness," says Spiegel. "There is simply no better way to learn about the world's complexity, beauty and diversity. You see the world in a way you might never see again."

This perspective speaks to students, especially when it comes to seizing the opportunity to live out their faith as global Changemakers.

"Our students are amazing. I wish everyone could see


how their tremendous talent is matched by their goodness and generosity," says Assistant Vice President of University Ministry Michael Lovette-Colyer '13 (PhD). "In many different ways, I see our students light up with love and with a burning desire to share that love with others."

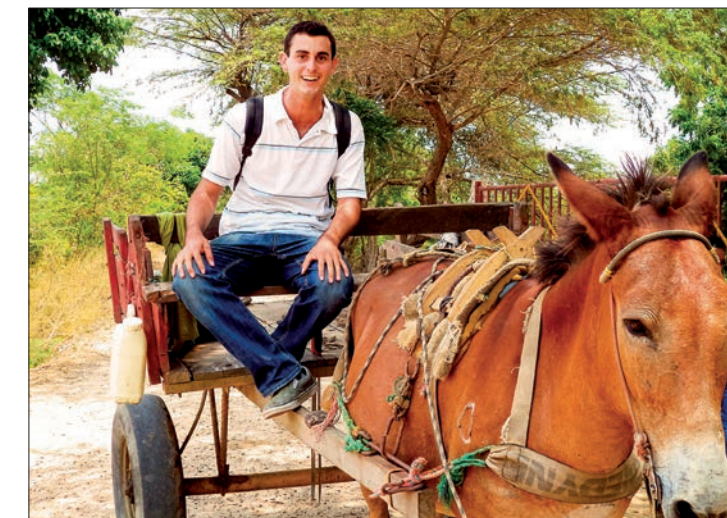
Each year, USD students apply to a variety of service organizations including, on average, seven students who join the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC). Focused on simplicity and connection, the JVC provides students with the chance to live in "intentional communities" with other volunteers while working to promote social justice. Currently, five USD students and alumni are in the interviewing stages for JVC, while five have already received placement offers from the program.

"The most obvious way students are encouraged to consider their vocation and their calling in life is the presence of many faculty members and adminis-

trators who are passionately and joyously living out their own," says Lovette-Colyer. "The Career Development Center does an excellent job of working with students to help them identify their values, gifts, interests and abilities."

Partnerships between campus organizations and the center enable students to find their true calling with events like "Careers with Compassion" and "Passion in Profession," in which students are introduced to ways they can continue to live out their faith. With an emphasis on commitment and embracing other cultures, events like these introduce students to a variety of career paths to choose from.

"Our ultimate goal is to help students find careers that have meaning and impact," says Robin Darmon, the center's director. "Thus, 'faith in action' is threaded into every counseling session, event or program." 



Thomas Nolan '13 says the 27 months he spent on assignment with the Peace Corps in Barranquilla, Columbia, had a lasting impact on his life.

[celebration]

THE ADVENTURE BEGINS

Joy, laughter and (a few) tears abound at 2016 Commencement

Over the course of two weekends in May 2016, degrees were bestowed upon more than 2,000 freshly-minted USD graduates.

The School of Law ceremony featured Qualcomm Inc. President Derek Aberle '96 (JD) as speaker; degrees were awarded to 230 graduates.

Business leader Robert Price was the speaker at the graduate programs' commencement ceremony; degrees were awarded to 689 graduates. At that event, USD President James T. Harris III, DEd presented Price with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Pictured (below right) are President Harris, Profes-

sor of History Iris Engstrand, PhD, Dr. Price and his wife, Allison.

USD Board of Trustees Chair Ron L. Fowler — executive chairman of the San Diego Padres and chairman and CEO of Liquid Investments, Inc. — was the speaker at the ceremony for 645 undergraduates of the College of Arts and Sciences.

A joint ceremony for the 650 graduating undergraduates of the School of Business and the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering featured Dr. Geoffrey Tabin as speaker. He is co-director of the Himalayan Cataract Project.

Congratulations are in order to the Class of 2016. Bravo!



[munificent]

LENDING A HAND

What goes around comes around when Toreros band together

by Ryan T. Blystone

Thirty years separate alumna Shannon Smith '86 and University of San Diego new graduates Lena Figueroa '16 and David Oken '16, but what connects them beyond their undergraduate institution of choice is cherishing a supportive community.

"I still have Torero pride for all of the treasures that USD has given to me," says Smith, who has stayed involved post-graduation through USD's Alumni Association, as a member of its board of directors and by presenting the lead gift to launch the USD Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund in 2006.

Smith, Figueroa and Oken each spoke at the 29th annual Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon on April 7.

An audience full of scholarship donors listened to Smith talk about her efforts to rally support among her 1986 classmates as their 20-year reunion approached.

"I really wanted to make a splash," she recalls.

The Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund provides scholarships for highly engaged USD students.

It's especially important today, with more than 70 percent of all USD students receiving some type of financial aid. The fund has awarded more than 100 scholarships since its inception. Donations of any amount — approximately 90 percent are in the range of \$10 to \$250 — enhance the power of the Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund.

"Ever dollar truly counts," Smith says.

The Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon is an annual thank you from USD to its generous donors. Figueroa, an international business major and music and mathematics minor, and Oken, a psychology major, shared not just their stories, but examples of their USD experience and heartfelt gratitude.

Oken, a first-generation student, says USD and its generous donors inspire him to give back.

"I will keep the help I received in mind when it's my turn to be a donor," he says. "That's how it should work, in my view. Graduates are more inclined to give back if they can remember a time when they were in need and USD was able to lend a hand."



[etc.]

This spring, academic honors were bestowed upon the College of Arts and Sciences' Brian Clack and Alberto Pulido, as well as the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering's Rick Olson, the School of Business' Marko Svetina and the School of Law's Mary Jo Wiggins. All were named to University Professorships, which are awarded in recognition of outstanding scholarly achievements in teaching and research. Additionally, faculty members Louis Komjathy and Barbara Lougee were named Steber Professors, and the School of Law's Michael Ramsey and Laurence Claus were named Herzog Endowed Scholar and Class of 1975 Endowed Professor, respectively.

USD Board of Trustees Chair Ron Fowler will be stepping down from his post as of July 1. The new board chair will be Donald R. Knauss. Additionally, Tom Mulvaney '77 (JD) and Mark Bosco will be joining the board.

For the third time in its history, Major League Baseball® will host its All-Star Game in America's Finest City and USD is proud to be an Official Partner of All-Star Week™! MLB® All-Star FanFest®, which will be held from July 8-12 in the San Diego Convention Center, is expected to draw more than 100,000 baseball fans to participate in a number of fun and interactive experiences. USD will present the official Home-town Heroes attraction, which honors the city, the baseball history of the Padres and the University of San Diego Toreros! On Sunday, July 10, USD will host "Leading Change Live" with famed MLB Network™ personality and USD Alumna Heidi Watney '03. Keep a look out for promotional opportunities to participate and win tickets to MLB® All-

Star FanFest® being offered through social media. To learn more, go to sandiego.edu/mlballstars.

The Summer Olympic Games showcase the ultimate leaders in athletic ability, team spirit and pride in one's country. This summer, the University of San Diego will align itself with the prestige of the Olympic Games by sharing its message in a 30-second commercial about how USD is leading change. The spot will be seen in San Diego, as well as seven other key markets that include Los Angeles, San Francisco, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Denver, Minneapolis/St. Paul and Chicago. In celebration of USD and the Olympics, a chance to win a special Olympic-sized giveaway package is being offered to all alumni, students, parents and friends. Look for an email this summer for further details.

For the second consecutive year, the *Hollywood Reporter* has named USD's Shiley Graduate Theatre Program seventh best in the world. The highly competitive program — a joint venture with San Diego's renowned Old Globe Theatre — nationally recruits just seven students each year to participate in an intensive course of graduate study in classical theater. This ranking elevates the program above those offered by Harvard, The Actor's Studio and the U.K.'s Old Vic.

Inspiring a new generation of students to consider the cyber security field is the goal of a free summer day camp at USD. The GenCyber Academy of Excellence, funded by a grant from the National Security Agency and National Science Foundation, takes place July 25-29 and is open to incoming, college bound 10th, 11th and 12th graders. To learn more, go to sandiego.edu/pce/gencyber, e-mail continuing@sandiego.edu or call (619) 260-4585.

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PLAYING IN THE MOMENT

Softball catcher Mary Grabowski says the game is her life



BROCK SCOTT

by Ryan T. Blystone

When Softball Coach Melissa McElvain recruited high school standout catcher Mary Grabowski five years ago, it was a big deal. McElvain's catcher at the time would be a graduating senior, so getting Grabowski in the fold would give her time to adjust and develop her game at the college level.

It was also a big deal to McElvain because bringing Grabowski onboard was about more than just bringing a quality player into the Torero program. It was about finding the right fit.

McElvain herself had been a catcher on three Oklahoma State University teams that reached the NCAA postseason, including the 1998 College Softball World Series. She knows the position's importance, demands and the leadership required.

"You have to call timeouts and settle everyone down. You need to be able to tell the pitcher a joke to loosen them up, and you need to know when to yell," says McElvain. "She had great size for a catcher, and strength as a hitter. But as a coach, I wanted a good talent and someone with good character."

Grabowski came to USD in Fall 2012. For the next four years, she grew and developed in all facets of the game. A dependable power hitter, capable catcher and leader, she describes her senior year as "playing in the moment," but Grabowski prepared just as hard her last year as her first.

"Softball is not just my passion, it's my life," says the 2016 All-West Coast Conference First-Team selection. "It's been the platform that's given me every opportunity."

When Grabowski wasn't playing softball, she made strong connections across campus. She was

USD Softball Coach Melissa McElvain says softball catcher Mary Grabowski has both good talent and good character.

the president of USD's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee this year. She leads a student Bible study group, participates in the MENTOReros program and thoroughly enjoys team community service opportunities.

"I'm a real social person. Freshman year, I had a lot of athlete friends, not just on my team but every team. My journey from freshman year to senior year has been about opening myself to different leadership roles."

It comes as no surprise that this liberal studies major, set to complete her elementary teaching credential this fall, is also great with children. Whether she's working with young girls at a softball clinic or wearing a costume at a local children's carnival, she always leaves a favorable impression.

"When I see the little girls who watch me play, I want to show them what it looks like to play in the moment, to really enjoy it," Grabowski says. "Whether the bases are loaded and I hit a two-run single or I watch the third strike, I want them to see that this game means so much more than RBIs. It has the potential to give you so much."

Developing critical leadership skills defines Grabowski's impact as a Torero. McElvain praises her for helping create a championship culture.

"I had high expectations for her, but she's completely surpassed them all," McElvain says. 📺

GETTING TO KNOW ...



TIM MANTONI

BRYSON BRIGMAN

AGE: 20 **HOMETOWN:** San Jose, Calif.

SUPERLATIVES: Brigman

posted an impressive .339 batting average and earned WCC Freshman of the Year honors in his first year as a Torero. "I'm always working on getting better. In baseball, you're either getting better or you're getting worse; there's no staying the same." **TOP OF THE ORDER:** The oldest of four accomplished, baseball-loving brothers, Brigman looks forward to the times his schedule allows him to jump on a plane and head home. While proud of his younger siblings' successes on the field, he doesn't give an inch when it comes to bragging rights. "When we're all home together, we head right out to the batting cage. We're out there going at it until midnight, pushing each other to be better. There's some pretty good trash talking, that's for sure." **BEATS BY BRIGMAN:** The former high school DJ is always looking for new beats to inspire his performances. "I love music, and I've got several songs that I use for my walk-up to the plate during home games. I'm a huge Future fan, and I'm always looking for his next song or album. I guess you could say I'm looking for Future in the future."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

The Torero Swim and Dive Team set five school records at the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) Championships in February 2016. Junior Bri Juries highlighted the weekend with school records in the 200-yard IM and 200-yard breaststroke. Her time of 2:11.83 in the 200-yard breaststroke set a new MPSF championship record. Additionally, first-year Mackenna Briggs was named to the first team for the 200 freestyle.

Susie (Erpelding) Barroso '98 (BA), '00 (MA) was inducted into the 2016 West Coast Conference Hall of Honor on March 5, 2016. The former women's basketball player excelled on the floor and in the classroom during her time at USD (1995-2000). When she graduated, she was the program's all-time leading scorer with 1,510 points. During her senior year, she led the Toreros to the WCC Tournament title and into the NCAA Tournament. The WCC Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 2000, she is also a member of USD's Chet & Marguerite Pagni Family Athletic Hall of Fame.

Leigh Ann (Robinson) Brown '08 (BA) was inducted into the Chet & Marguerite Pagni Family Athletic Hall of Fame in April 2016. A four-year starter (2004-2007) at midfielder for women's soccer, she played a key role in leading the Toreros to two NCAA Tournaments and a combined 45 victories. Her professional career was capped off with back-to-back NWSL Championships with FC Kansas City. She is married to former USD basketball player Danny Brown. Brown was recently hired as USD's assistant women's soccer coach.

Digging in the Deep

Reporter Albert Samaha has no problem getting his hands dirty

by **Julene Snyder**

The internet is a good thing. If you harbor any doubt, imagine what it would be like if a stack of 50 newspapers from cities across the country was delivered to your front door each and every day. Within a month, you'd drown in newsprint.

"I follow 50 or 60 local papers online," Albert Samaha '10 says. "But I only read three or four of them a day. I rotate through. I'll be like, 'What's going on in the *Times-Picayune* today? What's happening in the *Oakland Tribune* or the *Philadelphia Inquirer*?'"

He's responding to the most clichéd question that one can possibly ask a writer: "Where do you get your story ideas?"

"I have a lot of Google alerts, keywords like 'prosecutorial misconduct' and 'police brutality.' And then I do cold calls. One of the challenges of being a national reporter is developing sources, so I've learned to apply the skills I learned as a local reporter to the process."

His strategies have worked: At the relatively tender age of 26, Samaha has hit the journalistic mother lode. A criminal justice reporter for BuzzFeed — an internet juggernaut with hundreds of millions of monthly content views — he writes long-form stories that tend to run well over 5,000 words. In the age of memes, listicles and funny cat videos, there's something reassuringly old school in the notion that a talented writer can make a living via good, old-fashioned storytelling.

"The brass at BuzzFeed cares about making change," Samaha says, speaking from a soundproof interview room at BuzzFeed News' New York City office. "They're very invested in giving me and my colleagues the resources to pursue stories that require much time, effort and money. I think they see the classic vintage lists and funny posts as a way to help subsidize the kind of stuff that I do."

What he does is remarkable. In story after harrowing story, Samaha digs deep, grabbing the reader and not letting go. "I try to find

the gray area of perception between who is a good guy and who is a bad guy," he says.

His pieces tend not to be light reading: "Don't Ever Tell Us What You Saw" is a harrowing account of the day a prison bus in Texas carrying 15 men ran off the road. "This is What They Did For Fun: A Modern-Day Lynching" is the heartbreaking tale of the murder of a Mississippi man. The not-so-happily-ever-after story "Exonerated and Out of Prison" explores the strug-

gles of a man trying to make up for lost time.

While the story subjects tend to be grim, Samaha has the sort of storytelling chops that keep readers hooked.

"I came to USD interested in journalism," he says. "But the Gay Talese profile of Joe DiMaggio in the *Best American Sportswriting of the 20th Century* was my first introduction to literary journalism." Then a sophomore at USD, he went straight to his faculty advisor, Communications Professor David Sullivan. "This is exactly what I want to do," he recalls saying. "What do I have to do to be able to write like this?"

It turned out the answer was simple: Practice.

So Samaha did. He wrote for *The USD Vista*. He did unpaid internships. He wrote for online outlets for free. He wrote and wrote and wrote. After graduating as a communications major, he applied to Columbia University for grad school. By then, he had built up an impressive number of clips.

"I was very, very raw," he says. "I wrote over-the-top, purple-prosy stuff. But they must have seen some talent, or at least sensed that I had ambition, so they accepted me." And he made the most of the opportunity.

"I'm very lucky. I've found myself in a series of places that have offered me opportunities to do what I love to do." Right out of grad school, he was accepted for a *Village Voice* fellowship at the St. Louis, Mo.-based *Riverfront Times*. From there, he was offered a staff writer position at the *SF Weekly* in San Francisco, then the venerable *Village Voice* in New York, before landing at BuzzFeed.

As for what's next? He's just fine where he's at ... although Samaha will admit that if the *New Yorker* or *New York Times Magazine* wanted to make an offer, he'd take that call.

"I just want to keep doing what I'm doing for a wider audience. I just want to make an impact. Who knows? Maybe, just maybe, telling these stories can help effect some kind of change."

[Photography by Stephanie Diani]



Dreaming Big, Working Hard

Jasmine Garcia credits financial aid for her academic success

by **Bonnie Nicholls**

Jasmine Garcia '17 has a big smile that never seems to leave her face. She's the first one in her family to go to college, and she's over the moon to be a Torero.

A math whiz, Garcia, an industrial engineering (IE) major, has worked hard to get here. She credits the financial assistance she receives — an annual \$10,000 Presidential Scholarship supplemented by financial aid and her 11-hour-a-week campus job — for making it all possible. And as a resident assistant, she receives free room and board.

Without financial aid, she says, "I would not be here. I wouldn't be able to live my dream. But I'm doing well. I'm surviving college."

More than surviving, she's thriving.

Garcia took five classes and two labs during the second semester of her junior year. She serves as the social chair for Theta Tau, a coed engineering fraternity that's establishing a chapter at USD. And she supports USD TV and USD Radio by interviewing her favorite bands, shooting video and taking photos.

Garcia has always pushed herself academically. Born and raised in Green Bay, Wis., she excelled at math, taking high school algebra in seventh grade.

Her parents divorced when she was young, and at 14 she moved with her mother and younger brother to Murrieta, Calif., which had a great new high school and a terrific math teacher.

A good education for their kids was important to her parents, who never went to college. Garcia's mother, who came to the United States from Mexico, met Garcia's father in Soledad, a little town near Salinas, where he worked in the fields. He's now a truck driver, and she works in human resources.

"I've seen the long hours my parents worked to provide for my family, and they've always told me that I didn't have to live paycheck to paycheck if I worked hard in school," Garcia says.

When it came time to choose a college, Garcia applied everywhere in San Diego — except for the University of San Diego. She didn't know it existed and had never consid-

ered a private school, assuming it would be cost prohibitive. Only after a friend suggested that private schools might offer more scholarships did she send in an application.

The acceptance letters rolled in, but for Garcia, it really came down to UC San Diego and USD, which offered similar financial packages.

The campus tour of USD, however, sealed the deal. Garcia loved how small the campus was, that all courses were taught by professors, and that it was close to everything — beaches, concerts, downtown San Diego.

"There was something about it where I could see myself here," she says.

Garcia initially chose psychology as her major, but the Advanced Placement calculus courses she'd taken in high school meant she could enroll in Calculus 3 as an elective while a first-year student. An interest in coding prompted her to sign up for Programming 150, too. It turns out both of those courses were general electives for engineering students.

"My friends in study groups from my engineering classes looked at me and asked me, 'Why aren't you an engineering major?'"

In truth, she'd never considered it. During a long talk, Associate Dean Rick Olson suggested she study IE, which focuses on improving efficiencies of systems as a whole, such as manufacturing lines or facility layouts. Within a week, she'd switched majors.

Now, just a year away from graduation, she's looking forward to the day when she has her college degree in hand, because it will make her family proud ... not just her parents, but her many cousins, for whom she is a role model.

"It means the world to me to be able to earn a college degree. I know that's all my parents have ever wanted for

me — to live an easier life than they ever had."

She recalls how much she loved showing her report cards to her parents when she was growing up. "It was a good feeling to make them proud. And it still is to this day."

[Photography by Tim Mantoani]

video.sandiego.edu/Watch/jasmine-garcia



Giving Voice to the Voiceless

Head of Paralyzed Veterans of America is a true champion

by Andrew Faught

After his car rolled for the third time, Sherman Gillums Jr. '09 (MSGL) came to a rest upside down and, mercifully, alive. A semi-trailer truck, upon being cut off by a separate vehicle, ran Gillums off Interstate 5 while trying to avoid a crash.

"I was seat-belted in, I had airbags," he says of the 2001 accident. "A lot of that contributes to why it wasn't as bad as it could have been."

But the true extent of his injuries wasn't immediately apparent. It was only after Gillums was transported to the hospital by helicopter

that doctors confirmed the unthinkable: his neck was broken. Further, the two fractured vertebrae were pressing against his spinal cord and cutting off blood flow, a dangerous paralysis risk.

Only when the swelling subsided would doctors know whether Gillums, who was an active duty member of the Marine Corps at the time of the crash, would regain his full health.

"In my case, I was somewhere in the middle," Gillums, who is confined to a wheelchair, says 15 years later. "My hands have deficits, but I can still move them. My legs don't move in a useful motor sense, but I can still feel them and I can still wiggle my toes and flex certain muscles. It's like a patchwork of things that were spared and things that are completely gone."

Gillums aims to empower those in need. He was named executive director of Washington, D.C.-based Paralyzed Veterans of America in January 2016. The organization, founded in 1946, promotes spinal cord research and education, helps injured service members secure Veterans Affairs medical benefits, and speaks out on Capitol Hill to ensure that nondiscrimination laws are implemented and enforced.

The married father of six frequently speaks to news organizations and has written editorials advocating on behalf of paralyzed veterans. Throughout the United States, there are 44,000 paralyzed military veterans, including 400 new cases every year, according to the group. Injuries were suffered during active

duty, or after personnel left the service.

It's not surprising that paralysis poses challenging terrain for those grappling with a new reality.

"Most of the time, the veteran has no idea what assistance is available," Gillums says. "They need to have their disability claim filed, they need someone to look in on their health care. There's peer mentoring. You see people in wheelchairs who are relatively advanced in their condition, and that gives hope to paralyzed veterans at a moment when it feels like they have nothing."

Gillums says he enrolled in USD's master's program in global leadership to build on leadership roles he held in the Marine Corps. Particularly influential was an ethics class he took from MSGL professor Bob Schoultz, a former Navy SEAL who also directed the program.

"He challenged me to appreciate the nuance of ethics," Gillums says. "In business, it's really about your value for the community you're serving. It helped me see my job as having a bigger purpose."

Gillums has worked for Paralyzed Veterans of America in various capacities since 2004, following a 12-year Marine Corps career in which he earned the Marine Drill Instructor Ribbon and the Global War on Terror Service Medal. The organization runs 34 chapters around the country.

"It doesn't take a person who doesn't know Sherman very long to be captivated — some even intimidated — by his presence and energy," says Lana McKenzie, associate executive director of Paralyzed Veterans of America. "Maybe it comes from his background as a Marine drill instructor. He thinks through complex problems to come up with unique solutions and approaches. Add to that a blend of zeal and stubbornness, and you have someone who makes a great champion for whatever cause he believes in."

Adds Gillums: "I'm proud of being a voice for the voiceless. But I'm always proudest when I'm representing the organization, not as Sherman Gillums, but as a paralyzed veteran."

[Photography by Tim Mantoani]

ALUMNI NEWS

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ONE ENCHANTED EVENING

2016 Alumni Honors celebrates crowning achievements



(BS/BA), '03 (BA) leads a Microsoft team dedicated to increasing performance and reducing costs associated with cloud computing.

The Honorable Dave Camp '78 (JD) represented Michigan's 4th district in the House of Representatives for 24 years, including a stint as chairman of the powerful Ways and Means Committee.

A San Diego native and attorney who developed an abiding love for Mexican culture, Janice Deaton '10 (MA) is leading change in the Mexican legal system, training lawyers and judges in oral advocacy skills.

The CEO of Sharp Chula Vista Hospital, Pablo Velez '06 (PhD) has been instrumental in that facility's ascent to becoming the largest health care provider in San Diego's South County.

The founder of the online mortgage banking business AimLoan.com, Vince Kasperick '84 (BBA) is also founder of the San Diego Blues Festival, a fundraiser and food-raiser that supports the San Diego Food Bank.

The career of Maj. Gen. William M. Matz Jr. (Ret.) '73 (MA) included tours of duty in Vietnam, where he received the Purple Heart for wounds received during the savage TET offensive. His combat decorations include the Silver Star for valor and the Distinguished Service Cross for extreme gallantry and risk of life in combat.

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2016 Alumni Honorees (left to right, above): Janice Deaton '10 (MA); Andrew Putnam '03 (BS/BA), '03 (BA); Sam K. Attisha '89 (BBA); Leigh Ann (Robinson) Brown '08 (BA); the Honorable Dave Camp '78 (JD); Vincent J. Kasperick '84 (BBA); Maj. Gen. William M. Matz Jr. (Ret.) '73 (MA); Diana Combs Neebe '08 (MEd); Pablo Velez '06 (PhD); Miguel D. Vasquez '94 (BBA).

by Tim McKernan

Alumni Honors, USD's annual alumni celebration, turned 21 this year. Like most 21st birthdays, it was a night to remember. The April event at the sold-out IPJ Theatre was a reflection of remarkable achievements and of the unique character of USD. The

honorees were as follows:

Homeless as a teenager, Miquel Vasquez '94 (BBA) forged a successful career in banking before leaving the financial industry to launch the California Foundation Fund to improve financial literacy in poor and minority communities.

One of the founders of the

Senior Class Legacy scholarship, Sam Attisha '89 (BBA), a former student body president, has been an active member of the USD community for 30 years.

A four-year starter for the Torero soccer team, Leigh Ann (Robinson) Brown '08 (BA) went on to a successful professional career and played on two U.S. National teams.

Diana Combs Neebe '08 (MEd) teaches high school English and is pioneering technology in the classroom. One example: she worked with students to create an online, interactive edition of *The Scarlet Letter*.

A triple-major at USD (computer science, physics and electrical engineering), Andrew Putnam '03

INSIDE SCOOP

Orange County event aims spotlight on entertainment


This spring, the Orange County Torero Club hosted a career panel and networking event, which featured USD alumni working in the entertainment industry.

Vince Moiso '95, a member of the planning committee for the Orange County Torero Club, put together the panel and acted as moderator for the evening's discussion. Since graduation, Moiso has remained connected with each of the four panelists, who became friends as students at USD; they are all 1995 graduates.

The panel included Matt Young, executive director of creative media at Sony Pictures Entertainment; Steve Demko, postproduction executive at Sony Pictures Entertainment; Matt Reccow, an independent entertainment professional who has worked primarily as a producer for TV shows including *The Amazing Race* and *Expedition Impossible*; and

Grammy Award winner Tim Lynch, executive producer for Farm League, where he is involved in filmmaking, merchandising, design, photography and public relations.

In attendance at the event were USD alumni, parents, staff and current students. "This was a great opportunity to meet a stellar group of USD alumni, who shared stories from their careers and who emphasized that the road had not always been easy," said Steve Nasman '71, who is co-president of the Orange County Torero Club with his wife, Vicki, '74.

One message that resonated from the panel for students and alumni was to take risks early in your career and follow your passion. The event, which was co-sponsored by the USD Alumni Association and the Career Development Center, emphasized the power of the USD alumni network. 



Student Dallas Kessman chatted with Matt Young '95 at a networking event in Orange County this spring.

[dear toreros]



What a wonderful time to be a part of the USD community! It is a privilege to serve as your Alumni Association president, and I invite you to be a part of the excitement at our alma mater.

This spring, we embarked on the Torero Tour, introducing President Jim Harris to hundreds of alumni, parents,

and friends in 11 cities around the country. Those receptions were full of energy and enthusiasm for our new president and for the Leading Change campaign.

President Harris recognizes that alumni are a vital part of the USD community, and he has been a great supporter of the Alumni Association's initiatives during his first year. To ensure that our voices continue to be heard, I was asked to participate in Envisioning 2024, a strategic planning process initiated by the president that looks ahead to 2024 when USD will celebrate its 75th anniversary.

Throughout this past year, the Alumni Association Board of Directors, our regional Torero Club leaders and many other volunteers, working in conjunction with the Alumni Relations staff, organized networking and social events, informative lectures, and career-oriented presentations — more than 200 programs in all. I hope you had a chance to take part in some of the many activities we have sponsored with our campus partners, including Undergraduate Admissions, the Career Development Center and Athletics.

The USD Alumni Network is strong, but we want to be stronger! With your participation, it will continue to strengthen. There are so many ways to engage with the university. You can join us for one of our many programs on campus, in your community, or around the world. Provide internship opportunities for our outstanding students, and hire and connect with fellow Toreros. Finally, join us in supporting Leading Change: The Campaign for USD. Your gift to any USD fund in any amount really will make a difference. We can only succeed with your participation.

Ensure the Alumni Relations office has your most current mailing and email address so you will receive our invitations and newsletters. You can reach them by calling (619) 260-4819, sending a message to alumni@sandiego.edu, or stopping by the Degheri Alumni Center.

I look forward to seeing you at an event soon. Go Toreros!

With Torero pride,
— Heather Dooley '02, '05 (MEd)

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UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO



Campaign Goal:
\$300 Million

Current Use
\$69M

USD is the youngest institution to be ranked among the nation's top 100 universities. Gifts that are immediately available allow USD to continue its tradition of excellence. The university dedicates a significant portion of its annual budget to student scholarships and financial aid, helping to keep the USD experience accessible to qualified and deserving students.

Endowment
\$111.2M

A strong, permanent endowment makes it possible for USD to continue changing the world for generations to come. USD's endowment has grown by \$298 million — an astounding 173 percent — in the past decade, providing sustaining support for student scholarships, academic programs and the recruitment and retention of faculty.

Capital Projects
\$119.8M

USD is providing new learning spaces, making way for new programs and bringing teams together to attract the best and brightest students. Each year USD spends about \$12 million on deferred maintenance and facility improvements to assure that the students' living and learning environment is both state-of-the-art and sustainable.



Higher Education, Higher Ideals

I've been involved at the University of San Diego for 35 years, as a student, a parent and as a member of the Board of Trustees. During my time as a Torero, I've been pleased to watch USD gain national prominence.

USD has grown in academic acclaim, with the opening of its Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering and its distinction as the youngest institution to be recognized among the top 100 universities in the nation.

Now the university is once again on the precipice of change. It has announced Leading Change: The Campaign for USD. I'm proud to be the chair of this \$300

million campaign — the most compelling and ambitious endeavor in USD's history.

It's already providing new scholarships and new academic programs. It's allowing USD to build new facilities. It's attracting new faculty members in emerging fields, and it's providing exciting, entrepreneurial opportunities for students.

This is your chance to be part of that change!


James D. Power IV '85
Campaign Chair

USD's \$300 million path to creating *IMPACT*

Leading Change: The Campaign for USD

At the core of a USD education is to challenge our students to answer two essential questions: "What do you care about? And what are you doing about it?" The campaign creates an engine to turn good intentions into good deeds while investing in individuals and the promotion of core values.

Enhancing the student experience by making a significant investment to create and equip dynamic learning environments is one of the main campaign goals. Nearly \$23 million in new projects are planned to enhance USD's infrastructure and incorporate emerging technologies. The result will be to give our students the competitive edge they need in today's rapidly evolving world.

Safeguarding Our World

Helping to take a stand against hacking, a partnership between Professional and Continuing Education and the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering has established a Center for Cyber Security Engineering and Technology.

Professional and Continuing Education
Total Goal: \$1.1 million



Inspiring Innovation

Our engineering students are encouraged to become leaders with social awareness and a global perspective. The campaign offers an opportunity to reimagine the curriculum, build a Bioengineering Garage, a Sustainability Garage, an endowed chair and much more.

Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering
Total Goal: \$41 million

Engaging the Heart, Mind and Spirit

Providing a holistic and versatile education is at the heart of the college's legacy. The campaign will fund new interdisciplinary centers of study and student scholarships, providing vast opportunities for undergraduates.

College of Arts and Sciences
Total Goal: \$26.95 million



Building Peace

Achieving peace and social justice is the Kroc School's goal. Building upon successful models to address the most vexing issues of our century, the campaign will give global cohorts of students the training they need to be effective, innovative peacebuilders.

Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies
Total Goal: \$9.5 million



Advancing Nursing

Our School of Nursing drives the main supply of nursing faculty in Southern California. Campaign goals include an endowed dean's chair, an endowment for student research and the Betty and Bob Beyster Institute for Nursing Research.

Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science:
Total Goal: \$20 million



Advocating for Justice

Assuring that the law school remains nimble and dynamic is key. The campaign will provide new endowed chairs and professorships, a new Health Law and Policy Center, new public interest centers and institutes, as well as a scholarship and loan repayment assistance program.

School of Law
Total Goal: \$31.5 million

Reinventing Business

The future is here, as evidenced by the planned expansion/renovation of the School of Business complex adjacent to the existing Olin Hall. The campaign also calls for the creation of endowments, centers and institutes, all of which will harness students' entrepreneurial spirit.

School of Business
Total Goal: \$76.85 million



Championing Teamwork

USD's diverse and accomplished student athletes excel both on and off the field. Campaign goals include a new golf/softball facility; renovation of the Skip and Cindy Hogan Tennis Center, Fowler Park and support for recruiting, team travel and equipment.

Torero Athletics
Total Goal: \$31.8 million



Preparing Leaders

Students from around the world come to USD, home of the nation's first leadership studies doctoral programs. Endowing institutes, centers and scholarships will ignite breakthroughs in education and nonprofits.

School of Leadership and Education Sciences
Total Goal: \$35 million



Elevating the Learning Experience

Already well underway, improvements to the Copley Library will include the creation of 16 group study rooms, a periodical reading room, an array of study spaces, and endowments for special collections on various topics.

Copley Library
Total Goal: \$3.5 million



Working Toward the Common Good



I accepted the invitation to be the honorary chair of the Leading Change Campaign because I've always admired how the University of San Diego constantly strives to reach higher, to be better, to do more for its students, and to make a lasting difference in people's lives.

The students, faculty and alumni of the University of San Diego are changing the world — one person, one problem, one community at a time.

The goal of the campaign is to expand USD's innovative approaches to problem-solving in ways that can be replicated, scaled and expanded.



Darlene V. Shiley
Honorary Campaign Chair

The wisdom of Leading Change: The Campaign for USD is indisputable. It supports programs that have been tested and proven over time, while simultaneously finding new ways to address ever-changing challenges in all corners of the world.

This campaign creates leaders. It promotes change. And I'm proud to play a role in its success.

[gifts at work]

The Qualcomm Intellectual Property Scholarship Program was announced in mid-Feb. 2016. Designed to support law students with backgrounds in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math, the program provides an annual three-year award to three entering law students who are graduates of USD, the University of California, San Diego or San Diego State University who majored in specific STEM subjects. Additionally, recipients must also demonstrate an interest in intellectual property or related areas of law. To learn more, go to sandiego.edu/law.

The Kaul Foundation is investing in programs at the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies to counter violent extremism around the world. Building on their support for a groundbreaking symposium on religion and peacebuilding in 2014, the foundation made gifts in 2016 totaling \$12,500 to support projects addressing violent extremism, including a symposium and regional dialogues.

The Las Patronas Foundation agreed to fund six computerized gurneys for the Beyster

Institute with an award of \$38,950. When the gurneys were ordered, the gurney manufacturer was so happy to hear about the gift that they donated an additional gurney, valued at an estimated \$14,000, especially designed for maternity patients and equipped with fetal monitoring equipment.

Jimmy Anklesaria '85 (MBA) and Jennifer L. Anklesaria '88 (MBA) have pledged \$50,000 to create an endowment for scholarships within the School of Business, specifically pertaining to supply chain. They created the David N. Burt Scholarship Fund to honor Dr. Burt; it's because of his vision that the supply chain program exists at USD. This fund will be used to provide annual scholarships to one or more supply chain undergraduate students who demonstrate financial need and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater. Mr. Anklesaria serves on the Supply Chain Management Institute's advisory board. There, he carries on the legacy of Dr. Burt by contributing his wealth of knowledge and experience to the evolving field of supply chain management.

MAKE A GIFT NOW

There are many ways to contribute to **Leading Change: The Campaign for USD**. Go online to learn more about how to give matching gifts, stocks, mutual funds, planned gifts, life insurance policies and much more.

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Group Effort

More than a dozen committees have been formed to help us reach our goal, including a campaign steering committee, which comprises USD trustees, top administrators and committee chairs. We are grateful for all of our volunteer leadership.

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Meeting our \$300 million campaign goal requires the commitment of the entire Torero community!

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President Harris surrounded by several of the campaign committee chairs.

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Minoo Gupta '15
Rasheed Behrooznia '02

Undergraduate Students
Jennifer Lee (co-staff)
Jessica Szumski (co-staff)
Erin Smith '17

Outside the Box

Growing up in New York, she loved the seven-minute subway ride into the heart of the city. That's where Carol Vassiliadis and her mother often attended the opera and ballet, but theater was her true love.

Vassiliadis eventually took to the stage herself, starring first in high school shows and then in college productions at San Diego State University, where she met her late husband, Laki. There she majored in English, minored in speech, jumped into theater and first purchased season tickets, which she still holds, to the Old Globe.

During those years she played a number of lead roles. After college, while working as a high school teacher in Pasadena, she codirected a number of high school productions. Eventually Vassiliadis' daughter, Melissa '08, '14 (MA), followed in her mother's footsteps. Melissa came to USD in 2004 and wound up majoring in theatre arts and performance studies, where her focus settled on working offstage with lighting, set design and the technical aspects of bringing a show to life.

It was only natural when looking for new ways to support USD that Vassiliadis followed her heart — giving first toward the construction of Mother Rosalie Hill Hall. A subsequent major gift made it possible to renovate the Black Box Theatre, which is now known as the Vassiliadis Black Box Theatre.

"I did it for my daughter," Vassiliadis says of Melissa, who returned to USD to earn a master's degree in 2014 in counseling from the School of Leadership and Education Sciences, and now works in the field of education.

"She loved the program and loved her classmates, some of whom went on to perform in places like Chicago and New York." Most recently, Vassiliadis gave an additional leadership gift to build USD's Humanities Center. "I'm a great believer in a classical

The power of the humanities in a holistic sense is at the core of what inspires Carol Vassiliadis to give

approach," Vassiliadis says. "The humanities are the core of every fine university and round out the student experience, putting everything they've learned into perspective."

Brian Clack, a philosophy professor and the head of USD's Humanities Center, says the gift will transform 3,000 square feet in Serra Hall into a place where students and faculty from across all disciplines can come together to collaborate on projects that enhance the student experience and provide a way to connect with the community.

"The humanities, as we're focusing on them, is holistic," says Clack. "This center will allow students to experience firsthand the many ways their studies can affect people — and the strange, sad, beautiful and wondrous experience of being human."

Clack says the Humanities Center — scheduled to open in Oct. 2016 — will bring together what students are learning in various disciplines in a unified and integrated way.

"We'll be exploring what it means to be human," he says. "There is no one answer. Each of us will arrive at our own deeply meaningful definition." — *Krystn Shrieve*



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Cinnabon and Sunglass Hut. At Pieology, Randy’s responsibilities cover all aspects of real estate development.

ALICIA EIERMANN-BRANTLEY (BA) retired after 33 years as paralegal manager at Fulbright & Jaworski. In 2013, Alicia’s son, Benjamin, graduated from USD with an engineering degree.

GARY PADEN (JD) was sworn in for a one-year term as vice president of the California Judges Association.

[1977]
MAGGIE (RIEGELHUTH) LOY (BA) retired from the County of San Diego, planning and public works departments, after 35 years as a biologist and environmental coordinator. She plans to spend time with her husband, Bill.

ROBERT “CHAP” MILIS (JD) retired after a 34-year legal career, much of which was spent as general counsel of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota.

[1978]
JULIE MCCARTHY (BA) and her husband, Harold ’78, announce that their son, Thomas, is a junior at USD.

[1979]
ROBERT KASHEY (BA) has taught English as a Second Language for more than 20 years at all levels in all subjects in the United States and overseas, including Japan and Korea. “While (in Japan and Korea), I was able to visit Thailand, the Philippine Islands, Hong Kong and Hawaii several times,” he says. “It was a great adventure.” In the United States, he taught at San Diego State University and with ELS in downtown San Diego. Robert has had students from all over the world. He is also a published poet, with books available at Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and Powell Books. He is often included in the KSER radio program “PoetsWest” under the pen name Rayn Roberts, and he organizes and hosts poetry readings.


ADRIENNE LEONARD (JD) writes, “One of my twin daughters is a second-year law student at the University of Colorado. Her sister is a CPA at KPMG in Charlotte, N.C., in the audit department. Their younger brother is an aspiring professional

photographer. I’m very proud of all my children!”

1980s

[1980]
MARTIN MATES (BBA) is on a job assignment in Chile, covering all of South America.

JIM VALENZUELA (BBA) has been teaching for 17 years for the Poway Unified School District. He spent 50 days visiting friends in nine states last summer and he shared a nice first birthday with his only granddaughter last year.

[1981] 
PAMELA HERKNER-CHASSE (BA, Med ’82) is a principal in the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District. She has worked in education for 34 years — 22 years as a principal and 12 years teaching. Pamela is currently volunteering for Walk With Sally, a cancer mentoring group. She is a 15-year-plus survivor. Pamela’s daughter graduated from Loyola Marymount University three years ago and works for the *NCIS: Los Angeles* television series as a writer’s assistant.

[1982]
MARK HANSON (BA) is a partner in the law firm of Tomberg, Hanson & Halper, LLC, in Palm Beach County, Fla. Mark is also part owner of Greenwood BBQ in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and he manages Fall to June, a southern rock band with Megaforce Records. Mark and his wife, Wendy, have been married for 20 years and they have two children: Jillian, 16, and Matthew, 14. The family lives in Tequesta, Fla.

RUSSELL PARKMAN (JD) is the director of the graduate accounting program at National University.


ADRIAN ROSAS (BBA) imports pecans from Mexico. He is enrolled in an MBA program with a concentration in marketing at the University of the Incarnate Word.

GARRETT SANDERSON (BA) is working to put two of three kids through college. He is also bicycling (rode the Solvang, Tierra Bella, Grizzly Peak and Marin centuries in 2015 and the Mount Diablo Chal-

lenge, and was planning to ride the Santa Barbara century). He enjoyed his 25th wedding anniversary in October 2015.

[1983]
CHRIS GUALTIERI (BA) has an ophthalmology practice in San Diego. In July, he celebrated 25 years as a doctor and 20 years as an eye surgeon. He is active with the USD health careers mentorship program.

ANNE SHILLAM-ASARE (BA) writes that she is “working on living out my values in the atmosphere of Washington, D.C.”

[1986] 
JEFF COOK (BBA) is now Global IT Security Manager at Barrick Gold Corp.

CHRISTINA ROUSH (BBA) writes, “I am excited to announce the relocation and expansion of our Tenaya Creek Brewery into a new 12,000-square-foot production brewery and tap room in downtown Las Vegas. This new facility allows us to expand our footprint into seven western states and two provinces in Canada.”

TERENCE TENNANT (JD) is working and raising a family. He saw Pope Francis in September 2015 in Philadelphia.

[1988]
BRANDEE MCGINNIS (BA) spends her time on real estate and the stock market. She is also raising three children and plays competitive tennis.

BILL PARROTT (BBA) started an investment and financial planning firm in Austin, Texas, serving individuals in Texas and California. His company website is www.parrottwealth.com.


[1989]
JANET (KRISH) CARR (BSN) and her husband, Rob Carr ’89, announce, “Our children have graduated from college and we are now making plans to retire in Harbor Springs, Mich.”

MIKE CROWLEY (BBA) writes, “USD awoke the entrepreneurial side in me over 25 years ago. Since then, the Access Companies I founded have been blessed with hundreds of great employees and I have been able to give back to the San Diego community. Thank you, USD.”

KEITH FINK (BA) writes, “I was recently elected by the members of the Ocean Beach Town Council to be a member of the OBTC board of directors, the members of which, in turn, elected me treasurer. Subsequent to being sworn in by an officer from the San Diego Police Department at a ceremony in October 2015, during which board members received certificates of recognition for service to the community from San Diego Councilwoman Lori Zapf and U.S. Congressman Scott Peters.”

1990s

[1990]
RICHARD DORN (BA) merged his family business with Wells Fargo & Co. 18 years ago and he has been with Wells Fargo ever since. He and his wife, Erika (a physician), have been married for 16 years and they have three children: Henry, 13; Mary, 10; and George, 8. The family lives in Edina, Minn.

[1991] 
ROY RAPHAEL (BA/BS) is the acquisitions manager/operations director for the Navy Communications Satellite Program Office (PMW 146).

[1992]
ERIKA SANCHEZ (BA) reports that her first novel, *Ernestine*, was published on Amazon.com.

REBECCA SMITH (Med) is the new executive director of the Offices of Strengths and Vocation, providing undergraduate career services at Point Loma Nazarene University.

SILVIA VENTURA-JACOBSEN (BA) is the principal of Twin Oaks Elementary School in the San Marcos Unified School District.

[1993]
BRENT HODGES (BAcc) moved back to Phoenix from San Diego to be the superintendent of schools at Scottsdale Christian Academy, where both he and his son, TJ, attended as children. TJ is a junior at USD in the accounting program and on the cross country team. TJ’s mom also attended USD.

CHRIS HOMEWOOD (BA) and his wife, Laura Hale ’92, live in Alamo, Calif., with their 11-year-old daughter, Zoe.

APRIL (CARD) JOHNSON (JD) was promoted to vice president, alternative risk and insurance services, of BETA Healthcare Group.

SCOTT MAXWELL (BA) joined Catholic Extension Society as the director of development. Catholic Extension supports under-resourced U.S. dioceses with financial assistance and infrastructure.

JAMES MYLES (JD) writes, “After a 20-year career with the Social Security Administration, the last five years as a supervising administrative law judge in Alexandria, Va., accepted an offer to transition to the same position in the Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals in Arlington, Va. I still live in Burke, Va., with my wife, Debra, and sons, Jacob, 13, and Lucas, 9.”

THOMAS STORESUND (BBA) reports that he just got married.

[1994]
BRADLEY GERTTULA (BBA) writes, “Just finished my second year at Southwest Airlines as a pilot, based in Denver, Colo. We are enjoying our time in Colorado with our new Jeep on the trails, skiing, hiking and snowshoeing.”

DENNIS HUNT (BAcc) purchased a successful tax and accounting practice after retiring as a military officer and serving in various government finance positions.

LORYN JOHNSON (BA) is the marketing director of USD Auxiliary Services. “Just celebrated my 15th anniversary as a USD administrator!” Loryn says.

KC MARES (BA) writes, “I was lucky enough this summer to compete in the mountain bike national championships and place third, as well as win several significant races throughout the year. It’s great being in the same shape as I was over 20 years ago at USD, and my USD cycling jersey still fits!”

DIANE TRUS (BA) writes, “I am happily married to my husband, Mark, and am mother of two incredible junior high students, Eric and Rachel. I work as a manager of trademarks at Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch, LLP, in San Diego. I am leading a community outreach team at my kids’ school, and recently retired as a Girl Scout troop leader.”

MIGUEL VASQUEZ (BBA) writes, “As a serial entrepreneur, I am always starting up financial technology and social enterprises while mentoring new leaders.”


[1995]
LAURIE KOVACH LOPEZ (BA) has been living and working in Montpellier, France, for the past 13 years.

MARK MAYNARD (BA) was awarded the 2015 Nevada Writers Hall of Fame Silver Pen Award on Nov. 19, 2015. The award, which recognizes writers who are midcareer and have already shown substantial achievement, is designed to honor their talent and encourage other emerging and midcareer writers. Mark lives in Sparks, Nev., where he writes fiction and creative nonfiction.

ANN ROCHA (MSN, PhD ’14) taught in the BSN program at Idaho State University and is now moving to Utah State. She anticipates moving to Utah during 2016.

JENNIFER SAGE (BA) reports that she is “enjoying life with my husband and five beautiful children. Next fall, we will be the nervous parents helping our oldest, Victoria, send out college applications!!! Help! We cannot believe the time is almost here!”

GINA SURGEON (BBA) is now the founder and executive director of Positive FACE, a nonprofit focused on youth excellence.

[1996] 
KYLIE JENKINS (BA) writes, “I live in North County with my husband, Pat, and my two kids, Glenn and Megan. My husband and son are the adventurers. They hike, ski, snowboard, camp and surf together. My daughter and I are the ‘house cats’! She is all girl and has become my favorite shopping and mani/pedi buddy. I keep in touch with a number of friends and sorority sisters from USD. While we may not see each other in person often, we keep up regularly online. I have hosted a number of Favorite Things parties the past several years, which has become a mini reunion for ZTAs. I have had my own stationery business for years and still design, but my business has expanded into blogging, party styling, brand partnerships and brand ambassadorships. I love to hear from old friends so please drop me a line!”



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COLLEEN (TEMPLE) DOAN '12 (BA) reports that she married Peter Doan '11 (BA, MS) at The Immaculata on June 27, 2015. The Temple-Doan wedding included more than 20 USD alumni, ranging from the class of 1986 through those expecting to graduate in 2018.

BRIAN ROBBIN (BS) reports that he and his wife welcomed a baby boy, Nicholas, into the world in February 2015.

[1997] **LARRY BALDWIN (MBA)** has accepted the position of associate vice president at Molina Healthcare in Long Beach, Calif.

ANNA CHIMOWICZ (BA) writes, “Fighting cancer is a personal vendetta for myself and my best friend, (fellow USD alumna) Jennifer Carey, as both of our mothers were diagnosed with breast cancer and went through mastectomies, and my

mother through chemo,” Anna says. Jennifer and Anna founded The Boob Ride, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that raises funds for breast cancer research and education. The charity ride, held every April in Solana Beach, Calif., and Orange County, Calif., is a humorous take on the Tour de France, drawing hundreds of riders each year and thousands in donations. They were featured on the front page of the *San Diego Union-Tribune* in April 2015 and as part of the newspaper’s San Diegans Who Make a Difference special section on Dec. 25, 2015.

ROBERT FRANCIS (BA) assumed command of USS Lassen, which was

forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan, in May of 2015.

LUIS MASSIEU (BBA) and his wife, Marta, have a new baby girl named Matilda. Luis continues working as founder/CEO of www.apostille.net, a world-leading company in apostille services.

KIMBERLY (YOUNG) STARO-SCIK (BA) just moved to Colorado and reports that she is very excited about it!

[1998] **JOHN DAREK COKER (BA)** retired from a 22-year-long career with the U.S. Navy.

ROBERT RIVAS (JD) joined Ropers, Majeski, Kohn & Bentley as a partner in the firm’s Los Angeles office. Previously, he was a partner with AlvaradoSmith. Robert joins the firm’s intellectual property and litigation practice areas, with a particular focus on wine, beer and spirits. A frequent lecturer and Minimum Continuing Legal Education provider on international litigation and wine, beer and spirits law topics, Robert presents at the Annual National Conference on Wine, Beer & Spirits Law, the International Intellectual Property Law Society and Alliance of Alcohol Industry Attorneys & Consultants. He is also a board member for the Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach., Calif.

[1999] **STEPHEN AARSTOL (MBA)**, founder and CEO of Tower Paddle Boards (www.towerpaddleboards.com) writes, “We were the fastest-growing company in the *San Diego Business Journal* last year, and in the top 20 this year! As you may recall from a previous article in *USD Magazine*, Tower Paddle Boards was featured on *Shark Tank* in 2012 and was invested in by Mark Cuban. Turns out our company has become Mr. Cuban’s most successful in the history of the show and was also recently named as No. 239 in the Inc. 500 fastest-growing companies in America.” The company also was featured on ABC’s *Beyond the Tank* in January 2016.

STEVEN (ELLIS) ALEXANDRE DA COSTA (JD) reports marrying Jose Antonio, a Brazilian native, in late 2014. He was also promoted to senior

legal information and international law librarian, lecturer in law, at Boston University School of Law, where he has worked for four years.

SHERYLL (SHAE) GIVENS (BA) writes, “I recently started up a marketing agency, Wildfire Marketing, LLC, based in Woburn, Mass., just 20 miles north of Boston. Find more info at wildfiremarketingllc.com.”

SCHAFER GRIMM (BA) is the manager of strategic business planning at the Institute for Technology Advancement, the business development arm for UCLA’s School of Engineering. He works with faculty and students to help commercialize technology developed at UCLA. His main focus is guiding teams in their transition from a university lab into a startup company.

NATALIE KRONFELDT (BA) reports that she and her husband, Lee, had a baby boy named Lachlan, who was born in September 2012. He joins big brother Quinn (August 2008) and sister Eden (March 2010).

VICTORIA RAMIREZ (BA, JD ’02) writes, “I have been engaging in adult behavior such as buying a house, going to work every day at the Office of the Primary Public Defenders (a job I LOVE), and cooking sensible meals nearly daily. #blessed”

LOUISE STANGER (EdD) has written *Falling Up: A Memoir of Renewal*. Stanger, who is the former director of alcohol and drug services for USD, is an interventionist, lecturer, professor, clinician and trainer. She says her book “dares the reader to reflect on owning their story as they witness the power that comes when we dare to get back up” and is a “must-read for behavioral health care professionals and those who know the trials and tribulations of having a family.”

KATHRYN (KOHN) TROLDAHL (BA) and her husband, Jeff, welcomed a baby boy to their family, Thomas Jeffrey Troidahl.


2000s

[2000] **AMALIA (RIVERA) LAWLESS (BA)**

writes, “My husband, Stephen, and I celebrated our 15th wedding anniversary on Oct. 21, 2015! We were married at The Immaculata. We are overjoyed to also announce that our beautiful baby boy, Jacob Elliot, was born on Sept. 30, 2012. His proud big sisters, Emily (born in 2005) and Leah (born in 2008), think he’s so much fun. Jacob is 3 years old and enjoying his first year of preschool. He loves dinosaurs, soccer and playing outside with his dogs. We’re so happy he’s joined our family!”

MARISOL PRESTON (BA) is the director of admissions at Father Ryan High School in Nashville, Tenn.

NICHOLLE WYATT (MA) is in her 16th year as the head college counselor at Our Lady of Peace High School in San Diego and she completed a two-year commitment as a school counselor representative to the National Catholic College Admission Association.

[2001]  **BRIANNA (BARR) GANSON (BA)** bought an Overland Park, Kan., pediatric dental practice, which she named Happy Teeth Dentistry. She and her husband, Troy, have two children, Knox and Brinkley.

FERNANDO REJON (BA) and Sofia (Sanchez) ’02 have been married for seven years. Fernando is the director of the Urban Peace Institute, a Los Angeles-based national social justice organization. Sofia is a business partner/clinical director of TASKids, an Orange County-based service provider for children and families with special needs. They have three energetic young boys: Pakal, Cruz and Santos. Between school, taekwondo and sports, they enjoy spending time with family and friends, including occasional weekend getaways.

CHRISTOPHER SMITH (BA) and his wife celebrated their seven-year wedding anniversary on Oct. 18, 2015. They also reported that their son, Preston, turned 3 on Sept. 6, 2015.

MICHAEL SPENCER (BA) writes, “After eight years as an engineer for the Combined Test Bed at SPAWAR Systems Center Pacific, I have taken a position as a Network Designer at the US Navy Network Design Facility.”

[2002] **DOLLY CHARLES DICKEY (BA)** teaches English 9 and Yearbook/Journalism at Southwest High School. She is married and has a 1-year-old son.

PRENTICE LE CLAIR (BA) writes, “I am spending lots of time with family! I’m currently busy at Roemer Industries; our company is expanding domestically and internationally. Finally, I’m getting back to the outdoors with some hunting and fishing. It’s time to get my 4-year-old Sebastian into the great outdoors.”

EMILY ROTH (BA) has returned to USD to work in the Mobile Technology Learning Center as a professional learning specialist, providing personalized professional learning to teachers and district leaders from various school districts, after spending 13 years teaching in international schools around the world (Kuala Lumpur, Abu Dhabi, Guatemala and Trinidad).

DAWN (JOCHUM) TORPIS (BA) moved to England in August 2015.

EBONY TYREE (BA) writes, “I’ve officially completed my family with a second child, born on Feb. 26, 2015. Returning to work has certainly been an adjustment. I currently teach in the USD English Department as adjunct faculty and work full time as an admissions specialist to international students at San Diego Mesa College.”

[2003] **JESSICA BATES (BA)** is the Oahu area director for Club Z!, an in-home tutoring and test preparation provider.

KIMBERLY BUCK (BA) has been teaching for 12 years for the Los Angeles Unified School District. She just started USD’s online Master of Education program through the School of Leadership and Education Sciences.

ESMERALDA (SOLÓRZANO) CHRISTENSEN (MA) retired from the Probation Department with 15 years of service as a probation officer. “I have been in private practice on a part-time basis for the last seven years and have been expanding that in the last year,” she says. “I now have two interns and am looking to hire a part time licensed therapist/counselor.”

JJ SKIP LIND (MS) announces that his wife, Candace Eckert ’03, was called to active duty in the Navy



HANNAH SIEGRIST

EMILY (QUILTER) MCCARTHY ’09 reports that she and Kevin McCarthy ’02 married in the fall of 2015. The couple met during Orientation Week in 1998 on a harbor cruise around San Diego Bay, during which playing cards were distributed to students and they were told to go “find their match”; Emily and Kevin were each given the Ace of Diamonds. The couple is expecting their first little Torero together in the fall of 2016. Kevin is a senior counterterrorism and firearms instructor at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (Homeland Security) in Brunswick, Ga, and Emily is a GIA graduate gemologist and “happy stepmom to his four kiddos from his previous marriage.”

to serve as the special assistant for diversity and inclusion to the chief of naval personnel.

DEVON MORAES (BA) returned one year ago from a five-year stay in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to complete the Nonprofit Management Certificate course in USD’s Division of Professional and Continuing Education. Devon is now an English instructor at Kaplan International and a nonprofit management consultant for the California Metabolic Research Foundation.

CAPERA (CLEMENT) NORINSKY (BA) and her husband, Igor, welcomed Capera Nellya to their family on Sept. 23, 2015. Capera reports that big brother Igby, 2, is thrilled to have a little sister! The family lives in Houston.

RYAN STACK (BA, JD ’06) reports that he and his wife, Heather (Barnes) Stack ’04, welcomed a son, Caleb Michael Stack, on Sept. 4, 2015. Caleb weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and was just over 20 inches long at birth. Ryan notes



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that big sisters Lydia and Madelyn are thrilled to have a baby brother.

CHRISTOPHER WILSON (BA) is the associate director of Alliance San Diego, a local nonprofit organization that promotes justice and social change.

[2004]
REBECCA (CLIFFORD) CARSON (BA) was elected a partner of Irell & Manella in January 2016. A member of the litigation and intellectual property practice groups, Rebecca works in Irell's Newport Beach, Calif., office. Named a rising star by *Super Lawyers* magazine each year since 2013, Rebecca handles an array of commercial litigation matters, with a particular focus on complex intellectual property and general business disputes. Rebecca maintains an active pro bono practice and serves on the firm's pro bono committee. She also is a board member of PLC Advocates, the junior board for the Public Law Center, a pro bono law firm that provides access to justice for low-income residents of Orange County.

MEGHAN DONOHUE (BA) moved across the country for a new job at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution with the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. She reports that she married in the fall of 2015.

MELISSA (PADGETT) RAMEL (BA) teaches at Francis Parker School after 11 years with Uni/Cathedral Catholic High School. "My husband, Mike, and I were married in June 2015, and we honeymooned in Jamaica," she says. "Looking forward to reconnecting with USD through the MENTORero program for former and current student-athletes!"

MICHELLE ROSALES-RUIZ (BA) is now a full-time working mom. She is the office manager for a law firm, and she gave birth to twin boys in May 2015.

MARIANN SANCHEZ (BA) is the new interim coordinator for graduate student life at USD.

LEA TROEH (BA) has lived in San Francisco for eight years and has worked in multiple arenas: large-scale endurance events, national health care nonprofits and local businesses. She says she is very proud of her work as a board member for Eatfresh.org and Leah's Pantry.

JAYME WYNN (BA, Med '06) is a resource teacher in the San Diego Unified School District. Jayme provides professional development to middle school English teachers and works with teachers to enhance their practice.

[2005]
SIMONE ANDO (BBA) graduated with honors from Seattle University in 2014, earning an MBA. She has been working at Microsoft since 2009.

JOSH BESER (JD) was named general counsel at Canary, a smart home security device firm. He lives outside of New York City with his wife, Chelsea, and two boys.

KRISTOPHER CARTER (BA) graduated from his family medicine residency at Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton and will be moving to Yokosuka, Japan, to be a shipboard medical officer.

BRANDON GAY (BA) is now a high school teacher and boys' basketball coach after a career as a professional basketball player in Europe.

CRAIG HENRICKSEN (IMBA) writes, "After nine years of working in product management for Bose and iRobot in Boston, I've taken a new role with a startup in the San Francisco Bay Area, serving as director of product management for Kinestral Technologies."

MAI-ANH "ANNIE" NGO (BBA) writes, "I am working on my PhD and dissertation at USD-SOLES. I am also an adjunct at Miramar College and do consulting work at a medical device company."

EDDIE PAJE (MA) is a part-time instructor in first-year programs and full-time Educational Opportunity Program counselor at California State University San Marcos.

SONYA (WILSON) SPARKS (BBA) reports that she and her husband, T.J., welcomed their first child, Raynor Sparks, last summer. Sonya and the Wilson family also restored the historic Sterling Hardware Building in the Gaslamp Quarter, which reopened as the Sparks Gallery, in March 2015. The gallery, owned and operated by Sonya, features local artists and art events. Sonya was a featured Torero on USD's alumni web page for a story

about starting a business and her experiences at USD.

ALLISON ST. JOHN (BA) writes, "I moved to San Francisco after graduation and 10 years later I'm still in the Bay Area working as a special education teacher. I've earned four master's degrees and three teaching credentials."

CHRISTINA (BERTSCH) THOMPSON (BA) lives in Los Angeles with her husband, Kyle Thompson '04, and works as a communications manager for Northrop Grumman.

BRIAN VALENZUELA (BAcc/MAcc) reports that he and his wife, Rosanne '05 "welcomed bambino No. 2 in April 2015." The couple celebrated 10 years of marriage in June 2015.

[2006] 🎓
JESSE ANDERSON (BS) says that he and his wife recently had their first child, Kaia Mae Anderson, born in May 2015. The couple bought a new home and moved to Littleton, Colo., in March 2015. Jesse was recently promoted to the position of associate scientist II at Upsher Smith Laboratories.

VALENTYNA BANNER (BA, MA '09) and her husband, Kelly Banner, welcomed a baby boy, Kruz Antonio Banner, at 11:05 a.m. on Sept. 16, 2015. He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

BRYAN GEIDT (BA) reports that he married in May of 2015 locally in San Diego. "Our wedding was featured in the *Union-Tribune* as well as *Exquisite Weddings* magazine."

JONATHAN HASKELL (BA) and Colleen (Moore) Haskell '06 welcomed a son, Chip Haskell, into the world on Sept. 11, 2015.

KELLY HUGHES (BA) reports that after graduating and earning her teaching credential, she has been teaching elementary school for the past nine years in her hometown of Benicia, Calif.

KEVIN MEISSNER (BBA) is a commercial real estate broker withushman & Wakefield. Kevin exclusively represents tenants.

STEVEN MERRELL (BA) writes, "Last year I was serving as a principal at a Title I Charter School. That school

was shut down by the state. I'm now teaching fifth grade at the Weilenmann School of Discovery and designing a K-12 charter school primarily focused on serving low-income students."

CAMILLE PATERSON (BA) started and continues to grow a successful coaching business, helping professionals to get and stay at their peak performance level.

DAVID PERLEBERG (BBA) reports that he married Andrea Hollander, an alumna of the University of Denver, on July 11, 2015, in Morrison, Colo. David is rapidly expanding his digital advertising firm in Denver. He was recently featured in a Facebook Global Marketing Partner case study for his client, TYME Hair.

EMILY POSTER (BA) lives in Portland, Ore., and works as a spokesmodel/product specialist for Toyota. She travels to all of the major international auto shows throughout the United States.

JENNIFER SCARBROUGH (BA) was promoted to program director at Kids Vision for Life. Jennifer and her husband, TJ, live in St. Louis.

LINDSEY SHERBURNE LITTLE (BA) has been working at Google for more than five years. She and her husband welcomed a son on July 9, 2014.

JoANN (BELLAFIORE) YORK (BA, BBA '06) reports that she married Tim York on May 16, 2015.

[2007]
GINGER BLACKMON (EdD) is an assistant professor and program chair for the Educational Leadership program at the College of Education, University of Alaska, Anchorage.

JULIA FERNANDEZ (BA) has been working for Heineken USA since 2013 and is now a regional coordinator. She also serves on the board of Wildcard Army, a nonprofit founded in honor of her cousin, Nixon Wildcard Hunter (wildcardarmy.org). "We help children and families with medical issues in their time of need, when insurance companies and the government can't or won't help," Julia says. She also returned to Europe with fellow alumna Deanna Villanueva last summer, which marked 10 years since her trip abroad with the USD program.

DIEGO MANZETTI (LLM) reports that he and his wife, Marika, were married in December 2012 and they have two daughters.

CAROLINE (BEASON) MASSEY (BBA) is an attorney with Parker Straus, LLP, in San Diego. She and her husband, Jamie Lewis Massey, recently celebrated the first birthday of their son with Caroline's parents. Her dad, Chris Beason, received his BBA from USD in 1979.

CARMEN (VALENCIA) McBRIDE (BBA) and her husband, Kevin McBride '07, welcomed their first child, a girl named Lily, in August 2014.

SARAH (HAHN) MIKSA (MA) and her husband, Wes, welcomed their first child, Mirabel, on May 17, 2015.

SHARON TOLAND (BA) and her husband, Kevin, recently celebrated the first birthday of their son, Jack. She accepted a position at Harris and Associates as project manager in environmental services, where she continues in her career of preparing and managing CEQA documents.

DONNA (CHAVEZ) TRUJILLO (BS/BA) and her husband welcomed their first baby, a boy named Bo Joaquin Trujillo, on Oct 10, 2015.

[2008]
STEFANIE BRYAN (BAcc, MS '09) has been working in San Diego since graduation and was promoted to audit manager at KPMG, LLP.

BRIAN EVAVOLD (BA) writes, "I am still on active duty and stationed at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) in Springfield, Va., just outside of D.C. I am approaching my retirement date of June 2018 faster than I can realize, making a 25-year naval career. I thank the facility and NROTC staff for all the support in getting this old sailor through the program and graduated in 2008. The best decision I ever made was to be a student at USD."

ANDREW GERRY (BA/BS) is an instructor for the MH-60S Knighthawk helicopter at HSC-3 North Island San Diego.

JENNA McKNIGHT (BA) says she is looking forward to graduating from USD's Master's Entry Program in Nursing in May 2016.

JOANNA PETERS (BA) writes, “This past August, I earned my doctorate (PsyD) from Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology, Yeshiva University. I just began my postdoctoral fellowship in pediatric neuropsychology at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.”

ALANNA STREI (BA) reports that she transitioned out of the U.S. Navy after seven years of honorable service and is now a Master of Business for Veterans candidate at USC Marshall School of Business. “I’m also an active sales agent at Reef Point Real Estate, helping fellow Toreros and veterans make home owning a reality!” she says.

TERISHA TAYLOR (BA) is traveling for work with the Walmart home office.

MALLORY WATERS (BA) works for a market research firm in Washington, D.C., providing consultation and strategy solutions for more than 30 health care clients across the country.

KIMBERLY WRIGHT (BA) reports that she married Jason Wright ’09 in September 2015 at Charles Krug Winery in St. Helena, Calif. In January, she joined Liberty Mutual’s Workers Compensation Insurance division as an attorney.

[2009]
LOU BARRIOS (BA/BS) is a math teacher in Escondido, Calif.

ELISABETTA COLABIANCHI (BA) returned from serving in Mozambique with the Peace Corps. “I have started a purpose-driven fashion company, Kurandza, that empowers women in Mozambique to earn a sustainable income and provide for themselves and their families!” she says.

HEATHER DIEROLF (PhD) is the director of Springall Academy, a school for students with mental illness and behavioral disorders.

ASHLEIGH LEATHERS (BBA) moved to Orange County, Calif., in August 2013. She is the Orange County Torero Club vice president and says she loves planning the Pageant of the Masters alumni event each year. Ashleigh has been with Bank of America for six years and still works from home for the company’s Attorney Network Firm Management department. “When I am not helping

out with my two nephews (ages 4 and 7) or volunteering for various organizations, I am traveling,” she says. “I was in Hawaii, Napa, San Francisco, San Diego, Vegas, Lake Tahoe this summer, and come 2016, I am off traveling again to the Virgin Islands (British and American), and Thailand with fellow alumna Kori Zornes and Hawaii.”

ARIANNA (CORONA) GROVE (BA) received a PhD in microbiology in May 2015 and is a medical writer in New York City. She reports that she married her husband, Thomas, in November 2015 in Charleston, S.C.

TOM NASH (BA, BBA) reports that he married Anne Perera ’11 in 2014. They met while studying abroad in the summer of 2009. They live in the South Bay area of Los Angeles and he says they are focusing on their careers while looking forward to starting a family.

SARA MONTES DE OCA (BA) graduated from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, with a Master of Arts degree in journalism and media studies. She is an associate producer for a local, independent television news network and produces a political talk show titled *On Point*.

JESSICA OURISMAN (BA) writes, “After USD, I moved to New York City and got my master’s degree from Columbia. Since, I’ve returned to San Diego and became a practicing clinician.”

EMILY SALVESON (BA) is a producer, writer and director in Hollywood, and she has a celebrity interview show called *Bath Time TV*. “Check it out at youtube.com/bathtimetv!” she says.

BRITTANY STRUCK (BA) works as a federal government fisheries biologist.

SARAH TIRA (BA) and her husband, Patrick Tira ’04, enjoyed a memorable camping trip to Zion National Park in Utah.

2010s

[2010]
REBECCA BERNHARDT (BA) is an academic coordinator for Student Sup-

port Services at USD, where she works with first-generation students, low-income students, students with documented disabilities and underrepresented students. “I have also just finished up my last year in the school counseling program at the School of Leadership and Education Sciences.”

MICHELLE BOWEN (BA) is an English instructor at Immaculate Heart High School in Los Angeles.

LYNETTE BREWER (MBA) is a contract specialist at SPAWAR headquarters.

MICHAEL COLICH (BBA) is working toward his MBA and Master of Real Estate Development at USC.

VIVIEEN FRANCIS (MA) says she has been passionate about art her entire life. With a BA in graphic design, she has worked as a full-time artist creating custom paintings and murals. Her passion for human rights and conflict resolution led her to obtain a master’s degree in peace and justice studies, specializing in conflict resolution. Combining these fields, she develops advocacy projects through the use of art and images, and has worked on programs of cross-cultural understanding between the United States and Mexico. Vivien also founded PIL LOVetalk, home textiles that she designs and produces with affirmations and empowering thoughts that people can incorporate into their homes. Her overall mission is to contribute to people’s well-being, inspiration and success. Since 2009, Vivien has lived in La Jolla, where she is close to the ocean and nature that inspires her art.

CHRISTOPHER HAYES (JD) was recently promoted to general counsel of the Small Business Investor Alliance (SBIA), a trade association representing private equity funds.

KATHARINE PETRICH HORN (BA, MA ’13) reports that she married John Ryan Horn on Aug. 15, 2015, in a private ceremony in Seattle. Alumni in attendance included Caitlin Ames, who performed the ceremony, and Beth and Bryce Knudson. Katharine is pursuing a PhD in political science at Northeastern University.

YESSENIA MUNOZ (BBA) works in vendor management for 10 call centers for Beachbody, LLC, a cor-

poration that uses direct response infomercials to sell fitness, weight loss, and muscle-building home-exercise DVDs such as *Tony Horton’s P90X* and *Shaun T’s Insanity*. “In my free time, I train in a salsa team as well as a world dance company,” Yessenia says. “I am currently training to compete at the Salsa World Championships. The Global Motion Company has given me the opportunity to travel to China and Italy! I hope to travel to Bolivia early next year to volunteer at a school for the deaf.”

EMMANUEL OROZCO (BA) announces: “After nearly five years at Kraft Foods/Mondelez Global as a retail sales representative, I entered the Benedictine formation program at Mount Angel Abbey in March 2015 seeking to serve God in his vineyard of prayer and work (*ora et labora*).”

ROSLYN WOODARD (EdD) writes, “I am teaching high school students, learning how to play golf and singing! Life is great!”

[2011] 🎓
MEGAN (McGURK) BRABSON (BA) reports that she married Rexford Brabson ’14, an alumnus of USD’s Law School. “We got married July 11, 2015, at Founder’s Chapel by Father Mike,” she says. “It was a dream come true!”

VICTORIA CABOT (MSEL) is a certified implementer of EOS (Entrepreneurial Operating System), an operating process that helps business owners gain more traction on their vision and business goals. She is also president of Velocity 6, a leadership development company.

ALANA CALISE (BA) was promoted to infectious disease program coordinator at the Community Research Initiative of New England.

BROOKE EINSPIANIER (BA) is a product manager with IBM. She has also been working with Watson to develop new ways to help teachers and transform education.

KIM HOGELUCHT (PhD) writes, “I hope everyone is well. I’ve been busy teaching, writing and presenting at various conferences.” In 2013, she presented a paper titled “Strategies for Student Engagement and

Retention in a Business Communication Hybrid Course Pilot” at the ACBSP (Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs) International Conference in Brussels, Belgium, and in 2014, she presented “Unique Business Assignment Fosters Partnerships Between Students and Business Professionals Leading to Internship Offers and Career Affirmation” at the ACBSP International Conference. “To my surprise, I received the award for Best Conference Presentation in 2013 and the award for Best Conference Paper in 2014,” she says. “I think of my USD peers often. I really cherish our many great times of learning and dialogue. I’d love to hear from you. Blessings, Kim.”

LAUREN MUNROE (BA) is in her third year of teaching fifth grade at a public school in Tustin, Calif. “While teaching takes a huge amount of time, energy and patience, I absolutely love what I do,” Lauren says.

ANNA (MORENO) PERKINS (BBA) reports that she was married to Noah Perkins of Cambridge, Mass., in December 2015 in Reykjavik, Iceland.

JENNA ROHRBACKER (BA/BS) writes, “I recently moved to Los Angeles for a new job at Northrop Grumman. I have been working as a structural design engineer since April 2015. I am currently working on the new trainer jet for the Air Force.”

ALEXIA ROSENBERG (BA) writes, “After working as an in-house graphic designer for three years at the Horizon Prep school, I was just hired as a marketing coordinator at the architecture firm, Gensler.”

WILL SCHMIDT (BA) is a senior writer with Tech.Co, currently writing about tech startups and entrepreneurial life in San Diego and the rest of the world. “I’ve covered multiple USD events like the V2 Pitch Competition and have worked with Regina Bernal to cover the young students graduating with companies (YesMan, Alumnify, etc.),” he says.

CAREY (MOELLER) SKAINS (BBA) began working as an ad sales planner for Scripps Networks (HGTV & DIY networks) in February 2015.



JOY BRUNETTI

[inspiring]

LIVING LA DOLCE VITA

Intersession in Italy opens eyes and minds

by Joy Brunetti ’01

Attending gelato university. Making and eating pasta from scratch. Hiking the Italian Riviera. Oh, and experiencing another culture on an up close and personal basis.

It sounds like a dream, but it was reality during January 2016 Intersession, when nearly 120 USD sophomores, six experiential learning professionals (including myself, pictured, in the lower right photo alongside USD Career Counselor Rhonda Harley), and six faculty members journeyed to Italy as part of the Second-Year Experience Abroad program. The idea? To become immersed in *la dolce vita* for three weeks. Students earned credits in subjects such as art history, chemistry and theology, while we guided them through immersive activities and excursions that took them far beyond their usual Stateside routines.

In preparing to experience Italian culture, students evaluated their own mindsets and how they’ve been influenced by American culture. This reflection prepared them to truly immerse themselves in multiple activities and locations, which were selected to provide variety and exposure to new experiences.

For example, students in Louis Komjathy’s Exploring Religious Meaning course were encouraged to look at the idea of gender through the prism of Italian society, art and religion. They investigated how men and women are portrayed

and the ways that these constructs continue to influence Italian life and work. Many students were struck by the way that gender roles in Italy differed from those in the United States.

But of even greater lasting impact was the excitement of exploring a foreign land. “I was constantly mesmerized by the vibrancy of the colored houses in Cinque Terre, the Sistine Chapel in Rome, Italian fashion, the graffiti art in Florence, and the endless plates of rich pastas,” recalls sophomore Caitlan Bertram, who took Komjathy’s class as well as several side trips around the country.

An on-site cooking class at the Apicius International School of Hospitality was a highlight. There chefs led students through making — and eating — a traditional three-course meal consisting of tagliatelle with fresh tomato sauce, chicken cacciatore and a Tuscan dolce named Schiacciata Fiorentina.

Students savored this and every meal in Florence and its environs, where it’s customary to spend hours enjoying food with friends and family in between morning and evening work shifts or classes. In fact, some commented that they were committed to spending more time with family and friends and less time with their phones and computers upon returning to the United States. 🇮🇹

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KELSI (MYERS) WILKINS (BBA) reports that she married Casey Wilkins '11 on Jan. 9, 2016, in Everett, Wash. Casey and Kelsi met while studying abroad in Hong Kong during Intercession 2011. "We moved to the Seattle area because Casey works for Microsoft and we absolutely love it up here in the Pacific Northwest," Kelsi says.

KURT G. WHITMAN (JD) has joined Cox, Castle & Nicholson LLP's Land Use & Natural Resources Team as an associate in the firm's Los Angeles office.

BIANCA (SALCIDO) WHITTAKER (MS) writes, "I've been married for a year to a wonderful man named Kyle Whittaker, who is a California Highway Patrolman in San Diego County. I'm a supervising psychiatric nurse practitioner at the San Diego Metropolitan Correctional Center with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. We had a little girl named Braylin Rose Whittaker in August of 2015 and I'm currently in graduate school: SDSU/UCSD Joint Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology."

[2012]
MICHAEL BYRNE (BA/BBA) is a financial representative with Capstone Partners in Newport Beach, Calif.

STEPHEN DUKE (MS) is a Lean Six Sigma management analyst at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

NAVEED FAZAL (BA) graduated from New York Law School with his Juris Doctor in May 2015 and he is now with Citigroup Global Markets as assistant vice president of fixed income compliance in New York.

MATT GIGLI (BA/BS) is a software engineer in the LTE Modem group at Qualcomm.

ANDREW GREGORKA (BA/BS) writes, "I have been working at an expansion joint manufacturing company for the past three years in San Diego. I have just finished my Master of Engineering program through NCSU."

ERIN GRIMES (BA) received a master's degree in international relations from the London School of Economics, and is currently a third-year law student at the University of San Diego School of Law.

SONYA JAMES (BA) graduated from Colombia University in December 2015 with a family nurse practitioner degree.

KATIE PEYMAN (BA) teaches English at Notre Dame Preparatory High School in Scottsdale, Ariz.

GREG ROBINSON (MBA) is a first-year PhD student in finance at the David Eccles School of Business at the University of Utah.

JAKE SCHULTE (BBA) is working at Kiip, a San Francisco startup. "I started as an intern after I graduated, and over the past three years have developed into the strategic partnerships manager for the company," he says. "It's been an awesome ride seeing the company grow and evolve, and living in SF has been incredible (besides the rent ...)."

GABRIELLE TARANTINO (BBA) is in social advertising in New York City.

COLLEEN TEMPLE (BBA) reports that she married Peter Doan '11 at The Immaculata. The wedding included more than 20 USD alumni. (See photo and caption on page 22.)

[2013]
JESSICA BUCKLEY (BA/BS) completed her master's thesis in mechanical engineering and graduated from the Colorado School of Mines in December.

TONI DeGURIE (BA) writes, "After finishing my two years with Teach for America in Dallas, I moved to San Antonio, Texas, to pursue a master's degree in higher education administration."

CLARK FLEMING (BS/BA) was promoted from PV designer, working with residential solar systems, to senior PV designer, working on commercial-scale systems. As a result, he relocated to the Sacramento, Calif., area.

CRAIG FOXHOVEN (BA) is a representative for Guayaki brand Yerba Mate beverage in Boston.

KASSI GRUNDER (MAPJ) lives in San Diego, where she is an assistant regional director at the Anti-Defamation League and founder of Evolution Consulting Group. Passionate about bringing people together for dia-

logue, Kassi has been facilitating talking circles, mediations, summits and trainings for over eight years. Much of her research has focused on transitional justice and restorative justice. She is active in restorative justice initiatives in San Diego, and in 2013 spoke at the International Institute for Restorative Practices on the topic of masculinity and restorative practices. Previously, Kassi lived in Anchorage, Alaska, where she worked in the realm of social justice, including community planning, education, food justice and combating sexual violence.

LISA HAWTHORNE (PhD) was promoted to dean for the School of Nursing and Graduate Nursing Studies at National American University.

KATIE JOHNSON (BA) finished her duties as a Teach for America Corps member, where she taught 12th grade special education in Chicago. She is in her first year of graduate school, working toward a master's degree in higher education. "With this degree I hope to go into higher education policy work on a state and national level," she says.

KIRK LEOPOLDO (BBA) has been an account executive with the San Diego Padres since graduation.

ERIN MARTINEK (BA) writes, "I have been a patrol deputy with the Washington County Sheriff's Office in Hillsboro, Ore., for a little over two years. I am loving it! I am also coaching volleyball!"

ELIZABETH MILLS (BA) moved to Los Angeles after living abroad in Northern England for the past year while completing a master's degree in conflict, security and development at the University of Bradford.

JOCELYN PAINTER (MBA) formed a venture that developed a new consumer electronics product, the Brio, a shockproof outlet and home safety system (www.BrioHouse.com). She has been involved with this project for almost two years.

MARK RASMUSSEN (MA) works with adult males in a dual-diagnosis treatment facility. Patients live in sober living homes while in treatment, he notes.

LUKE STAGER (BA) graduated in May 2014 from the Owen Graduate

School of Management at Vanderbilt University with a master's degree in finance. He has been a financial analyst with Asurion since June 2014.

COURTNEY STAHL (JD) joined Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld's Houston office as an associate in the labor and employment practice group.

[2014]
ROBERT BEATHARD (BAcc) is an associate in the assurance practice for PricewaterhouseCoopers.

KYLE CLAPP (BBA) is the Commercial Division Manager for Propulsion Controls Engineering, a full service electromechanical repair contractor that specializes in Naval ship repair. He spends his spare time volunteering at the local VA, helping veterans overcome PTSD.

THOMAS COBBS (BBA) was promoted to project manager of new product introduction within the procurement division of SpaceX.

DANA DOWSE (BA/BBA) works in Washington, D.C., where she focuses on policy research on legislation that affects California.

JORDAN EATON (BA) is an assistant chemist for a biotech company.

TRISHA GARCIA (MS) says, "Was hired by CSA as a senior consultant and division lead, supporting PEO C4I's Undersea Integration Program Office."

GARRETT HASBACH (IMBA) is a senior analyst for global cloud strategy at Ingram Micro.

RYAN INSALACO (BA) was hired by the San Diego County Sheriff's Department in October 2014. He graduated from the San Diego Regional Law Enforcement Academy in April 2015 and was sworn in as a deputy sheriff.

BIANCA CRUZ LEONARDO (BA) took a month-long trip to Australia after graduating in January 2014. "I came back with a forever travel bug and a renewed vision on life. I began doing Social Media + Marketing for a few local companies like Bon Affair Wine and Urban Beach House. With a passion for intuitive marketing and unique brand creation, I decided to explore my

entrepreneurial tendencies. Just earlier this year, I started my own henna art brand called Wanderlove Creations. Most recently, I'm also the marketing coordinator at PIA Agency, a local creative agency focused on video advertising. I love my creative, active lifestyle and have called Encinitas, Calif. home for over five years now."

ELISABETH (STEVENS) MCCARTHY (MA) reports that she married USMC 1st Lt. Michael McCarthy on Oct. 10, 2015, in Annapolis, Md.

LACEE PAPPAS (BA) is the alumni relations director for St. Michael's School, where she manages the annual fund in addition to running the alumni association. She is also the seventh-grade religion teacher, the retreat coordinator and the Mercy Corps adviser.

LOGAN PRATT (JD) spent a year practicing corporate law with Alverton Taylor Mortensen & Sanders in Las Vegas and then moved back to Portland, Ore., to work in-house for Caring Places Management, a company that offers senior care communities in the Pacific Northwest.

KATIE QUAN (BA) is in dental school at Boston University.

BYRON REIMHOFER (BA/BS) is a design engineer at NuVasive in San Diego.

DEBRA ROGERS (MA) is the Southern California relay outreach coordinator for Hamilton Relay, where she educates people about relay phone services to improve communication accessibility for individuals with hearing, vision or speech difficulties.

GINA SOTELO (MS) relocated to Florida this year.

KERRY STANKO (BA) teaches math at the Academy of Our Lady of Peace High School in San Diego.

[2015]
JEFFERY BUSH (BA) is in two master's programs at George Mason's School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution. He is a Master of Science (MS) candidate and a Master's International (MI) candidate. The MI program is jointly administered by the Peace Corps and



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[mentor]

READY TO DO GOOD THINGS

The legacy of a beloved teacher resonates

by Andrew Faught

It's been four decades since Glenn White '78 sat in rapt attention as teacher Francis Wilson '62 expounded on the wonders of biology at San Diego's St. Augustine High School.

"He had a reputation for being pretty darn good at what he did," White says, recalling his fascination at dissecting a fetal pig. "He knew his stuff, first of all. Mr. Wilson made biology come alive."

After a long and successful

career in biostatistics, which focuses on the development of statistical methods for biomedical research, White decided that some legacies shouldn't be forgotten.

In 2012, he donated \$60,000 to create a USD endowment, the Francis E. Wilson Jr. '62 Scholarship Fund. Awards are made to St. Augustine graduates who plan to major in biology or mathematics at the university.

When he learned of White's

plans, Wilson, a biology major at USD, was to the point: "I was very impressed. Glenn was among the top, if not my top student," he notes. "My legacy was to send USD good students, and Glenn is certainly the epitome of that."

For White (pictured, above), who lives in Upper Marlboro, Md., Wilson was more than just a great teacher. His favorite instructor was the single reason that White enrolled at the

university. "He just never stopped speaking well about it," White says. "It was simply a great school, from his perspective. I decided if it's good enough for Mr. Wilson, then I should look into it."

USD proved to be a perfect fit. White was drawn by the institution's small size and Catholicity. A self-described "B student," he majored in math and commends his academic advisers and professors for giving him extra attention in navigating his coursework.

For Wilson, himself a St. Augustine graduate who is retiring in June after a 50-year career in education, preparing young men for the world is about more than academics.

"I've had thousands of guys go through my classroom, but if I didn't teach you as a student you still certainly knew who I was and what I stood for," he says. "These guys might not become biologists, but they're going to be really good guys — a good man, a good father and a good person — ready to do good things."

After USD, White went on to earn a master's degree in biostatistics from the University of Vermont. In 1980, the U.S. Census Bureau hired him as a mathematical statistician. He worked there for 11 years, creating methodologies for measuring population and unemployment. He then spent 16 years as a senior manager at auditing firm Ernst & Young, leading a team of statisticians.

These days he's semi-retired, working part time and doing statistical work for the National Academy of Sciences, traveling (he's been to 20 countries at last count, and this summer plans to join friends in piloting a 41-foot sailboat along the Norwegian coast), and taking part in activities with the Washington, D.C., Torero Club.

Through it all, Wilson's influence has loomed large: "He was like a perfect father, who was also loyal to his faith and the Lord." ☪

George Mason University. "Being a part of this dual program will enable me to prepare for Peace Corps volunteer service while earning my master's degree in conflict analysis and resolution." Jeffery has accepted a volunteer position as a secondary English teacher in China beginning June 2016. After 27 months, he will return to George Mason to finish his master's degree. "This program will empower me with a knowledge base that will allow me to more effectively meet the challenges of navigating community issues of communication, public participation and just governance that will inevitably arise during my field service."

LISET GODINEZ (BA/BBA) is a member of the 2015 Teach for America Corps, where she teaches sixth grade at the Chula Vista Learning Community Center.

MARIA LLAMAS (BA) is a graduate student at USD, pursuing a Master's in Education and a teaching credential.

JULIANA LOCKWOOD (BA) entered a master's program in marriage and family therapy at Northwestern University after graduating from USD. "I have already begun my clinical internship, where I see couples, families and individuals at our clinic right across from the bean in Millennium Park," she says. "Not only do I see clients in an office setting, I make home visits through our community program that offers free mental health services." Juliana also participates as a research assistant for the Systematic Therapy Inventory of Change.

CHRISTIAN MARTIN (BBA) works for Street Soccer USA and is a student in the University of San Francisco sport management program.

NICHOLAS REMER (BBA) writes, "Since graduation, I have been focused on building my company and am now transitioning over to the finance sector."

MIKE TIRA (BA) teaches seventh grade math in the San Diego Unified School District.

KAVIN TJAHN (BBA) is a search-ranking analyst at Facebook.

KIMBERLY WOODBURY (BA/BS) is in the LSG Operations Rotation Program at Thermo Fisher Scientific in Carlsbad, Calif.

In Memoriam

KERRY DINEEN passed away in November 2015. Kerry played on the USD baseball team for three years, from 1971 to 1973, where he was recognized as a three-time NCAA Division II All American outfielder, a two-time Torero team MVP, and the first Torero to make it to the major leagues. After his 1973 season, he was drafted by the New York Yankees and made his major league debut on June 14, 1975. His career, which included a brief stint with the 1976 Yankees team that went on to win the World Series, concluded in 1978 with Philadelphia. Kerry is survived by his wife, Jamie, and his children, Kerry Jr., Cory and Katie; grandchildren; and a sister and a brother.

PATTY (TAMULONIS) FOSTER '71 (BA) passed away on Jan. 15, 2016. She was 66. Patty graduated from USD with a degree in art, worked in the real estate title insurance business for 21 years and then operated "Joe on the Go Coffee" at Camp Pendleton for 12 years. She was an accomplished artist who loved to paint; she also collected Native American pottery and jewelry. She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Bill Foster; two brothers and two sisters.

PATRICIA WOHLGEMUTH MANEELY '58 (BA), a proud graduate of the College for Women, passed away in 2015.

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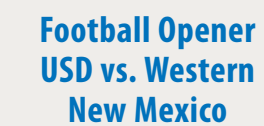
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