

Getting to Know ... Tyler Mariucci and Marcy Lanoue

While Tyler Mariucci and Marcelline Lanoue are new to USD, both are veterans of winning university athletics programs. The pair, who were brought on board by Associate Vice President for Athletics Bill McGillis, have a wealth of experience from eight NCAA Division I institutions.

Most recently, Mariucci was associate athletics director for sports administration and development for the University of Maryland. He's now USD's senior associate director of athletics for development. Lanoue comes from the University of Southern Mississippi, where she was the associate athletic director for development. She's now USD senior associate director of athletics for external affairs.

Following is a lighthearted introduction to this pair of campus newcomers.

A Huge Impact

One of the coolest things about my background was that I got to be around some of the best NFL players that ever played: Reggie White, Brett Favre, Jerry Rice, Steve Young and so forth. One afternoon, the late great Reggie White and his kids came over to our house and played pickup football with his family and all the neighbors' kids. That was a great experience.

It was really, really cool to be around all of those guys, help them warm up before practice, whether it was throwing the ball with them or stretching or working out with them in the weight room. I always aspired to be just like them, not only as players, but because they were also great people. Being around not just NFL Hall-of-Famers, but everyone who played the game at such a high level, made a huge impact on my life, in a really special way.

— Tyler Mariucci

Now for Something Completely Different

My junior year of high school, my parents wanted me to find a part time job, so a friend helped me get a job in telemarketing. It was brutal. People would hang up on you; I was trying to sell something different every day. I only lasted a short time, then I got a job at Sports Authority, which was a much better fit.

— Marcy Lanoue

One job I had that's totally unrelated to what I do now was in college: I was a busboy at a steakhouse called Tahoe Joe's in San Luis Obispo. One day, I had the urge to make a few extra bucks and went around town with my limited resume, and Tahoe Joe's hired me. I did it for six months and enjoyed the work. I'd go to school and practice, then go bus tables at night. It was kind of fun.

— Tyler Mariucci

Read Anything Good Lately?

I love reading. I'm all about professional development books, what some call "self-help." I call them "self-encouraging" and "self-empowering." Right now, I'm reading *The Happiness Advantage* by Shawn Achor, who is a professor at Harvard. If you put yourself in situations and are intentional about surrounding yourself with happiness and surrounding others with happiness, you're going to have that much more success in your professional life, in your personal life and be able to influence others in a strong way. I like that, and I like the science behind it all, it's not just theory.

— *Marcy Lanoue*

Being a man of faith, I've made a commitment to myself that I am going to put down any other books until I'm done reading the New Testament. That's my commitment to myself and to my faith.

— *Tyler Mariucci*

Dreaming About Dinner

My favorite meal of all time is at the House of Prime Rib in San Francisco. Any time I can get up there and get a slab of prime rib, English cut, with a chopped salad and cream of spinach, that's my favorite, hands-down.

— *Tyler Mariucci*

My favorite meal, no doubt about it, would be a ribeye, it's got to be charred, cooked medium, with a side of asparagus and garlic mashed potatoes. Ideally, sitting on a patio with good tunes playing and family around me.

— *Marcy Lanoue*

What Surprises People to Know About You?

Most people might not know I've been playing the acoustic guitar since I was 12 years old. I usually have kept my performances only to family and close friends, however, there was a time in high school and college when I professionally recorded a dozen songs or so, led worship for a number of church groups and once played at the local coffee shop in San Luis Obispo. My only audience that day were my college teammates. If I remember correctly they gave me a few courtesy claps, but probably a few more laughs!

— *Tyler Mariucci*

What's Your Soundtrack?

I love everything, musically. I was so close with my dad, who has passed away. Anytime we were in the car together, which was a lot, my dad would test me about what was on the radio. He'd ask me, "What band is this?" We listened to a lot of classic rock. I listen to it now because I

love it and because it helps me remember him. His favorite was a mix between the Marshall Tucker Band and the Allman Brothers.

— *Marcy Lanoue*

Who Plays You in the Movie About Your Life?

Definitely Sylvester Stallone. He's an Italian guy, and back when I was at my peak in the eighth grade, we probably looked similar. I grew up watching *Rocky* and *Rambo* movies and I always thought he was a great actor. I always aspired to be as fit as he was in his movies and thought he was pretty cool.

— *Tyler Mariucci*

Words to Live By

The best piece of advice I've ever received is something my mom tells me all the time. Anything that comes from your parents is probably pretty important, because they know you the best. She always tells me, "Continue to be humble and hungry. Don't forget where you came from." She wants to help me remain humble and be grateful for where I came from and try to pass along any influence I can have on others in a good, positive way.

— *Marcy Lanoue*