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## *Sisterhood Rules*

The legacy of the **RELIGIOUS OF THE SACRED HEART** remains profound at USD, and is **WOVEN** into the very fabric of our campus

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## FILLING HIS SHOES

The power of community proves inspirational



“Good morning, Madame President,” my coach enthused, shaking me from my early morning daze. Then, after introducing Dr. Harris as the newest (temporary) addition to USD’s cross country and track team, I began relieving him of his executive duties, attempting to fill his shoes while he ran in mine.

Over the span of the next 10 hours, my day was filled with back-to-back meetings and discussions with community members from USD and beyond our campus. After giving a presentation to the San Diego City Council, hosting seven meetings, a luncheon, a fireside chat, and participating in two interviews, I emerged from my presidency exhausted, and in awe of Dr. Harris’s ability to juggle his workload.

Through this experience, I gained far more than a better understanding of the responsibilities that come with being a university president: What I ultimately gained was inspiration and hope. Acting as president exposed me to our university’s complex ecosystem, and allowed me to witness and experience the power of diversity in action. In all of my meetings, I was impressed with how much the diverse university staff cares about improving the quality of students’ living and learning environments.

The most inspiring meeting of the day, however, was my luncheon with student leaders.

I met with students representing a wide variety of campus organizations: Associated Students, Torero Program Board, Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program, Nonprofit Club, Homeless Outreach Student Transition Program and the Student Changemaker Committee. Together, we started a dialogue about the ways in which USD students can become more educated about, and involved in, tackling issues of food insecurity on our campus and in our surrounding communities.

I was inspired as I listened to these students expressing a clear passion for developing a campus community that is thoughtful, inclusive and involved. They proposed innovative and insightful ideas to value the experiences, promote the dignity and ensure the quality of life of all individuals on our campus, in San Diego, and globally. I walked away from that meeting deeply moved to see how powerful the collaboration of diverse, impassioned and compassionate individuals can be.

Overall, through my interactions that day with faculty, staff, students, administrators and community members, I was reminded that when individuals from diverse backgrounds come together in spaces where their perspectives and experiences are heard and validated, real, positive and lasting change can occur. Everyone has something unique and valuable to bring to the table, and the more individuals who are offered a seat, the richer the discussion and the outcomes will be. We are an institution of student-led change, where efforts are driven by a compassionate desire to build an inclusive campus, city and world.

Now that I have graduated, I want to encourage those of you (lucky!) ones with more time at USD: Whoever you are and whoever you are becoming, your voice matters and you have a seat at the table here. Whatever you care about in our chaotic, modern world, you can be the Changemaker that makes a difference.

— Olivia Gonzalez '17  
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The Most Reverend Robert McElroy, bishop of the Catholic Diocese of San Diego, has praised the ongoing relationship between the diocese and the University of San Diego.

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# CREATING A CLEAR PATH

## Diocese high school students offered a Torero Promise

by Ryan T. Blystone

From an initial vision to the present, the University of San Diego and the Catholic Diocese of San Diego have a long and rich history of collaboration and working for the common good.

The diocese was instrumental in the university's early years.

Since the San Diego College for Women merged with the College for Men and School of Law to form the USD we know today, the institution has been governed by an independent board of trustees. By charter, that board includes the bishop of the San Diego diocese or his dele-

gate and another appointee, as well as members of the Religion of the Sacred Heart.

In the spirit of this bond, it was only natural that when USD, its board of trustees, President James Harris and top administrators were envisioning the university's educational future, they

focused on concrete ways to better serve and support the city, the diocese and local college-aspiring students as an anchor institution. The end result was a plan to establish a true connection between USD and the diocese.

Enter the Torero Promise, an

idea created by Stephen Pultz, assistant vice president for enrollment. The program will give students attending one of five Catholic high schools within the Diocese of San Diego, which include the Academy of Our Lady of Peace, St. Augustine, Mater Dei, Cathedral Catholic and Vincent Memorial, a "clear and direct pathway" to continue their Catholic education at USD.

"It's really a guaranteed admissions program," explained Pultz. "It's an opportunity for high school students — who, at the end of their junior year, have at least a 3.7 weighted grade-point average and have taken a solid comprehensive college prep program and challenged themselves appropriately — to be guaranteed admission to USD by filling out an application during their senior year."

The Torero Promise is effective for incoming Fall 2017 USD students, but the most noticeable measurement will be among current high schoolers.

On Feb. 14, USD hosted an event celebrating the Torero Promise and other initiatives that form the latest aspects of the university's collaboration with the diocese. President Harris, Bishop Robert McElroy, and USD's Dean of the School of Leadership and Educational Sciences Dr. Nicholas Ladany spoke about the initiatives.

In his remarks, Bishop McElroy praised the ongoing relationship between the diocese and the university.

"For all that this Torero Promise symbolizes of the linkage — the bond of love and affection, of faith and fidelity — between this university and the Diocese of San Diego, I thank you," he said. "And I thank you for adding this powerful voice in answer to the question of national debate, 'What makes a Catholic university?' When I look at all that has been accomplished and undertaken by the university, I say this does."

Pultz echoed those sentiments. "Being founded by the diocese and being a school that has had such a close connection to the education of our Catholic students in San Diego, we wanted to look at how we could better support these students," Pultz said. "The college admissions process can be a very complicated one. Students are faced with many choices and different opportunities. We wanted to make a very clear statement that USD can be a great option for students in our local parishes and local diocese."

The Torero Promise not only provides a clear path to admission to USD for students, but it also adds to the university's other work with the diocese. "There are more than six collaborative initiatives between the School of Leadership and Educational Sciences and the diocese," says SOLES Dean Nicholas Ladany. "One example is our Academy of Catholic Teaching, which aims to provide Catholic schools with highly qualified teachers."

Pultz points out that the ultimate goal is to really work together toward a common purpose. "We're trying to forge closer relationships by matching up the needs of the schools with the expertise and opportunities of the university."

In the end, it's all interconnected. "The Torero Promise helps us fulfill the role we have as an anchor institution," Pultz says. "It supports our Catholic identity, and we know that these students bring so much to the university in terms of their commitment to service, their strong academic abilities, and their desire to make a difference and become Change-makers. For all of these reasons, we're really excited about the students who will benefit, and believe that we'll see more students stay here in San Diego and choose to enroll at USD."

Go to [sandiego.edu/promise](http://sandiego.edu/promise).



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[President for a Day]

**OLIVIA GONZALEZ '17** switched places with USD President James Harris on May 9. "It's been a whirlwind," Gonzalez said. "I've gotten a taste of the many different things Dr. Harris does." Among the highlights of her day were touring City Hall and meeting San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer (pictured), and talking with a cross-section of the community at a Fireside Chat on campus. For Harris, the day started early. He joined the track team's 6:00 a.m. workout, spent time with the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and attended Honors Program student presentations. His favorite part of the day was "watching Olivia shine in her role as president. She was just glowing from the experience. People who met Olivia came away knowing that if she's an example of a USD student, then we're in a very good position." Find our more at [sandiego.edu/2017PresDay](http://sandiego.edu/2017PresDay).



The Scripps Mercy Trauma Internship program lets pre-medical students from the University of San Diego get a closer look at doctor-patient relationships.

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# HEALING PROCESS

USD students are getting a close look at trauma



by Allyson Meyer '16

Pages beeping, moments of chaos and calm, staff assisting patients. This scene greets University of San Diego students in the Scripps Mercy Trauma Internship program.

Originating through a collaboration between USD alumna Jessica Kahl '10 and Scripps Mercy Hospital physicians Steven

Shackford and Michael Sise, the inaugural course was offered in Fall 2010. Since then, the program has continued to provide pre-medical students from USD with a close look at doctor-patient relationships at a leading health care institution.

"There's nothing like the anticipation of walking into the trauma bay," says Madeline Not-

oli, a biology major at USD. "Not only did I observe medical procedures performed right in front of me, but I had doctors of all ages and positions explaining to me what was happening."

Open to juniors and seniors, this opportunity is available through the College of Arts and Sciences and is coordinated by Cassandra Gomez, USD's

director of pre-health advising, Michael Ichiyama, an associate professor with the department of psychological sciences, and Shackford and Sise, who are leading surgeons with Scripps Health.

Ichiyama, the program's internship advisor, credits the latter pair with developing this unique opportunity for students.

"The Scripps internship, which involves a formal collaboration between a liberal arts institution and a local medical center, is specifically designed to provide a practical learning experience for undergraduate pre-med students," he says. "It's the only one of its kind in the country."

For Jessica Paul, who is studying behavioral neuroscience, the program is an opportunity for her to give back to the community.

"It's an especially important program for the Changemaker mission of USD, because Scripps Mercy Hospital receives patients from low-income populations, patients who don't have insurance, patients who may be from across the border or without U.S. citizenship," she says.

For Shackford, the ultimate benefit is that students are taking what they learn and applying it in their lives. "The program helps to spread the Catholic mission of the Sisters of Mercy among USD students." 📱

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## WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

### Student law team wins big

by Katie Pinto

Only 12 teams get to compete at the national rounds of the Transactional LawMeet. In 2017, two of those teams were from USD's School of Law. The program officially began in the 2015-16 academic year. This is the first year that the university sent two teams to the regional competitions.

In Feb. 2017, two transactional law teams — comprised of law students Brandon Rebboah, Nina Sugar-Carlsgaard and Ryan Kelly on the third-year team and law students Rachel Ross, Jason Miller and Brandon Shaw on the second-year team — competed in the regional rounds of the eighth annual Transactional LawMeet. Both teams won their competitions and advanced to the national rounds, held on March 31 in New York; the third-year team was named national champion on the seller side.

"I am so thankful for Dean Ferruolo's guidance; we couldn't have done it without his mentorship," says Rebboah. "I'm equally proud of the second-year team for also making the National LawMeet."

Ferruolo was faculty advisor to both teams. At the Los Ange-

les regional competition, the second-year team was coached by Julie Robinson, of counsel in the San Diego office of Cooley LLP. Dean Ferruolo coached the third-year team at the Denver regional competition and accompanied both teams to the national rounds.

The program was organized to offer students a "moot courtlike" experience in a transactional setting, giving law students hands-on experience in developing and honing transactional lawyering skills. The National Transactional LawMeet gives students an opportunity to compete against other schools in the realm of "dealmaking," presenting them with essential challenges in transactional problem solving — the very type that corporate attorneys or in-house counsel tackle on a daily basis.

"We are so proud of our students' successes," says Frank Partnoy, George E. Barrett Professor of Law and Finance. "Our law school has a sophisticated, cutting-edge business law program, and our students and graduates are prepared to compete at the highest levels, nationally and internationally." 📱



## GIFTS AT WORK

Matthew E. Craig '03 (BS/BA) and his wife, Jessica, recently made a \$50,000 pledge to endow the Rick Olson Engineering Scholarship. Matt credits Dr. Olson with turning his life around while he was a student, by challenging him to put as much energy into his studies as he devoted to playing football. Matt is excited to pay it forward by supporting future engineering students in Dr. Olson's name; he hopes that the fund will continue to build so that it can provide maximum support to deserving engineering students. To contribute, please contact [elurkis@sandiego.edu](mailto:elurkis@sandiego.edu).

Wes Wasson is passionate about the role of business and technology to change the game in areas like women's empowerment, financial inclusion and poverty alleviation. After more than 20 years as a senior executive in Silicon Valley, Wasson founded DreamStart Labs, a social impact tech startup helping underserved women break the cycle of poverty. When the Kroc School board member heard that Dean Patricia Márquez wanted to transform a small, dark and underutilized space into a bright, open innovation lab, he made a lead gift of \$70,000 to support the new learning and collaboration space, to be named the Wasson Social Innovation Lab.

The Hon. Lynn Schenk '70 (JD) provided the initial seed funding to name the School of Law's Center for Corporate and Securities Law after her late husband, Professor C. Hugh Friedman, through an IRA distribution gift. During his 55-year association with the School of Law, Friedman was beloved by his colleagues and inspired generations of students. The school aims to raise

\$2.5 million in order to name the Center for Corporate and Securities Law after Professor Friedman. Those who are 70½ years or older can give up to \$100,000 from an IRA directly to a qualified charity such as USD without having to pay income taxes on the funds.

Rosemary George Straley, a graduate of Harvard and Stanford who has supported the Institute for Peace and Justice at the Kroc School since 2008 and served on the Women Peace-Makers Advisory Committee, took advantage of high returns on USD's charitable gift annuities by making a \$150,000 gift that will pay interest for her lifetime and provide support for the school as her legacy. Straley's Peace Corps service and career in international development have taken her to 148 countries, where she has worked tirelessly to increase the economic, political and social empowerment of women.

The Copley Foundation has awarded \$27,500 to USD's Military and Veterans Program, which provides student-focused services to all USD military-connected students, from their initial consideration of higher education through services when enrolled, and as they transition to alumni status. Derek Abbey coordinates the program. USD's military-related population approaches 700 individuals.

The W.M. Keck Foundation has awarded USD's Humanities Center a \$250,000 grant. The funding will be used to support a number of exciting programs, including the newly created Keck Undergraduate Humanities Research Fellows Program, and the development of new collaborations between the humanities and other academic areas of inquiry at USD. The Humanities Center, which officially opened in 2016, is uniquely student-centered, supporting active learning across disciplinary boundaries.

Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science Dean Sally Brosz Hardin, PhD, RN, FAAN, has much to be proud of when reflecting upon her 14 years in the role.

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# TRULY A WORK OF HEART

After 14 years, School of Nursing Dean Sally Hardin to step down



by Timothy McKernan

There is an irony to Sally Hardin stepping down after 14 eventful years as dean of the Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science. Before returning as a professor at the school, Hardin will take a sabbatical to write its history — a history in which she has played a pivotal role.

Founded in 1974, the Hahn School had laid a solid foundation in graduate education by the time Hardin succeeded Janet Rodgers as dean in 2003.

“The faculty and staff were top-flight,” Hardin recalls, but the school was also coping with the growing pains that come as a

new school morphs into an elite institution.

Advents in technology as well as the role of nursing itself in the health care pantheon were evolving. Faculty and staff needed to be recruited. Gender equity in the profession dominated by women needed to be promoted.

Revenue streams needed to be enlarged and increased. Facilities needed in some cases to be modernized; in others to be created from scratch.

Fast-forward 14 years.

The little school that could, now one of the highest ranking Catholic graduate nursing schools

in the U.S., according to an independent ranking, recently expanded into the state-of-the-art quarters of the Betty and Bob Beyster Institute for Nursing Research, Advanced Practice, and Simulation. The student population has tripled, consisting of some 20 percent males, with an overall diversity percentage of approximately one-half. The faculty has likewise tripled and includes the school’s first endowed chair — Robert Topp, BSN, MSN, PhD.

The school that had received about \$1 million in grants between 1974 and 2003 (and an additional \$4 million in grants and gifts to build the Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science building) has since generated more than \$22 million in grants and \$20 million in gifts.

Perhaps most significantly, Hardin has been instrumental in turning the school’s focus toward research.

“A lot of nursing has always been: We do this because this is how we’ve always done it,” Hardin says, leading into her definition of what sets USD nursing alumni apart. “Our nurse-scientists gather data and conduct research to change and improve patient care and its outcomes.”

That effort has led to tangible success. The Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science is currently ranked in the top 5 percent in *U.S. News & World Report’s* list of graduate nursing schools. That success is “not my opinion,” says the outgoing dean so dedicated to the empirical world of research. “That’s based on hard data.”

Hardin says she’s looking forward to pursuing other passions, including more leisure time with her husband, Thomas, and work with the Pasadena International Film Festival. But the Hahn School will always have a special place for her.

“Irene Palmer, the founding dean, used to call me the daughter she never had,” Hardin says. “This school and the people aren’t like family — they are family.”

[inspiring]

## JOINED TOGETHER

Relay for Life a supportive space

by Ryan T. Blystone

Mere mention of the word “cancer” evokes emotion. It’s rare for someone to not be affected in some capacity by this deadly, debilitating disease. However, discussing cancer can be difficult. That’s one of the reasons that for nine years, USD has hosted the annual American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life event, which invites the campus community to come together in solidarity and support.

“This is when everybody can come to one place, for a set amount of time, and talk about it,” says Emma Doolittle, student event director for this past April’s USD Relay for Life event.

Relay for Life events demonstrate USD’s commitment to fundraise in support of cancer research. Doolittle says the 2017 event raised \$15,000 through the work of multiple teams within Fraternity and Sorority Life, the USD chapter of Colleges Against Cancer, the USD HERO Club, Outdoor Adventures, USD LifeSavers, a team comprised of USD faculty and staff, and others. More than \$200,000 has been raised since 2009.

The 18-hour event — which begins on a Friday afternoon and runs overnight, spilling into late Saturday morning — mixes seriousness with fun.

An opening walking lap on USD’s Valley Field is taken by cancer survivors. A second lap honors caretakers. From there, all participants begin to do laps. The military-connected USD HERO Club members perform the circuit while wearing a 50-pound rucksack in the spirit of their military-style workouts.

Team activities in 2017 included bubble soccer, Wiffle ball and a giant Jenga game.

Being together has the most resonance during the evening luminaria ceremony, when students and staff share their personal stories. Participants do laps in semi-darkness, with the only light coming from paper luminaria bags that line the track with messages of love and hope written on each.

“This light represents the love we share, it burns bright for others to see and is brightest in the hearts and souls of those who will always be part of us,” said Doolittle.



[etc.]

History professor Kenneth P. Serbin met with Pope Francis on May 18, one of 50 credentialed guests at a historic papal audience with Huntington’s disease families at the Vatican. Serbin is an advocate in the fight against the fatal genetic disease; he inherited a mutated form of the Huntington gene from his mother, who died of the disease. “Because of the stigma associated with the disease, HD families often remain in the terrible and lonely ‘HD closet,’” Serbin said before the meeting. “With the pope’s blessing and recognition, we can liberate HD sufferers from the shame and stigma and move on to finish the hard work of developing a cure!”

USD will host its ninth annual Wine Classic July 15-16; proceeds support the Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund. Thirty wineries, each owned or managed by alumni, parents or friends will be participating. Since its inception, the event has raised \$400,000 to benefit students. To learn more, please go to [www.sandiego.edu/wineclassic](http://www.sandiego.edu/wineclassic).

The Center for Ethics, Economics and Public Policy — an interdisciplinary center that promotes research and education about the institutional and moral framework of a free society — was launched this spring at USD. The center, a collaborative effort between the College of Arts and Sciences and School of Business, was established with \$1.8 million in gifts from seven donors. Philosophy professor Matt Zwolinski, who has been a faculty member since 2003, has been named as center director. Learn more at [www.sandiego.edu/ceepp](http://www.sandiego.edu/ceepp).

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# HE'S CATCHING FIRE

Riley Adams has the tools he needs to make it to the next level



BROCK SCOTT

Catcher Riley Adams is catching the interest of major league scouts. For the past four years, a Torero has been taken in the draft's first three rounds.

by Timothy McKernan

The Toreros had finished pregame warm-ups and, in USD tradition, some of the players were completing final groundskeeping chores: dragging and watering the infield, ensuring a rosin bag was placed just so behind the pitching rubber.

Torero fans found their seats on the third base side; a tiny handful of UC Irvine Anteaters faithful gathered along first base.

Behind home plate, a dozen or so men were scattered

among the Torero fans. They weren't there for peanuts, popcorn and Cracker Jack. They were armed with notebooks, stopwatches and radar guns.

Scouts for major league teams, they were at Fowler Park to evaluate in person a very short list of those who may be able to play at the game's highest level.

Torero catcher Riley Adams was at the top of their lists.

Adams, who prepped at San Diego's Canyon Crest Academy, was among the 55 players on

the 2017 Preseason Golden Spikes Award List, as well as being a preseason All-America and a candidate for the Johnny Bench Award, given annually to college baseball's best catcher.

"With most every player, there's what we call the 'yabut' syndrome: He can throw; yeah, but he can't hit. He can hit; yeah, but he can't run," says Torero coach Rich Hill.

"It's not that Riley doesn't need to improve on things — sometimes he needs to shorten up his

swing and work on throwing accuracy — but he's got all the tools to be a great pro. Catching is the most difficult position on the field. You have to position the defense, handle the pitchers and then do a 180 and become a hitter.

"Riley's very cerebral, and he handles that challenge as well as anybody."

Fowler Park has in recent years become a regular stop for major league scouts. Adams is the latest in a line of Toreros who have commanded attention from major league baseball teams on draft day.

In 2016 alone, four USD players were tabbed by major league teams: Bryson Bergman (Seattle Mariners), Ryan Kirby (San Francisco Giants), Gary Cornish (New York Mets), and Taylor Kaczmarek (Kansas City Royals).

Bergman's selection marked the fourth consecutive year a Torero was taken in the draft's first three rounds, following Kris Bryant (Chicago Cubs, 2013), Connor Joe (Pittsburgh Pirates, 2014) and Kyle Holder (New York Yankees, 2015).

Adams could well make it year number five.

"Lots of scouts tell me Fowler Park is their favorite destination," Hill says.

"And it's not just because it's a beautiful ballpark on a beautiful campus in a beautiful city."

## GETTING TO KNOW ...



ZACH BARRON

### LOUISE LIEBERMAN

**AGE:** 40 **HOMETOWN:** Los Angeles  
**CREDENTIALS:** As both

a player and a coach, Lieberman left an indelible imprint on the UCLA Women's Soccer program; now, she's thrilled to helm USD's program. "I've made a lot of good decisions trusting my heart and my gut, and I couldn't be happier about this opportunity. There's plenty of talent on this team, and I'm really looking forward to seeing what we can accomplish." **DECISIONS, DECISIONS:** "My mom is from Brazil, and my dad is from Philadelphia. He grew up playing tennis and my mom grew up playing soccer on the beach. I would have loved to have played both all the way through high school, but it was just too tough to commit the time, and I knew in my heart soccer was where my future was." **A FIRE INSIDE:** Lieberman focuses on finding student-athletes who will put in the work. "First and foremost, it's the character of someone. School and soccer both need to be taken seriously. For me, character comes before soccer, which might sound a little strange, but that's what I focus on when I'm looking for players. That's how they get better, and we get better." **IN THE PRESENCE OF GREATNESS:** Lieberman cherishes the time she spent playing with soccer legend Mia Hamm. "I played a year with the Washington Freedom, and I was a teammate of Mia's. She taught me so much about how to conduct myself on and off the field, and the work it takes to be the best. As great of a soccer player as she was, she's an even better person, and that's not an exaggeration."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

**Senior cornerback Jamal Agnew** was selected in the fifth round of the 2017 NFL draft by the Detroit Lions. He becomes just the second Torero to be drafted (Josh Johnson was selected in the fifth round in 2008 by Tampa Bay). A two-time defensive MVP and a first team All-Pioneer Football League performer, Jamal finished his outstanding career as the program's all-time leader in passes defended with 59. In 44 career games, he totaled 148 tackles and 11 interceptions.

**John "JC" Cunningham** was inducted into the West Coast Conference Hall of Honor in March 2017. University of San Diego baseball coach for 35 years (1963-1998), JC directed the Toreros to 843 victories and two trips to the College World Series. Forty-seven of his players signed professional contracts, with 10 advancing to the Major Leagues. He is a member of USD's Chet and Marguerite Pagni Family Athletic Hall of Fame.

**Ali Troost '11** became the 32nd member of USD's Chet and Marguerite Pagni Family Athletic Hall of Fame in April 2017. The two-time AVCA All-America volleyball standout played for the Toreros from 2007-2010. She guided USD to three WCC championships and three NCAA tournament appearances.

**Junior setter Kristin Genenbacher** was one of 11 players selected to the U.S. Women's Collegiate National Volleyball team that will train and compete in Europe from July 5-16.

[inspirational]

# OUT IN THE OPEN

Father and daughter Maurice and Cailey Benard clear the air

**F**or more than two decades, Maurice Benard has been in the spotlight as an actor, playing the role of Sonny Corinthos on the daytime TV show *General Hospital*.

While the twists and turns of the character's journey over the years have been labyrinthine, Benard's real life story is perhaps more compelling: As a young man, he suffered a series of breakdowns that resulted in his being hospitalized before ultimately being diagnosed with bipolar disorder.

His daughter, USD junior and psychology major Cailey Benard, interviewed him about his decision to go public about his own journey for the pages of USD Magazine.

**Cailey: Why did you become an advocate for bipolar disorder awareness? Was there any kind of specific incident that inspired you?**

Maurice: Having been hospitalized, and having gone through what I have been through, I just wanted to get it out there that you can succeed.

Also, I got a letter from a boy whose bipolar brother committed suicide.

The surviving brother had seen an interview that I did, and he wrote me a letter saying that I helped him get through his brother's death.

**Cailey: And that made you want to do that for other people?**

Maurice: Yes. Forever everybody had told me, 'Don't talk about being bipolar, because you won't get hired as an actor.' I decided that it was more important to help people than to get hired.

**Cailey: How do you feel that your bipolar disorder has affected your children, if at all?**

Maurice: I don't think it really has affected my children much. I don't believe any of you are bipolar. It can be hereditary, but so far, so good. But I also believe that my kids have learned a lot through what I've gone through.

**Cailey: Do you feel like being open that you have bipolar disorder has helped your kids understand that it's not a big deal and if they have any problems, they can come to you?**

Maurice: Yes, I think that is a given, because at one point, I believed my young son could have been bipolar. The good thing is that we can see the signs early and we can get them help early.

**Cailey: Did you and mom ever talk about the best way to explain your condition to your kids, or was it something that you just felt was out in the**

**open and not necessary to have a conversation?**

Maurice: I always have conversations about what has happened to me with my kids, it's just that they are not that into it [laughs]. I just had a conversation with my son about it. He seemed all right about it, but through the years, I have had a lot of conversation that are like, 'OK, Dad. OK, Dad.'

**Cailey: Now you can ask me that question.**

Maurice: Cailey, how do you think my openness about my bipolar disorder has affected my relationship with you?

**Cailey: I would say I feel that it has made our relationship better and because of it, we can talk about things I can't talk about with other people. As far as me having anxiety issues, well, I could talk about it with other people, but it's different with you, because you understand it more than anyone else would. So, I feel like it has added a different layer to our relationship.**

Maurice: I agree. Cailey, do you think your decision to major in psychology and study in this area has helped you to understand my condition? Was your decision to go into psychology inspired by me?

Maurice Benard and his daughter, Cailey '18 (BA), share a laugh on campus at USD. A longtime actor on *General Hospital*, Maurice has been vocal about his diagnosis of bipolar disorder.

**Cailey: I definitely did decide to go into psychology from being around you advocating for bipolar and mental illness. It was very fascinating for me. And some things I've learned in my studies have helped me understand more about you: This is a lifelong illness and it's not something that goes away. There are always going to be things with you that make you different than other people. You've been so honest and open that there's not much that I didn't already know.**

Maurice: How do you think you would be with your children if they were bipolar?

**Cailey: That's a good question. If I did notice anything, I would first call you or mom and ask what you thought and go from there. It would be something easier to tackle for me than for someone that doesn't have the experience. So, it wouldn't be so scary. Obviously, it's a tough situation for anyone to be in, but if you have the kind of family that I do, then, it makes it easier. That was a good question, Dad!**

Maurice: You like that?

**Cailey: Good job. OK, so that's it. Thank you.**

Maurice: That was easy peasy. 🍌



NICK ABADILLA



*"You can learn facts from books  
and by taking tests, but I seek  
the lessons that can only  
be understood by walking  
in a lot of different shoes."  
— President James Harris*

# FACES *of* *ém / pə / THē*

*The ability to identify with or understand another's situation or feelings:  
Empathy is a distinctly human capability.*

*Photographs by Chris Park*

Cultural and political upheaval continues to roil our nation. Living in this environment of uncertainty and stress can quickly start to feel like the new normal. But so long as we find ways to see the world through the lens of others, we can look beyond ourselves and make a real difference to those who are most vulnerable and at risk.

Our efforts start with empathy.

That's something USD President Jim Harris learned as a 17-year-old with a summer janitorial job.

"It was a humbling experience for me," he recalls. "I learned firsthand what it was like to be 'invisible' as I scrubbed floors and toilets and watched people walk right by me and not even recognize my presence." He admits that he wanted to strike back at those who treated him badly.

But instead, he took pride in his work, and respected that of others. "I pledged I would never become so self-absorbed with my own importance in life to not personally pay attention to others who might not have the same title, the same position, or the same good fortune as me."

# To Be Aware and Awake



*"When people share a part of their story, we thank them for offering us that vulnerability. Empathy is present all the time. Vulnerability can come from a place of fear, of hesitance, where they don't want to hurt or offend anyone."*  
— Ariela Canizal '17 (MA)

**A**riela Canizal knows about the power that can come with being different. Born and raised in East Los Angeles, she aspired to get a college education, even though others weren't necessarily on board. "Deep down, I wanted to know what else was out there," she explains. "I knew I'd be treated differently because of the color of my skin. But my parents knew college was my way out." A first-generation college student, she earned a degree in communication arts from New York's Marymount Manhattan College. Serving as a resident assistant led to residence director roles at three other universities for a decade postgraduation. During those years, she witnessed students' exploration of gender and sexual orientation. Her takeaway? A sense that everyone yearns to be accepted for who they are.

Her education continues today at USD, where Canizal is a graduate student in the Higher Education Leadership master's program. She's also a Rainbow Educators facilitator, which offers workshops and trainings that offer a welcoming space for what can be uncomfortable discussions. "We need to be having these conversations," she says. Rainbow Educators builds awareness around inclusion and visibility for the LGBT community. And in accordance with its mission statement, the group supports the principles of Catholic Social Thought. "I always learn something," she says. "Rainbow Educators is an opportunity to engage in dialogue and do some self-exploration. I'm not there for an agenda, I'm there to offer the space for people to engage, learn from each other and take whatever they want from it." — **Ryan T. Blystone**

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*"If you see someone being discriminated against, go stand with them. If someone is doing something you think is wrong, then, at that very moment, act up against it."*  
— Vijay Patel '19

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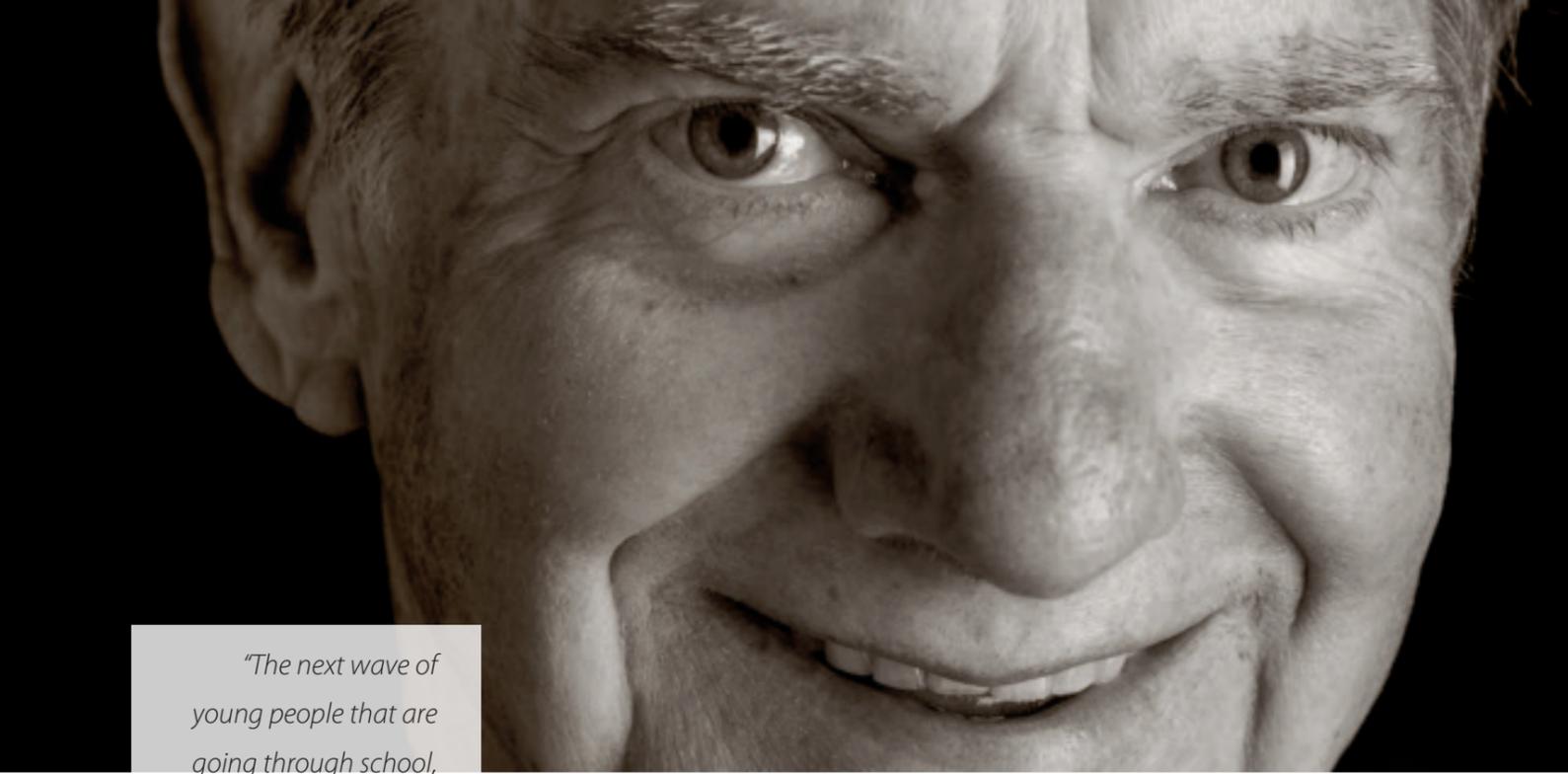
**H**is smile is quick, wide and genuine, as if his day just got better because you came along. It's almost impossible to look at Vijay Patel's cherubic face and upbeat, inviting gaze without cracking a smile yourself. Which makes his role on the board of the International Students Organization (ISO) — planning events and reaching out to other students from faraway lands — a seemingly perfect fit. Born and raised in Valsad, a small city on India's west-central coast, Patel says he learned empathy from his mother, who always urged him to put himself in other people's shoes. "I can relate to the international students who come here because I had a rough time adjusting to USD," says Patel, a sophomore majoring in business economics and finance. "It was a very different culture. It was my first time away from home. People helped me. And now when I see

someone struggling, I want to help them." He helps in ways big and small: Planning weekly coffee hours, where every Thursday the ISO welcomes international and domestic students to mix and relax in its fourth-floor lounge in the Student Life Pavilion; organizing the annual Fashion Show and Expo, which this year attracted several hundred students and faculty; and by literally extending his hand to students who look lost or alone. "When you're feeling homesick or lonely, you might not want to interact with people," Patel says. "But if I keep nudging, you'll feel bad if you don't go. And once you do go, you start feeling better." Patel learned this firsthand. "Being empathetic doesn't take much effort, but it does make a huge impact," he says. "It might not be that big of an act to you. But it really means a lot to the person you're doing it for." — **Karen Gross**

# To Feel at Home



# To Put Faith in Action



*"The next wave of young people that are going through school, empowered and directed and mentored, are going to do wondrous things, not only during the time they're in school, but beyond. I believe it truly will make society a better place to live."*  
— Scott MacDonald

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He's not an alumnus. His children went to other universities. In truth, there was no earthly reason for Scott MacDonald to want to help students pay their way through USD — except for his sincere desire to make a difference in the lives of young people.

The endowed scholarships he's funded at other schools have proven to be life-changing for recipients. And now, thanks to his generosity, four first-year USD students will become MacDonald Community Scholars this fall.

"I believe that higher education in the United States should include a funding element for need-based students that empowers and allows them to go on and have an impact on others," MacDonald explains.

While he was able to work part-time to pay his own way through college, he believes that option isn't realistic for most students these days. His solution? To provide USD's MacDonald Scholars with \$5,000 per year to help with costs associated with their college career.

In exchange, they promise to volunteer 280 hours of community service annually and participate in the Karen and Tom Mulvaney Center for Community Awareness and Social Action's leadership program. Each year, a new cohort will join the program.

"What we've seen with these scholars elsewhere is that, by the time they're juniors, they're spreading their wings, coming up with their own projects and their own ideas. As long as they have a mentor who can give them advice, they're off and running," says MacDonald.

"When you deal with young people and their enthusiasm — and the fact that they haven't failed before — well, they tend to do amazing things."

His hope is to inspire others to follow his lead. "This is a way to have a legacy that lasts forever. If you can endow a pay-it-forward scholarship, you'll know that some student will be out there making life better in your name, forever." — **Julene Snyder**



*"I have a soft spot in my heart for poor people. I feel a need or a calling to help them, to work with indigent clients. There's nothing like helping these people that can't afford legal help otherwise experience success and relief."* — Andrea Sloboda '17 (JD)

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For Andrea Sloboda '17 (JD), reuniting a man from Mexico and his children isn't just another case she's working on, but rather part of the tapestry she's weaving that brings together her faith and her chosen vocation.

The time she's spent working with immigrants and their families at the school's Immigration Clinic has been life-changing.

"I'm Catholic. My faith is really important to me," Sloboda explains. "The church is very pro-immigrant. It all just came together."

Sloboda's goal for herself as an attorney is to truly understand and embody the idea of empathy. "I want to be an effective, inspirational, and empathetic attorney." Having worked on a dozen cases over the past year, Sloboda is proud to say that the vast majority of her cases have ended with families being reunited.

She sees this accomplishment as a testament to the hardworking nature of the immigrant community in San Diego.

"Primarily, all immigrants really want is peace and security," Sloboda says. "They are not coming here to take advantage of the U.S., but rather to seek refuge and work hard. They're in our schools, attend our churches, are at our jobs, they are our neighbors. You may not know that some are undocumented, but they're here, they're among us."

The School of Law's unique ability to give students firsthand, tangible experience was a critical factor in deciding to come to USD. "What better place to attend law school than San Diego?" she asks. "We're 20 minutes from the border. USD offers the perfect opportunity to engage with the immigrant community."

— **Melissa Olesen**

## To Pay It Forward

“For future veterans who are thinking about transitioning or thinking about leaving the military, my goal is to help and empower them in the ways that I was empowered, by telling them that they can do it. I did it and they can do it as well. We don’t hear it that often.”  
— Jhonnatan Chinchilla ‘17

The Iraq War still lingers in the memory of marine Jhonnatan Chinchilla ‘17, when mortar fire was a familiar sound and home was 6,000 miles away. While explosions and sandstorms were a constant reminder that he wasn’t in Brooklyn anymore, the cacophony wasn’t always unwelcome.

“If you hear them, that means you’re still alive,” he recalls. Then 19 years old, Chinchilla was responsible for providing mission-essential equipment for troops advancing into Iraq.

“We had to grow up really fast, that’s for sure,” he recalls. “I remember seeing teams leave. Not everyone would come back.”

Chinchilla is now an accountancy major at USD, preparing for the CPA exam and serving as an active member in campus organizations that educate community members on the student veteran experience.

“I want to inform everyone,” says Chinchilla. He’s a representative for the student veteran

population in his contributions to the Military Ally program, a collaborative effort between USD and San Diego State University, that aims to provide insight and awareness of the unique cultural and social background of the military community.

“I can be a voice for them and serve as an example since I am a product of all that.”

As a Military Ally spokesperson, Chinchilla views his involvement as a way to give back and a way to make the next veteran’s experience even better.

“We want to improve life for those veterans who are still to come. I’m here for a purpose. Not only for my purpose,” he clarifies. “It would be a disservice for me not to help other student veterans transition and go to school.”

For this marine, his service may have taken on a completely different look, but the goal is ultimately the same: empowering through understanding. — *Allyson Meyer ‘16*



## The End in Sight: You’ve Put Us Past the 80% Mark!

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**\$69M**

USD is the youngest private institution to be ranked among the nation’s top 100 universities. Gifts that are immediately available allow USD to continue its tradition of excellence.

**Endowment**  
**\$111.2M**

A strong endowment makes it possible for USD to continue changing the world for generations to come.

**Capital Projects**  
**\$119.8M**

USD must provide new learning spaces, make way for new programs, bring teams together and attract the best and brightest students.

**Leading Change: The Campaign for USD has achieved \$243 million of its \$300 million goal.**



## Using Innovation to Engineer Peace

The new University of San Diego vision statement pictures the university as a place “where innovative Changemakers confront humanity’s urgent challenges.” As we approach the home stretch of *Leading Change: The Campaign for USD*, the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies and the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering are in the forefront of making that vision of innovation and entrepreneurship a reality.

With the help of alumni, community supporters and grants, the schools are shaping our physical and intellectual spheres to make the most of our diversity of students, faculty and ways of thinking. Specifically, we are developing flexible learning spaces, experiential and field-based courses, and innovative programming for students across disciplines. Close collaborations abound on our campus — coupled with partnerships with people in our backyard in Linda Vista and in communities around the world — bringing new solutions to light in order to confront some of the most urgent problems the world is facing.

What is changemaking? What is social innovation vs. social entrepreneurship? The answers may vary, but the goal never wavers. When the knowledge and tools we have are not up to the task of tackling hunger, poverty, inequality and violence, USD is prepared to pursue and gain new knowledge and build innovative tools, using evidence-based, data-driven theories and human-focused design.

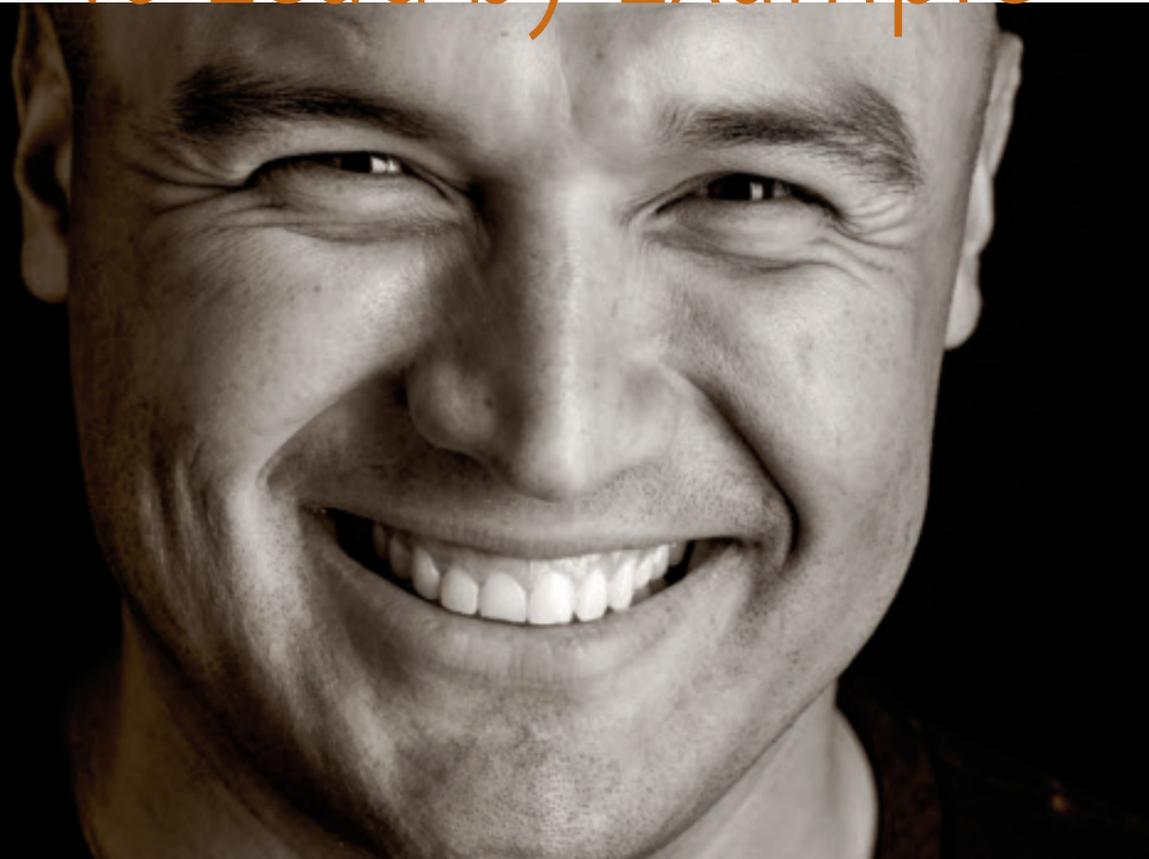
At the Kroc School, that means training clergy in San Diego in ways to build trust in neighborhoods between youthful residents and the police patrolling their streets. It also means developing a summer immersion program in social entrepreneurship for 25 young African leaders through a grant from the State Department’s Mandela Fellows program.

At the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering, changemaking means designing a durable, light-weight tonometer to test for glaucoma in remote Himalayan villages in Nepal, Tibet and Bhutan, through a partnership with Clarity Design and the Himalayan Cataract Project. Another innovative path forward is the school’s involvement in bringing the prestigious Engineering, Social Justice and Peace Network conference to our campus in 2018.

Dean Chell Roberts of the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering and Dean Patricia Márquez of the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies share more than a passion for innovation and entrepreneurship: Their contagious enthusiasm is attracting top scholars, students and committed supporters for scholarships, new learning spaces and innovative field courses.

They envision the years leading up to 2024, when the university marks its 75th anniversary, as a time when USD will be transformed into a global hub for innovation, providing Changemakers with the tools and knowledge they need to shape a better world.

# To Lead by Example



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# Scholarships

## Shape a Better World

*When Yishak Kassi Tefferi flew to San Diego with his family to study at the Kroc School for his master's degree in peace and justice, it was the first time in eight years that he would spend a full year with his wife and daughter.*

That was how long he'd been documenting and preventing human rights violations for the United Nations in South Sudan, a job too dangerous for his family to be at his side.

Scholarships made it possible for this Ethiopian lawyer to come to USD to gain new knowledge and practical peacebuilding skills — from restorative justice to project impact monitoring and evaluation — that he will immediately be able to utilize. The United Nations has already called him back to help save lives that are threatened by an escalating conflict and severe humanitarian crisis in South Sudan.

"This program provided me the opportunity to learn courses that have direct relevance to my fieldwork in conflict and post-conflict settings in Africa," says Tefferi (pictured above). "As I prepare to rejoin the U.N. mission, I feel better equipped with the right tools, which will help me execute my responsibilities effectively, thereby contributing to the ongoing endeavor to bring a lasting peace in South Sudan."

Helping students like Tefferi to pursue their higher education goals is a gratifying way to make a difference. Just ask business leader Dr. Antonio Grillo and his wife, Maria Marxuach-Grillo, who are eager to see students from their native Puerto Rico and Latin America contributing to peace

and social justice. The couple plans to support two Kroc School students each year for four years, with matching funds from the Rotary Foundation, building a cohort of skilled Grillo-Marxuach Family Scholars who will help to build more stable and sustainable societies in the region.

Leading social change is hard work that requires innovative vision, backed by leadership and entrepreneurial skills. Toward that end, this fall, a new one-year Master of Arts in Social Innovation program will expand the Kroc School's offerings by looking critically at the roots of social challenges and injustice, and providing tools to create real change through bold new responses to poverty, inequality, human rights abuses and humanitarian crises. No other master's degree program brings together the unique skills and expertise gained at a peace school in collaboration with leadership, humanities, science and business.

"This program starts by diving deep into real social challenges, then pairs that knowledge with critical thinking, inventiveness, leadership and sustainable business design," explains Kroc School Dean Patricia Márquez. "Our program is for people thinking beyond the status quo of social problems who are ready to take on challenges that seem unsolvable. It is for those focused on career paths where creating social change



is inherent to everyday thinking."

To help us bring a diverse cohort from around the country for the first year, USD's Board of Trustees Chair Don Knauss and his wife, Ellie, are supporting 10 scholarships with a \$100,000 campaign gift. "My wife and I are very enthusiastic about this new program," says Knauss. "Who wouldn't be enthusiastic after hearing Dean Márquez' vision for the program?"

[Learn more at peace.sandiego.edu/giving.](http://peace.sandiego.edu/giving)

**Kroc School Goal:**  
**\$9.5 Million**



**Current Use**  
**\$5.12M**

We are well on our way to achieving our goal, with more than \$4.14 million raised to date. Achieving peace and social justice, locally and abroad, is our overarching mission.



**Endowment**  
**\$4.38M**

Building our endowment is essential to ensure that the Kroc School has the resources to train future generations of peacemakers and Changemakers. To date, the school has raised more than \$74,000 toward its goal; we need your help to close the gap.

**To date, the Kroc School has raised \$4.2 million of its goal.**

# Engineering an Entrepreneurial Mindset

*In a world of accelerating change, today's solutions can be obsolete tomorrow. Since breakthroughs tend to be made by the inquisitive, we must empower our students to investigate our rapidly changing world with an insatiable curiosity.*



Discoveries, however, are not enough. Information only yields insight when connected with other information. We must teach our students to habitually pursue knowledge and integrate it with their own findings in order to reveal innovative solutions, which are most meaningful when they create extraordinary value for others. Therefore, students must be prepared to be champions of value creation. As educators, we must train engineering students to anticipate and meet the needs of a changing world.

Toward that end, the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering has recently launched an entrepreneurship track in which senior

design students can opt to work on an entrepreneurship project in conjunction with their senior design course. In partnership with the Kern Engineering and Entrepreneurial Network, the idea is to create an entrepreneurial mindset in students, who work through entrepreneurship modules, receive guidance from external mentors and make several pitches throughout the academic year, with an eye toward transforming their projects into start-up ventures.

The entrepreneurship track started with three innovative student projects: The Cherry Tree Cover involves the development of a low-cost physical cover for cherry trees that

will displace rainwater that can devastate annual crops; the Trash Tracker is a waste tracking system that weighs trash, recycling and green waste on a per-household basis to reduce garbage generation and increase recycling; CARE Technologies has created a device that aggregates data from multiple medical devices and secures the transfer of information across systems. These projects epitomize the spirit of innovation as seen through a pragmatic prism.

"I envision the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering as a place where an entrepreneurial mindset is pervasive," says Dean Chell Roberts. "It's where students create new ventures or make a path toward transitioning into positions at companies that are looking for talent to inject innovation within their organizations."

The school is looking to expand the program to incorporate six to eight projects each year. To make that happen, the school is seeking additional financial resources and external mentors to support this exciting and growing initiative.

*To learn more go to [www.sandiego.edu/engineering/entrepreneurship](http://www.sandiego.edu/engineering/entrepreneurship).*

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# Engineers and Peacebuilders Working Together

While there are examples of engineering schools across the country that engage in “humanitarian engineering” projects, there are few, if any, schools that are truly using a social justice lens to do this work.

Traditionally, engineering schools do not teach students how to build relationships with the communities they are trying to serve; consequently, the projects often wither after a few years without delivering sustainable change. But the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering — in partnership with the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies — is changing this paradigm with its engineering and social justice program.

The program is led by Caroline Baillie, PhD, arguably the world’s leader in this arena. Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering Dean Chell Roberts and Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies Dean Patricia Márquez pooled their resources to hire Baillie and were thrilled when she accepted their offer. Baillie will contribute to the development of courses and initiatives on engineering that are aimed at propelling gen-



der, socioeconomic and ethnic equity, as well as poverty alleviation and conflict prevention.

One such course is Drones for Peace, a collaboratively designed course between the Kroc School and engineering faculty members. Students from a variety of disciplines will work in teams to design drones for social good.

Additionally, Baillie is leading the effort to create the Engineering Community Exchange for Social Justice, which will support work with local communities on engineering projects to explicitly enhance social justice and address systemic causes of injustice. The school is seeking \$100,000 in seed funding to launch this initiative.

“I am delighted to be joining the team at USD,” Baillie says. “Having worked for 10 years to increase awareness of the importance of developing engineering practices and education that enhance social justice, I am thrilled to be able to work with a dedicated team who are passionate about these goals. The University of San Diego is the first university worldwide to undertake this challenge in such a comprehensive and complex way, and it is a privilege to be part of this exciting and critical adventure.”

To learn more, contact [Elisa Lurkis](mailto:Elisa.Lurkis@sandiego.edu) at [elurkis@sandiego.edu](mailto:elurkis@sandiego.edu).

**Engineering Goal:**  
\$41 Million

 **Current Use**  
\$2.5M

We see the *Leading Change* campaign as an opportunity to reimagine the school’s curriculum to produce Changemaker Engineers with the skills to change lives. We have exceeded our goal in this area and raised \$3.13 million.

 **Endowment**  
\$26.5M

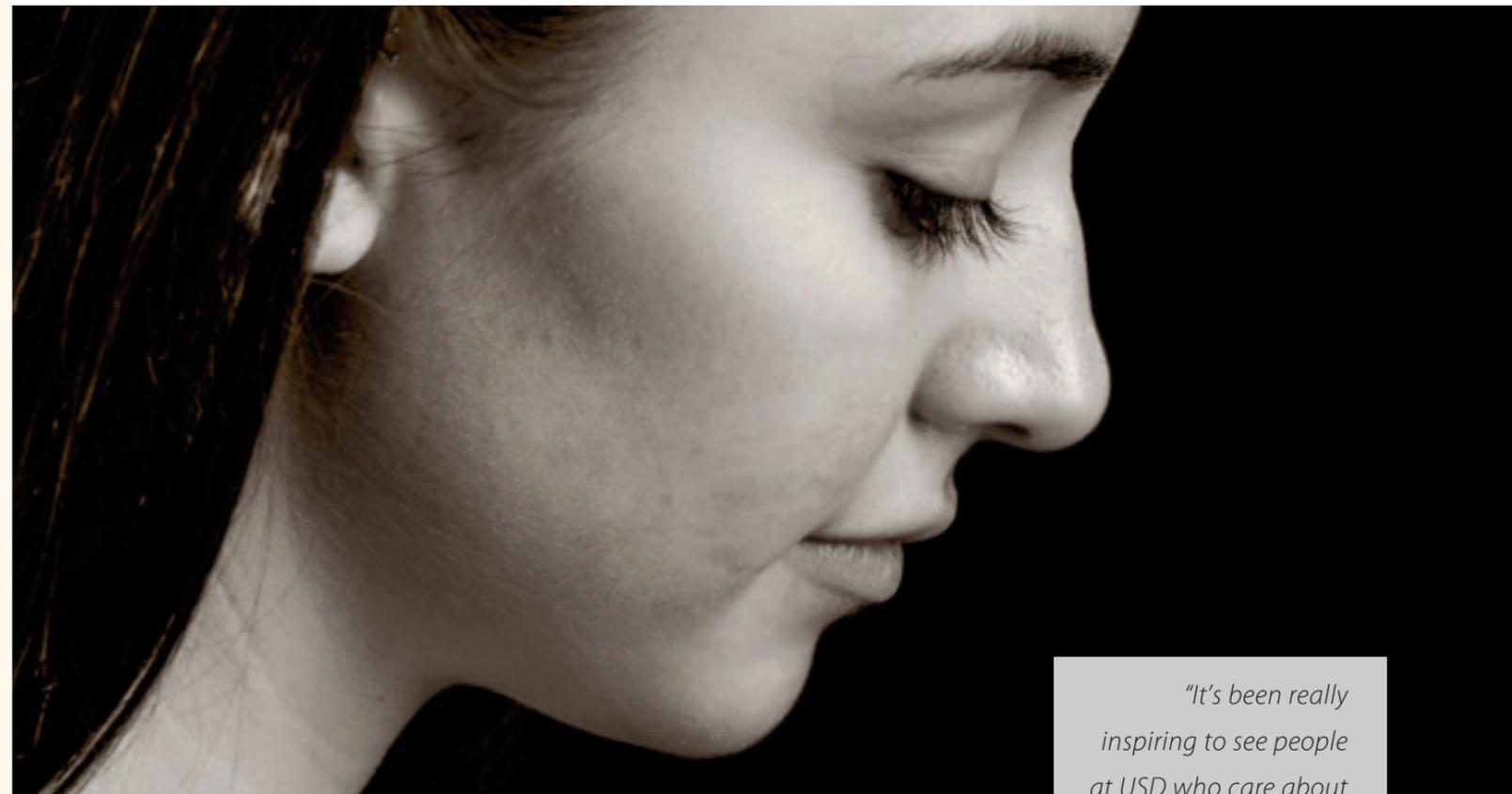
An endowed chair in design thinking, biorobotics or software engineering will help the school to become a leader in undergraduate engineering education. Further, engineering scholarships will help us to attract and support the most deserving students and keep up with our peer institutions. We have raised \$19.4 million of our goal to date.

 **Capital Projects**  
\$12M

As part of *Leading Change: The Campaign for USD*, the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering plans to build a bioengineering garage, a sustainability garage and a cyber security studio. Your gift can help us to make this ambitious goal; to date, we have raised nearly \$362,000.

**The School of Engineering has raised \$22.9 million of its goal.**

## To Raise Awareness



“It’s been really inspiring to see people at USD who care about

issues like consent and want to talk about them. It’s meaningful work, but it’s not even work. It’s just doing something that we are passionate about.”

— Erin Carollo ‘19

The subject is serious and the stakes are high, but second-year Behavioral Science major Erin Carollo and her fellow Peer Educators — who regularly initiate difficult conversations about sexual violence — wouldn’t have it any other way.

“I think it’s so much easier to talk about consent with someone your own age,” says Carollo. “Being real with someone who’s in the same place as you can be a lot less scary.”

With support from USD’s Women’s Center and the Center for Health and Wellness Promotion, the group spent an entire semester developing presentations about healthy relationships, bystander intervention and ways to support those who’ve been subjected to sexual assault. They presented their work this spring. While the audience is broad, the purpose is specific:

to raise awareness and start dialogue.

In many ways, she’s helped to spearhead an entirely new program on campus, since it was reimagined just last year, the same year that Carollo first got involved. The new approach is working: This year saw increased requests for community presentations, honest dialogue during workshops and enhanced campus awareness. These successes help to ensure that the program will continue to grow in years to come. As many as 10 new Peer Educators will join the program during 2017–2018.

While the purpose of the group is to teach their peers, the learning goes both ways.

“Being surrounded by people who care is so wonderful. We strive to lift our peers up, and they do the same for us,” Carollo says. “It’s the most meaningful extracurricular activity I’ve ever done.” — Taylor Milam

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# Sisterhood Rules

The dedication of the Religious of the Sacred Heart echoes throughout the years

*photo collage art by Barbara Ferguson*

**O**n a brisk winter afternoon in December 1949, local dignitaries joined Bishop Charles Francis Buddy and Mother Rosalie Clifton Hill for a groundbreaking ceremony atop a wind-swept mesa overlooking the burgeoning San Diego cityscape.

Mother Hill had a special reason for wanting the campus, which would come to be known as Alcalá Park, to be unrivaled in its exquisite beauty and intricate design.

“There are three things that are significant in education: beauty, goodness and truth,” she said. Mother Hill believed that beauty would attract people on sight, and that students would find goodness when they interacted with faculty and staff, who would then lead them to the truth, which is the true purpose of the university.

The central administration of the Society of the Sacred Heart concurred with Mother Hill’s plans and agreed that she take a \$4 million loan to begin construction of the San Diego College for Women.

A protégé of Mother Hill in these early years was Sister Virginia Rodee ‘57 (BA), ‘74 (MA), who occasionally still wears Mother Hill’s cross as a sign of her profession in the Society. In 2017, Sister Rodee will retire. Following are a few of the more personal stories, collected from conversations, interviews, oral histories and elsewhere, about the profound impact of the Religious of the Sacred Heart on the University of San Diego.

*Bishop Charles Francis Buddy posed for a photo with three of Reverend Mother Hill’s five sisters in February 1957. From left to right: Mother Elizabeth Hill, RSCJ, Mother Rosalie Hill, RSCJ, Mrs. Charles Astor Bristed and Mother Teresa Hill, RSCJ.*



## LOVE AND THE HEART OF CHRIST

The core values that we have at USD today, including our academic excellence, can be traced directly back to the early days of the San Diego College for Women. The intellectual rigor, wonderful faculty and the education of the whole person were very important, as they still are here today.

Then, as now, community was important, both in how we treated individuals and how we nurtured the whole. Respect and regard for others has been a consistent value throughout

that, not by talking about it, but by living it.

People ask me sometimes, "Don't you regret how the university has changed?" And I answer, "Yes, it has changed, but the core values and goals are still there." I say, "How wonderful! How great!" As our foundress, Madeleine-Sophie Barat, told all of us, "Times have changed and we must change with them."

And over the years, USD has done that so beautifully. It's very apparent to me. It's something we can all be very proud of!

— *Sister Virginia Rodee, RSCJ*

to get course material, but you also helped them with their personal lives. Because of the confidence that students had in the nuns in the classroom they would be glad to approach them and ask for their advice about more personal things. I think that was a very good thing to have such role models.

— *Sister Helen Lorch, RSCJ*

## BLADES OF GRASS

We began the university without even a blade of grass. One day, after theology classes the girls called us all over and said, "Look Mother! There's a blade

ceremonies at the college. At Christmas time, he would have a big party and invite all the students to his residence.

— *Sister Agnes Murphy, RSCJ*

## REAL. PROFOUND.

I had a class in philosophy of education with Mother Agnes Murphy, who was a great teacher. At the end of one of her lectures, she said something very profound: "I've been able to communicate this to you, but in a real sense, it's not just myself who is doing the teaching. I am part of a whole body of women who are all educa-

The interest and love expressed by the sisters was very concrete and so free. They laughed, they engaged with all, they enjoyed life. In class, though, they were very serious and our education was very rigorous, but they were so concerned with you as a person. I found them very genuine and authentic. They were so very connected to life and to people.

— *Sister Virginia Rodee, RSCJ*

## MOTHER ALWAYS KNOWS BEST

For years, my mother, in trying to persuade me to attend the San Diego College for Women, would talk about how amazing the Religious of the Sacred Heart were. She'd say, "They're so educated, they're so cultivated, they're so wonderful. I just want you to have contact with them." And I said, "I don't need any contact with them. I want to go away to school." I had been accepted to Mount St. Mary's College and I had a scholarship, but she wanted me to go to school here. I finally said, "Fine. How about if I go for one year, then after that, I can go any place?" She agreed to that. As it turned out, I never brought the subject up again, because I just loved it.

— *Sister Virginia Rodee, RSCJ*

## INCREDIBLY SPECIAL

Mother Hill's cross is something I cherish deeply. She received it in Belgium in 1907 when she made her Final Profession. When our Religious pass away, we're not buried with our cross, only with our rings. So, when I heard about her death, I asked the Superior if I might have her cross; I realize now how incredibly special it was to me. It's an endearing symbol of her rich life legacy, and a timeless connection to the university she helped build.

— *Sister Virginia Rodee, RSCJ*

## IT DON'T COME EASY

[What made the Religious of the Sacred Heart great leaders] is a faith these women had. It was a particular kind of faith that I think is different from men's, in as much as women believe that with God's help, they can do anything. And I think with that kind of philosophy, they did great things; they saw the work to be done and did it.

— *Sister Helen Lorch, RSCJ*

## GUESS WHO'S NOT GOING TO DINNER?

I started off as a commuter — back then they called us "day-hops" — and then in my junior year I moved to campus and became a resident student.

It was a Wednesday or Thursday and I had plans to go out to dinner, something I considered very ordinary. But when I went to check out an hour before, Mother Frances Danz told me, "There's no going out on week-nights." Well, I didn't know what to do, my friend was already on his way and there were no cell phones. I asked her what could be done and she said, "I'll have to go ask Reverend Mother Hill." I said to myself, "Well, what would she have to do with my going out?" When she came back and said it would be OK, I thought, "Oh. What have I gotten into here?"

— *Sister Virginia Rodee, RSCJ*

## DRESS UP OR DON'T SHOW UP

You were expected to dress for dinner each night. This meant changing clothes and wearing stockings. But we felt that we had more important things to do, and who was going to see us? So, many of the girls would come in with trench coats over their school clothes. And Mother Lawrence, when she got on to it, would ask, "Oh, do you have a new dress?" She'd want to see if we'd changed, and we hadn't. Sometimes people would reconsider even coming down.

— *Sister Virginia Rodee, RSCJ*

## ALWAYS INTERESTED

The thing I saw the most was the nun's complete selflessness and great interest in the lives of their students. It was not only what they taught, but they knew about life. Just because they were in the convent didn't mean that life was easy, as perhaps it might have appeared. They were just always interested in everyone. You knew that years later, you could go back to your college or to your school and the nuns who you knew would still be around. It's that continuity that was so great.

— *Sister Helen Lorch, RSCJ*

## WE DIDN'T LEAVE

There was a special area of the house where the nuns lived. I lived in the dorms because I was in charge of the residence floor. Those of us who were responsible for the residents lived in the dorms. We all lived on campus and didn't leave the campus. You know, we didn't go down to the post office to mail a letter. You waited until the postman came and got it. We just took it for granted,

*Students of the San Diego College for Women gathered to witness a tree planting in the early days of what would become the University of San Diego.*



the years. The Catholic social principle of treating people with dignity is still in evidence; those core values can be traced right back to the beginning.

A real close and mentoring relationship with faculty is still in evidence; one of the reasons that people still come to USD is for the outstanding attention that faculty give to all students. When I think of the charisma of the Sacred Heart, it's really expressing the love and the heart of Christ, the love that God has for you. It was expected of us that we communicate that love in everything we did. The Religious certainly communicated

## SURPRISE!

In the beginning, the sisters were living in the still-uncompleted building. They just wanted to get up here onto campus. A worker uncovered a ceiling opening and found a group of nuns all at breakfast, just sitting together having coffee. Can you imagine that man's amazement?

— *Sister Virginia Rodee, RSCJ*

## PERSONAL TOUCH

As a nun, you cared for people, because caring for people was the way that Christ taught us: to love your neighbor as yourself. When you cared that much, you helped everybody

of grass!" And they were elated. The class that came in 1952 and graduated in 1956 was our first class that completed the four years — a wonderful group of people who are still among our most loyal alumnae. During those years, several became Religious of the Sacred Heart: Virginia Rodee, Irene Cullen, Linda Hayward and Deanna Von Bargen, and there were a number of others.

Our alumnae are very strong and devoted. Bishop Buddy took a special interest in the college; he and Mother Hill were great friends. He would preside over most of the major

*From left to right: Sister Helen Lorch, RSCJ, Sister Virginia Rodee, RSCJ, Mother Rosalie Hill, RSCJ, Sister Agnes Murphy, RSCJ, and Sister Nancy Morris, RSCJ (President Emerita).*

tors with me. I stand with them and am communicating to you as one of a body of educators."

That had a big impact on me personally. It helped me to understand the Religious of the Sacred Heart in another way. They believed they were communicating the love of the Heart of Christ through education. She almost blew me away. She didn't know I was thinking of joining the order, but she was so real.





*In looking back on the early days of the San Diego College for Women, recurring themes emerge, among them: the impressive intellect of the Religious of the Sacred Heart and a true sense of community.*

funerals. When my brother was married at St. Mary Magdalene Church, I didn't go, but I got a glimpse of him and his bride as they left the church from my perch at the college tennis courts. In those days, brides would usually come back to the college because they knew the nuns couldn't go out. They would come to the French Parlor in Founders Hall where we would all gather and could greet them and their new husbands. Sometimes they would leave their bouquet for Mary in Founders Chapel but then they would leave for the reception.

— Sister Virginia Rodee, RSCJ

#### WORLD TURNING

Things started to change by 1965, after the Vatican II Council, when all religious orders were asked to return to their original charism. Cloister was lifted and there was more freedom. There was also experimentation with the religious habit, which was modified. We were informed about current events; we knew what was going on. In fact, some of our nuns walked with Dr. Martin Luther King, and that was before cloister was even lifted. They had gotten special permission to go and be a part of that.

— Sister Virginia Rodee, RSCJ

#### RIISING TO THE TOP

When I came in as president in 1966, the College for Women was in a good position. The books were in the black, there was a good *esprit d' corps*, the college had been accredited right away. Of course, Mother

Hill had brought bright women from colleges across the country out to California. All the nuns had doctorates from Cal, Stanford or other universities.

From the beginning, I could see how strong we could be. I looked into the future, with the two colleges joining hands, and saw that we would rise to the top. It wasn't easy; it took four years to lay the groundwork for the merger. Sally Furay, who was provost, was in charge of all of the academics. With her help, we founded a genuine lay board of trustees from scratch. I was excused from my role in 1972 when Art Hughes came in as president; that was when the merger with the College for Men was finalized. He really put USD on the map, and had a vision for how the university should go forward.

— Sister Nancy Morris, RSCJ, President Emerita

#### LIKE A DREAM

I always wanted to be a missionary, and I just loved the Far East. It was announced here on campus at a meeting in February of 1968 that I would be going to

Korea. I was so stunned. To this day, I remember the spot on the patio where I embraced the provincial, Mother Beth Nothomb, and twirled her around. I was so excited! I was so naïve and so eager and so off I went. I was in Korea for 22 years. I loved it, but I love being back at USD. I love being with the students and also the faculty and staff.

— Sister Virginia Rodee, RSCJ

#### A REAL SENSE OF CONTINUITY

Sister Pat Shaffer was my teacher; we go way back to when I was a freshman in her class, Science for Elementary School Teachers. She was also a very dear friend to my sons,

and was very dear to me as well. When my son got a scholarship to USD, I was thrilled that we had that connection. In fact, my father got his degree from USD too; he graduated in 1971. We are three generations of alumni.

All the nuns instilled in me a sense of continuity over time. They were there for me when I was a student; it was as if they were our mothers at school. And when the merger happened, the influence of the Religious of the Sacred Heart stayed. They are one of the main reasons I've been involved over the years. The nuns were our anchors.

— Sandra Chew Phillips '68 (BA)

#### AHEAD OF HER TIME

I think Mother Hill would be so very pleased with the campus today and the advances since the merger. It's a bigger and a better university. She was really a woman ahead of her time. She didn't have a doctorate herself, but she ensured that all those teaching in the college did. Even with cloister, she sent the Religious for doctoral degrees. She was very insistent that higher studies were essential, and invested a lot to make sure that happened.

— Sister Virginia Rodee, RSCJ

*Sister Virginia Rodee, '57 (BA), '74 (MA) found great joy in her decision to join the Religious of the Sacred Heart.*

because when we entered the society, it was partially cloistered. We never gave it too much thought, because the things that were essential for us to our educational work — attending universities and colleges and going to educational meetings — were in tune with what was going in the educational world. Unless you were sick or in the hospital, you didn't leave.

— Sister Sally Furay, RSCJ

#### UNFORGETTABLE

I remember one night, a young naval officer came in. He had to sign in the book — this young man came in and introduced himself as Patrick Henry. That was his real name. Sister

McShane said, "You stay right here. We have a young woman in this institution whose name is Betsy Ross." She got one of the girls to go up to the resident hall and find Betsy Ross. She said, "This is too good to be true." I never forgot that.

— Sister Sally Furay, RSCJ

#### NO REGRETS

When I walked onto the College for Women campus with my parents for the first time and met Mother Bremner and Mother Danz, I knew it was the place for me, and my father agreed. I have never regretted my choice; I loved my time in college. It was my first experience with all-women classes. I went to coed Catholic schools

from K-12 and had always had classes with boys. At first I thought there was a certain something missing: the male point of view. But in high school, I was the vice president of everything. In college, I was president. I was given the opportunity to be a leader, and to subsequently give back to the community. The nuns always emphasized that we were fortunate and privileged, and that we had an obligation to give back.

— Maureen King '64 (BA)

#### TO CATCH A GLIMPSE

When I joined the order, we were semi-cloistered. We didn't go home to our families, we didn't attend weddings or



*A wealth of content about the legacy of the Religious of the Sacred Heart was compiled in the course of putting together this article, far more than can fit in our pages. A website that includes articles and historical photos from throughout the years, as well as videos and much more can be found online at [sandiego.edu/rsdj-history](http://sandiego.edu/rsdj-history). We invite you to add your story to this evolving collection.*

2017 honorees (left to right, below): Shannon Smith '86 (BA, BBA); Capt. (sel.) Heather C. King '14 (PhD); His Honor Roosevelt Z. Willie, Bsc, LLB, '11 (MA); Michele L. Moore '85 (BBA); Michael Kaplan '72 (JD); Ali Troost '11 (BA); Mathew E. Craig '03 (BS/BA), MBA; Julie Chavez '94 (BA); A. Barry LaForgia '76 (JD); Marsha McDonald '86 (MA).

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# BEST AND BRIGHTEST

2017 Alumni Honors celebrates stellar group

by Tim McKernan

The Garden of the Sky was magically transformed into a Moroccan oasis on April 22 for the 2017 annual Alumni Honors event, which celebrates the stellar achievements of 10 of USD's most prestigious alumni.

The 2017 recipients were recognized for volunteer service, contributions to humanitarian causes, athletic excellence, outstanding career achievement or the promise they show as emerging leaders in their fields.

These honorees are dedicating countless hours serving the USD community, setting records in the world of volleyball, and succeeding in the legal field and many realms of business. They are giving back to organizations that combat some of humanity's most urgent challenges, educating students and their teachers, serving in the military and caring for veterans who have served, working for social justice and providing critical assistance to victims of disaster, poverty and neglect around the world.

They are Changemakers. They are leading change. 🌍



NICK ABADILLA



Senior Director of Alumni Relations Charles Bass (at top), proved an able and amiable master of ceremonies at the 2017 Alumni Honors event. The evening included videos of each honoree and eclectic culinary creations.

Go to [sandiego.edu/2017-alumni-honors](http://sandiego.edu/2017-alumni-honors).



ANNA (CAGNI) GARRETTSON '97

[exuberance]

## TORERO TAKEOVER

17 events celebrate local alumni

For those lucky enough to live here, Saturdays are great days to get out of the house and experience all that San Diego has to offer. The University of San Diego Alumni Association agrees and created the inaugural Torero Takeover which took place on May 6, aimed at the 24,000 alumni residing in the region.

More than a dozen fun and meaningful events took place throughout the day. Highlights included a Tecolote Canyon hike with USD President James Harris; a school cleanup project at Linda Vista Elementary with Renda Quinn '86; a tour of the San Diego Children's Discovery Museum led by Javier Guerrero '95; a Mission Beach clean-up with Lisa Baldocchi '87; a Tiny Toreros playdate with Erin Gunning '05; a Founders Chapel Tour with Sister Virginia Rodee

'57, '74 and Bikes and Brews with Associate Professor Esteban Del Rio '95, '96.

"Each stop on the Torero Takeover featured a USD alumnus leading the way," explained Associate Director of Alumni Relations Kara Marsh Proffitt '04. "It was great to see so many people coming out to connect with alumni-owned business and alumni-run businesses. It was great fun and we look forward to continuing this in years to come."

The modest \$10 fee allowed participants to take part in as many events as they wished and included a commemorative T-shirt. Alumni office staff and volunteers led the events while updating alumni on USD's latest news and promoting participation in *Leading Change: The Campaign for USD*. 🌍

See more photos at [sandiego.edu/2017\\_takeover](http://sandiego.edu/2017_takeover).



**SERGIO SANTOS (BAcc)** has been in public accounting practice as senior staff for the first 14 years and as partner with Hutchinson & Bloodgood LLP for the past 26 years. He writes, "At the urging of my wife, Marie (Bower) '76, who is also a CPA in private industry, a transition process is on for retirement in 2017. Two of our three adult kids have graduated from universities and are successfully 'gainfully employed!' Our third is set to graduate in May 2017. So, the transition process to retirement is on!"

**[1977]** **CHRISTINE BOLOGNA (JD)** writes, "We are looking forward to our 40-year School of Law reunion in October 2017, and visiting with our son, Jeff, a mechanical engineering/naval science USD undergraduate."

**JOAN STEIDINGER (BA)** has published a book in hardcover titled *Sisterhood in Sports: How Female Athletes Collaborate and Compete*. It is the winner of five literary awards and is due out soon in paperback. She writes, "Without the education at USD, I would never have achieved all I have in my life. I am now a licensed psychologist and certified sports psychology consultant, happily married, and living on Mt. Tam with our two golden retrievers, Parker and Spencer."

**[1978]** **TONY SALAY (BBA)** is now working with a former classmate at GM Realty, expanding the Orange County area for the firm.

**[1979]** **ANN DUMOLT (BA)** retired from the State of California's Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing in August 2016 and started clinical pastoral education at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital in Whittier and Downey, Calif., in September.

**JANE HAUPT (BA, Med '81)** has been living in Bakersfield, Calif., for the past 35 years, where she teaches at a charter homeschool working with special needs students and families. She met her husband of 35 years, Bruce Haupt, at Loyola of Rome Center in 1977 and has four children and one granddaughter. She writes, "Life is good! God is great!"

## 1980s

**[1981]** **RICHARD HUSSEY (JD)** received the award for 2016 Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year for the 17th Judicial Circuit in Florida on January 19, 2017. TriMark Press published his first novel, *The Hedgecock Friasko*, in January 2017.

**STEVE VASQUEZ (BBA)** provided this update: "Just moved to San Clemente and fulfilled a dream to live by the beach. Still running a financial services business with Primerica (30 years in 2017). Completed my 50th triathlon in 2016 including two at the ironman distance. This year, I celebrate 33 years of marriage to my beautiful wife, Debbie."

**[1982]** **RUSSELL O. PARKMAN (JD)** loves his work as the graduate accounting academic director (lead) at National University. He has also recently been named to Point Loma Nazarene University's Phi Delta Lambda national honor society board.

**[1983]** **KEVIN MADOK (BAcc)** was recently elected to the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller for Monroe County, Fla. "If you find yourself in Key West, stop by the old courthouse on Whitehead Street to say, hi!"

**LINDA MORALES (BA)** recently returned from a five-year stay in Madagascar as senior advisor for maternal/child health and gender. She is excited to report that her kids, Steve (14) and Sylvia (7) are now fluent in French and Malagasy. Linda writes, "Happy to be back in beautiful San Diego and looking forward to reconnecting with many of you!"

**LUIS PRECIADO (BA)** recently completed a commissioned oil painting of Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul II. Luis has been painting since graduating from USD.

**RODRIGO VALDIVIA (BA)** celebrated 25 years in diocesan administration, the last 13 as chancellor of the Diocese of San Diego.

**[1985]** **BARBARA ELLIOTT-SANDERS (BA, Med '88)** was recently

re-elected to her second term on the South Bay Union School District Board of Trustees.

**GREG GIULIANO (BA, MA '88)** and his wife, Theresa Apodaca '84, recently moved their now-empty nest from Southern California to Portland, Ore. Greg works as an executive coach and change leadership consultant. His most recent book, *Ultra Leadership*, was published in July 2016 and was #1 on the Amazon Hot New Releases list.

**KENNETH WINANS (BBA)** has a new book out: *Investment Atlas II, Using History as a Financial Tool* aims to show readers how to "become profitable users of investment history rather than future victims of it." His book is the recipient of the 2016 Beverly Hills Book Award and the Next Generation Indie Book Award.

**[1986]** **STEPHANIE GARCIA (MBA)** writes that she is "back at USD as member of 2018 cohort working towards a master's in executive leadership and loving it." She finished her career at Pratt & Whitney/Sundstrand after 31 years, due to the closure of its local facility. "Looking forward to my second career as teacher and executive coach."

**[1987]** **JIM REAL (BA)** is director of creative services for the newly opened Shanghai Disneyland Resort. In his new role, Jim oversees all integrated creative/marketing efforts for the resort. Previously he served as Group Creative Director for Disney's Yellow Shoes Creative Group in California. He and his family relocated to Shanghai in December 2016.

**[1988]** **JOHN HARBY (BA)** writes that he "invented solar magnification technology," and points those interested to his blog at [johnharby.blogspot.com](http://johnharby.blogspot.com).

**SID REBELL (LLM)** writes, "I had a wonderful time in Lisbon in 2016 for the European Alumni Reunion and look forward to seeing my alumni friends in Italy this year!"

**ROBERT REINCKE (MBA)** reports, "I am an artist and writer. I write business plans for investor immigrants (immigrationbusinessplans.com) and wrote two books (spunkybooks.com)."

## 1990s

**[1989]** **KRIS KILDAHL (BBA)** is preparing for a mission trip to Rwanda to visit sponsored children and work in partnership with Africa New Life Ministry.

**TAMARA KOLANGUI (LLM)** reports that she is "working hard to promote peace education, while building a culture of peace, based on values."

**[1991]** **JOHN GILLIS (BBA)** has been in the mortgage business for 26 years, and is area manager for Finance America Mortgage. He writes: "Married, raising six wonderful kids in Carlsbad and coaching baseball and flag football."

**ERJA JAERVELAE (MIB)** writes, "After graduation and spending 16 years in the global hectic telecom world I started pursuing another type of career. I quit my job, enrolled in a new type of studies and graduated from the Institute of Integrated Nutrition in 2012. There, I studied ancient Andean healing practices and established my own company for holistic well-being services in 2013. I have had mostly private clients so far but trying to make my way to corporate well-being as well, as I have experience from that world in my previous life."

**KAARIN JONES (BA)** is enjoying time with family and friends.

**LORENZO ZETINA (BBA)** has two children from his first marriage and reports that he remarried this past year in April while on an international assignment in Argentina. He is currently the HR Manager for Gerdau's operations in Mexico.

**[1992]** **DAVE KRIPPNER (BA)** writes that he "served 10 years as business analyst/finance analyst/business intelligence analyst," and that he is seeking the next similar opportunity.

**[1994]** **POLLY (PRESTON) SHAW (BA)** is an elementary technology teacher for the Blue Valley School District.

**[1995]** **VALESKA McDONALD GUADALUPE (Med)** obtained her Family Mediation certification through the Supreme Court of Florida and is the cofounder of Florida Agents of Change, LLC, a private practice specializing in parenting coordination and family mediation in South Florida. She is also an ESE support facilitator for Broward County Schools and the coordinator for the American Youth Soccer Organization's Very Important Player program in Weston, Fla.

**CHRISTOPHER HOFFMAN (JD)** was recently recognized as a super lawyer in the 2017 edition of *San Diego Super Lawyers*.

**DANA McDONALD** lives in Scottsdale, Ariz., with her husband of 12 years and their three boys, ages 10, 9, and 6.

**JENNIFER SAGE (BA)** reports, "I'm enjoying life with my husband and five children. My oldest is a senior and applying to colleges, including USD! My other children are in grades 11, 7, 4 and kindergarten."

**NOLI ZOSA (BA, '99 (JD))** is a partner in the Dirty Birds restaurant group, which recently opened up a third location in San Diego's Liberty Station. Noli was recently elected chairman of the Linda Vista Planning Group and was appointed to the City of San Diego's Parking Advisory Board.

**[1996]** **BETH FRATT (BA)** writes, "I'm still living in Vegas raising my three girls with my husband of nearly 19 years. We are preparing our daughters for those college years. USD is at the top of the list!"

**STEFFANIE HOIE (BA)** has been working at the University of San Diego for 15 years. She has three beautiful children ages 13, 9, and 5 years. Stefanie has been married to USD alumnus William Hoie '02 (BA) for 20 years; they family resides in Santee, Calif.

**ANGELA PALTRAM (BA, MBA '98)** has been an owner/trainer at AP Dressage since 1998, one of the leading dressage training and dressage-horse sales operations in Southern California.

**ALEXIS ROBIN (BA)** is the cofounder and COO of p.Link Coaching



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AUSTEN DIAMOND

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# ART IS WHERE THE HEART IS

## Engineer finds her passion in an unexpected place

by Kelly Knufken

The moment that changed everything for the would-be engineer came at an art museum.

Dana Hernandez '07 (BS/BA) had actually never set foot in one prior to her family's European vacation, just a few months before she graduated from USD with a degree in industrial and systems engineering. Her awakening came in London's National Gallery of Art. She followed the docent's tour and listened in.

"I could not believe it. I was astonished that this whole world existed and I knew nothing about it."

Now, Hernandez has completely immersed herself into the world she was introduced to that day,

by taking on a job that's tailor-made for an engineer-turned-artist. As it turns out, when you're the public art program manager for a capitol city like Salt Lake, having the engineering smarts to know both what will work and how to make it work is exactly the bridge that's needed.

It's her job to oversee Salt Lake City's multimillion-dollar slate of public art pieces and steer new proposed projects through the application, approval and construction process.

Since she's constantly working with engineers, it helps to speak their language and be able to read technical documents. She can at once advocate for the artists and help figure out how to make a complicated piece of work hap-

pen. In part, it's her job to work with everyone to make sure the art — much of which is outside and exposed to weather — will hold up. She brings an understanding of how stress, force and other elements may affect a structure and how that structure will respond.

That each piece of public art is unique, often oversized, and the first of its kind is just a problem to be solved, Hernandez says. She loves working closely with engineers and fabricators to solve the myriad obstacles that crop up while transforming artistic visions into reality. There may be safety issues with a work being so close to people; environmental factors can come into play as well. She sees her role — indeed, her strength — as mak-

ing sure the art can stand the way the artist intended, while still bearing the stresses of the environment and the people who interact with it.

"I have engineering drawings with me all the time," Hernandez says. "This position lends itself to an engineer who loves art. I also serve as defender of the artist. The fabricator might say, 'We can't do that.' I don't really ever take no for an answer unless something really won't work."

When it comes to public art, people are often encouraged to interact; for Hernandez, that's part of the fun.

"We want people to touch and to play and discover the unique kinetic sensibilities of the work. I'm happy for people to ponder and to question the work that we do."

After earning her degree, Hernandez worked for Raytheon as an engineer, soon deciding to take some art history classes to learn more about her burgeoning

interest. It became clear she needed more art in her life, and she moved to Salt Lake City to study art history as a graduate student at the University of Utah. She began working in the arts and eventually found this perfect fit.

While most people in her position start with the arts and come by some engineering and construction know-how on the job, Hernandez took a different path. "I had a birds-eye view of what it meant to construct something, then I made my way into the arts. It's extremely helpful. I interface with engineers constantly to ensure that none of the public art is going to fail."

Like many cities, Salt Lake devotes a set amount of every capital improvement project — 1 percent in this case — to public art.

One of her first tasks was to bring her engineer's eye to the entire public art process to refine and make it more efficient. "My passion is in art history and the arts in general. I also have an extreme fondness for efficiently run systems."

In this case, too, the engineering helps the art. Hernandez points out that the more proficiently her department uses its time and money, the more art it can make.

Going back to that moment at the art museum, did Hernandez even know that something was missing from her life?

"I had no idea I needed it, but I do," she says. "Art gives me an outlet. It pushes the bounds of my creativity, which inevitably makes me a better problem solver, empathetic person and overall human. Seeing art helps me see the world with a fresh set of eyes. I love that." 🎨

Center for Excellence, working globally as an executive coach and leadership strategist. She hosts a radio show called *The Bright Side: A Life Coaching Radio Show* and published her first book last year, *Leap of Faith, Cultivating Your Brave Heart*. She's living in North Lake Tahoe, Calif., with her husband and 11-year-old twins.

**STERLING STIRES (BA)** is a partner at the San Diego office of Holmes Weddle and Barcott, and has been recently recertified as a specialist in the area of admiralty and maritime law by the Board of Legal Specialization of the California State Bar.

[1997] 🎓

**WADE GOCHNOUR (JD)** has been selected to the Class of 2017 Leadership Henderson Program, an eight-month course devoted to the education and empowerment of civic-minded professionals. Wade works in the Las Vegas office of Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC, where he concentrates on business law, commercial litigation and construction law.

**RYAN SABA (JD)** is a general partner in the civil litigation and trial firm of Rosen Saba, LLP in Beverly Hills. In October 2016, California's premiere legal newspaper, *The Daily Journal*, recognized his firm as one of the top 20 boutique law firms in California.

[1998]

**ROBERT PALM (MIB)** and his wife moved to Athens in May of 2014 to work at the U.S. Embassy.

[1999]

**DINA DAVALLE (JD)** has accepted a position as associate general counsel of Booz Allen Hamilton in New York.

[SUMEET NANGIA (LLM, '02 LLM)]

provided this update: "Business and legal strategic advisor for companies wanting to do business in India, particularly in the real estate, retail and education sectors. I am also a commercial real estate lawyer and broker advisor."

[STEFAN PETERSON (BA, BBA)]

writes, "I just celebrated 17 years as the creative director of the nonprofit, Habitat for Humanity International, where I'm using my business and art degrees to manage the visual brand and design the flagship magazine for the organization. My highlight has

been working with President Carter and traveling to Haiti after the 2010 earthquake to help rebuild houses. I also just completed my master's in international development from the University of London, and will be attending the graduation next year. I started the program as a Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya, and am very happy to have completed it! And I'm excited to have started as a contract designer with the United Nations Development Programme, designing communication material to support the implementation of the Paris Agreement to combat climate change. I also want to say thanks to Saba Oskoui in the art department for her encouragement during my time at USD and since. She's mailed design books to Kenya, and generally been a great mentor! I'm teaching design part time at our local community college, and her support and help has been invaluable."

## 2000s

[2000]

**CHRISTY GRAY (JD)** has joined Jackson Lewis P.C., a law corporation, in their Honolulu office as an associate. She focuses her practice on representing employers in state and federal court, arbitrations, mediations and before administrative agencies such as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission and the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, in all aspects of workplace law. While attending the USD School of Law, Ms. Gray was a board member of the Women's Law Caucus. Prior to her work in employment law, Ms. Gray was a deputy district attorney in Orange County, Calif.

**NICHOLLE WYATT (MA)** is head college counselor at Academy of Our Lady of Peace. "Recently started a nonprofit organization to help first generation students through the college application process," she writes.

[2001]

**KARINA VOLLMER (BA)** lives in Virginia with her husband, two kids, and their dog, Dasher. She recently moved back stateside after spending five years in Singapore. Karina is an in-house senior compliance counsel for a telecommunications company and loves catching up with her fellow alumni.

**ANNE MARIE PETERSEN WICK (BA)** reports, "At the end of 2016, I left my nearly 17-year career in television news and WFAA-TV in Dallas. I decided to take some time off of working altogether and spent three weeks in San Diego with my family. Then, on November 6, 2016 I walked down the aisle and said, 'I do' to my husband, Andrew Wick, a graduate of Southern Methodist University, who is an artist, and an elementary teacher. We honeymooned over the holidays in Munich, Salzburg and Vienna. On the career side of things, I'm venturing into the field of public relations through an agency called Promote On Purpose."

[2002] 🎓

**ROBERT DAVID DUNSTON (MSGI)** was promoted to Center Director of the Palm Beach Retail Center for Florida Blue, formerly Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida. He is responsible for a combined sales, service, and nursing staff of 16 employees serving Palm Beach County, Fla.

**PRENTICE LE CLAIR (BA)** writes, "I recently launched my own management consulting and business development firm. Our vision is to bring the values and ethics to business relationships that are lost in bottom lines and profit margins. We specialize in federal contracting, from zero exposure to full market engagement, creating sustainable companies that reshape our lives and community. Learn more by visiting [www.harmonycouncil.com](http://www.harmonycouncil.com)."

**ERIK NAGEL (BA)** recently welcomed his second child, Kayla Marie Nagel. He has separated from the Navy and now is an anesthesiologist with Kaiser in San Diego.

**JACOB SCHWARTZ (BA)** is focused on urban mixed use development in his hometown of San Diego.

**AUBREE (SPEAR) VALENTINO (BBA)** writes, "Scott and I welcomed our fourth child, Emilia Joyce, on Aug. 30, 2016. She joins big brothers Luke, 7, Carter, 5, and big sister Gracie, 3. Additionally, our family relocated to Dallas prior to her arrival, leaving our beloved San Diego after 18 years. We are enjoying our new city but miss the beach and our friends and family back in California dearly!"

**MINORU YANO (MBA)** is a general manager of Integrated DNA Technologies KK, the Japanese subsidiary of U.S.-based biotechnology research reagent company, Integrated DNA Technologies Inc.

**[2003]**

**LESLIE HELMBACHER (BBA)** reports, "I am currently enjoying my greatest adventure yet by staying home with my two young daughters while continuing my professional passion as a freelance writer."

**BETT SIMPSON LUCAS (BA)** is vice president of sales at Targa Sound Terminal, a petroleum logistics company in Tacoma, Wash. She lives in Gig Harbor, Wash. with her husband, Spencer, and four kids (Emme Lou, 6, Elliette, 5, Beau, 3 and Ladd, 1). She currently is serving on the boards of MultiCare Health Foundation and Citizens for a Healthy Bay.

**CHARLES MEYER (BA, JD '07)**

reports that he married Zarah Maginot in Murrieta, Calif. on Sept. 4, 2016.

**[2004]**

**PEDRO ANAYA (MA)** was recently appointed by Southwest Strategies, a full-service public affairs, public outreach and strategic communications firm, to lead the company's binational efforts as the senior manager of binational affairs and community relations. Pedro will be looking to provide clients with new opportunities on both sides of the U.S./Mexico border.

**EVAN HELMY (BA)** and his wife had a baby on May 5, 2016 named Asher Louis Helmy.

**JILLIAN KYDE (BA)** writes that she is enjoying her two sons and her role as director of sales at Mandarin Oriental.

**[2005]**

**TOM CONGDON (BS/BA)** is a lead electrical engineer at Cue, Inc.

**REBECCA DURAN-OJEDA (BSN)** says that after completing her BSN, she went on to obtain an MSN. She currently works full time as a women's nurse practitioner and nurse midwife at Borrego Health Clinic.

**JAMES FESSENDEN (JD)** was recognized as a rising star in the 2017 edition of *San Diego Super Lawyers*.

**DANIEL GUNNING (BA)** is now a partner at Wilson Turner Kosmo LLP. He continues to specialize in defending employers in employment litigation. When not representing clients in court, Dan and wife Erin (Burke) Gunning '05, with their son, Caden, enjoy cheering on the Toreros on the men's basketball court.

**TOM MANTIONE (Bacc)** reports that he married Amy (Myers) Manti-one in Founders Chapel. The wedding was officiated by Fr. Mike White with a beautiful musical ensemble led by Annette Welsh. In attendance at the wedding were several long-time USD friends and alumni. Tom and Amy are both CPAs in public accounting and active community volunteers for the Boy Scouts of America and Make-a-Wish Foundation, respectively.

**[2006]**

**MARGARET (BANKOFF) ARREOLA (BA)** and Juan Enrique Arreola '04 report that they married, surrounded by USD family and friends including: Carlos Bernal '01, Nick Depner '06, David Duron '05, Katy Jones '06, Evangeline '06 and Rob '06 Kowslowsky, Jared Kushida '03, Daniel Lacarra '01, Ally Dolkas Losness '06, Ryan Pittman '03, Gil Saguid '05, Chris Simmons '04, Sean Williams '03 and Zack Zarrilli '03.

**MELISSA DIAZ-CISNEROS (BA)** writes, "We welcomed Samuel Joseph Cisneros into our family on Oct. 31, 2015."

**KATHLEEN BROSNAK HELM (BBA)** reports, "I've been working for E&J Gallo Winery for the past 10+ years since graduation in 2006 and recently took a new assignment as the manager of private and control labels. In August, my husband and I welcomed our second baby girl, Nora Kathleen. Big sister Bridget loves the new addition to the family!"

**NICK LEWIS (BA)** played professional basketball from 2006 until 2012 in the NBA, NBADL, and European leagues. He now lives in Seattle with his wife, Jessica '06, and their two children. Nick is currently a full-time firefighter/EMT.

**ALEXANDER NICHOLS (BA)** is a licensed master of vessels up to 3000GT, endorsed by the Cayman Islands. He is currently sailing as the chief officer

on a 200-foot superyacht in the Mediterranean and the Caribbean.

**MEGAN WOOD (BA)** reports marrying Daniel Wood in 2015. She graduated the Yale PA program in 2013 and works in family medicine in Thornton, Colo.

**[2007]**

**BRYAN CARPENTER (BAC/BBA)**, an audit manager for LevitZacks in San Diego, has developed a brand as the "craft beer CPA" to attract clients. He was featured in the December 2016 issue of the *Journal of Accountancy*.

**ALLISON CORDOVA (BA)** reports that she married Brandon Monette on Sept. 17, 2016 at Edgewood Lake Tahoe Golf Course. Alumni in attendance were bridesmaid Samantha Pisani Petrucci '07 and Matthew Petrucci '07. The newlyweds reside in Las Vegas, where Allison serves on the USD Las Vegas Alumni Chapter committee.

**TAMMY DePETRO (MS)** is currently relocating back to Phoenix for a new position, commodity manager for textile/leather/glass. In the past year, she was supply chain manager for a team of 15 buyers in Colorado Springs. Tammy is looking forward to returning to Phoenix and joining the USD alumni group there again.

**JEANNE (FAVERMAN) HARREL (BA)** was recently promoted to project manager for Eurofins Frontier Global Sciences, specializing in heavy metals analysis for nutraceutical samples.

**MICHAEL MAHEU (Bacc)** is currently a forensic accountant with Grant Thornton, and has been enjoying the last few years in Chicago.

**RAQUEL (ROWLAND) MARTINEZ (BBA)** had a baby girl last April, named Alessandra Martinez.

**JAZMIN MEMON (BA)** is a Spanish and adult ESL teacher. She plans trips abroad with her students and is also currently completing a graduate program in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

**KATE SHEETS (BA/BAC)** is currently living in Los Angeles and working as senior legal counsel for Anschutz Entertainment Group. She reports that she is married to Tim Sheets from San Diego.

**[2008]**

**SHEENIKA GANDHI (BBA)** re-

ports marrying Varun Gandhi in Dec. in Fullerton, Calif. Sheenika started a new job in January 2017 as director of marketing for Payne & Fears, LLP: "This is a promotion from my previous role as a digital marketing specialist," she says.

**PAULINE GONZALES (BA)** graduated in 2016 from UCSD with a PhD in literature.

**SHAWN LYONS (BS/BA)** has been traveling the world and working for the military.

**JENNA McKNIGHT (BA) '16 (MSN)** writes, "loving my role as a new grad RN on the surgical unit at Rady Children's Hospital!"

**MARY STURGEONS (BA)** is a licensed architect in Illinois and currently works in Chicago for the international architecture and interiors firm, Gensler. She specializes in luxury automotive dealership design and construction, and several of her completed projects and ongoing projects are in Southern California and the Bay Area. She completed her master's of architecture in 2013 at the University of Texas at Austin.

**[2009]**

**LAUREN (BLANEY) BLASEK (BA)** reports that she married Eric Blasek on June 25, 2016 at The Immaculata.

**JILL COVERT (MA)** is working at Restorative Justice Mediation Program and teaching at National University and San Diego City College.

**CHASE EDWARDS (BBA)** and Beth Edwards, '09 (BA) recently welcomed their first child and future Torero to the world. Elle Marie Edwards was born on July 27, 2016.

**DARREN FEENEY (BA)** writes, "After graduating from USD, I went on to the University of San Francisco's sport management program and did public relations internships with the Chargers and Padres. After full seasons with both, I landed a position with the Miami Heat's media relations staff and was there for three seasons, including the championship season in 2013. In April, I returned to San Diego and the Padres and am excited to be back."

**MARCIA LUTTIO (MA)** writes, "Over the years I've enjoyed teaching

in a variety of settings. Some experiences have included teaching the introductory course on peace studies at San Diego City College, as well as a class on nonviolence and conflict resolution. Primarily I've been enjoying raising my three-year-old daughter, Nalu. I also teach yoga, and have facilitated a support group for new mothers."

**JESSICA MONTAÑO (BBA)** has been promoted as the deputy director of the New Mexico Association of School Business Officials (NMA-SBO) effective July 1, 2016. Montaña previously was the marketing and technology specialist for NMA-SBO and has seven years of experience in the nonprofit sector. She is now responsible for the association's marketing, communications and membership outreach. She has a master's degree in marketing from the Anderson School of Management at the University of New Mexico.

**LORENA SAUCEDO RAMOS (BA)** provided the following update: "I married Bruno Ramos on October 22, 2016 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in the city of Santa Ana. We got married in the parish where I grew up and made all my sacraments. We currently live in Fountain Valley, Calif., and enjoy going down to USD a few times a year."

**2010s**

**[2010]** **BENJAMIN BRENNERS (MSN)** has transitioned from his role as a clinical informaticist into "a leadership position over Cardiology/CV Surgery/Cardiac Cath Lab at Rady Children's Hospital, San Diego."

**ELIZABETH CUMMINGS-HAUSMANN (BA)** was a graduate of the 2010 chemistry program and Honors Program. She obtained her masters of public health at Loma Linda University and attended Touro University Nevada School of Osteopathic Medicine and received her doctorate degree in 2016. She is currently a resident physician in the dual Family Medicine and Preventive Medicine Residency Program at Loma Linda University. She reports that she married her husband in June 2016; the couple lives in Fallbrook, Calif., with their dog and cat.



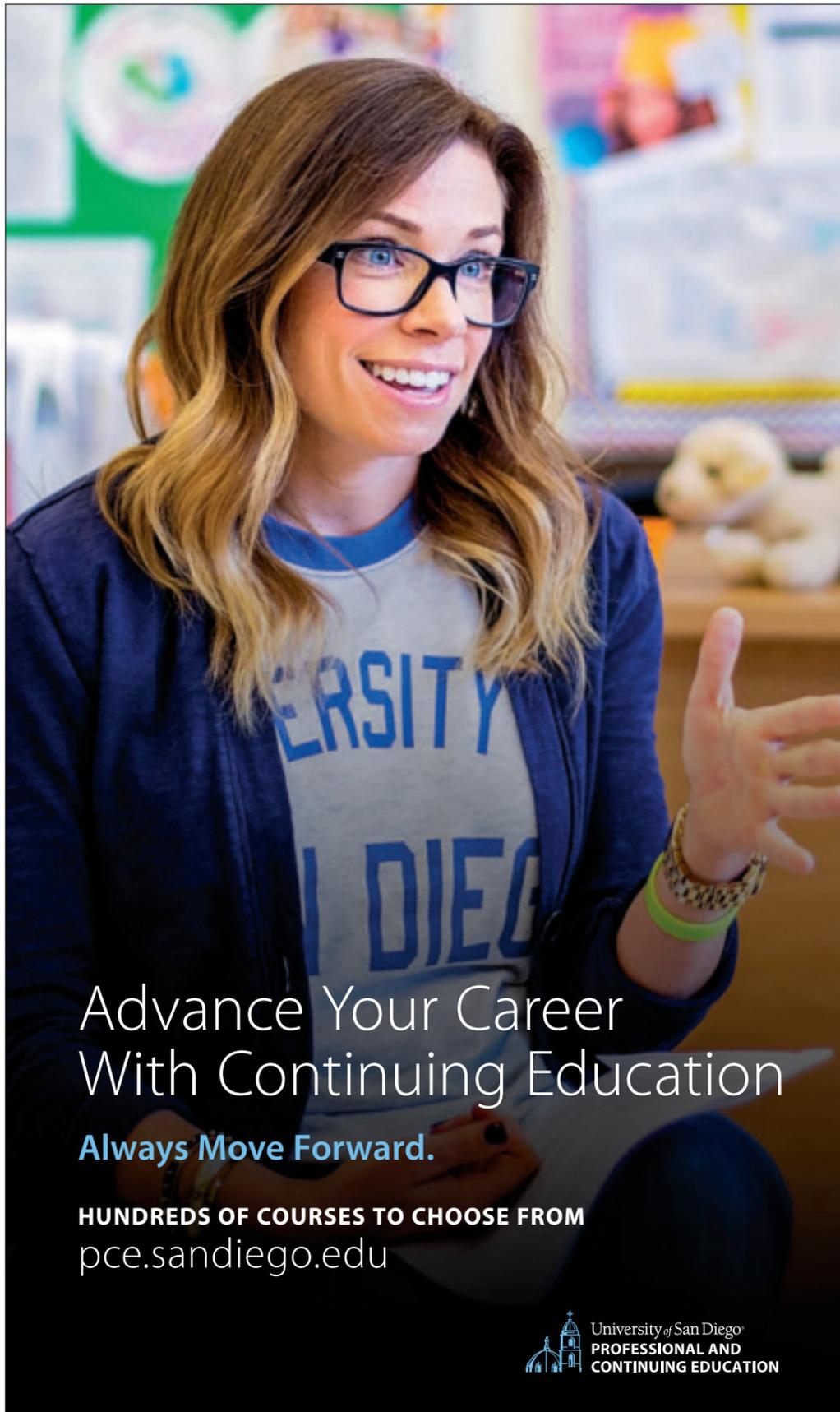
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**CHRISTOPHER R. FOSS (BS)** began his residency at County USC Medical Center in Los Angeles after graduating from the University of Arizona College of Medicine in May.

**XOCHITL GLASER (BA)** decided to follow her dream of working in the NFL after eight years in San Diego. With the help of USD alumni and professors, her dream became a reality. She has now spent two years working for the Kansas City Chiefs.

**CAITLIN (WIDNER) HEYDE (BBA, BAcc)** writes, "I have been working for Globalization Partners since May 2015; we were recently listed as sixth on *Inc. Magazine's* 5000 fastest-growing private companies. I also started a bow company with a fellow graduate alumna, Danielle Heyde, for little girls called Little Aries ([littleariesbows.com](http://littleariesbows.com)). My husband and I have two children, Jake and Taylor, and are moving to Carlsbad, Calif."

**JOHN-RAY INGALLA (BA)** reports that he recently moved to Seattle, upon his promotion as the manager of strategic initiatives for the Amazon logistics program. "This May, I will be completing the MIT MicroMasters credential in supply chain management," he writes.

**RYAN MULVEY (BA)** reports that he married Olga Kroytor in September 2016 in Washington, D.C. at the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family. The couple has relocated to London. Ryan continues to work for his nonprofit public interest law firm in Washington, D.C.

**RYAN SHELTON (BA)** is rowing for the U.S. National Team as well as expanding his family of three to a family of four. He is also working to promote and grow Premier Image, a full-service marketing company.

**RUTH SOBERANES (BA)** began a new job in 2016 as the director of communications and strategic initiatives at the Arizona-Mexico Commission, Office of the Governor.

**HEATHER WARLAN (MSN, PhD '14)** has published two papers since earning her PhD in nursing from USD. "Currently, I am an assistant director of regulatory affairs and the chair of the nursing research and evidence-based council

at UC San Diego Heath. My husband and I welcomed our second child, a baby girl, on Thanksgiving Day, 2016."

**[2011]**  
**JULIE BRODFUEHRER (BA)** writes, "I finished medical school in 2015 and am now in my second year of family medicine residency at Marian Regional Medical Center on the central coast of California. I love living in wine country!"

**NATALIE DIAZ (BA)** is a social worker in the department of veteran affairs.

**KEVIN HARRINGTON (LLM)** recently joined the Los Angeles planning estate office of Schwartz & Shapiro LLP.

**ARMANDO MALDONADO (MA)** is currently serving a two-year tour at the U.S. Embassy in Managua, Nicaragua. He was previously posted at the U.S. Embassy in Kigali, Rwanda.

**JUSTIN MATTI (BA)** reports, "Post-undergrad, I worked in the academic publishing industry, and now I work in the defense industry for General Dynamics. I've also taken on the role of chairman for a local nonprofit, Global Conservation Force."

**DANIELA MODIANO (BA)** says that she just had a baby boy named Marius.

**BHAVDEEP RAI (MBA)** was recently promoted and moved to Minneapolis, Minn.

**MEREDITH SCHNEIDER (BA)** is the editor in chief at the internationally acclaimed *Impose Magazine*, as well as for [moshery.com](http://moshery.com). She and her sister, Erin Zimmerman, run a successful production company, and she recently welcomed home a cat named Schmidt.

**[2012]**   
**KEVIN BOBROW (BBA)** reports, "I was recently hired by Merrill Lynch (UTC office) in July of this year. I will be working on an investment advisory team with my father, who has been an adviser with Merrill Lynch in San Diego for over 35 years. I am truly excited about the opportunity and I look forward to introducing our team to the Torero network."

**COLETTE CUSTIN (BA)** is happy to report that she has moved back to her hometown of Chicago, where she has accepted a position as enterprise systems administrator for the John Marshall Law School.

**HANNAH EMORY (BBA)** is an underwriter for Chubb Insurance.

**KELLI HAGAN (BA)** recently started a new position at experiential marketing company Hadley Media. After three years working in Los Angeles in public relations for clients like Disney, SONY and Warner Brothers, she has now landed a new position back in San Diego and will continue to work in PR with entertainment industry clients.

**DEVON MORRIS (BA)** is "currently finishing up a book about architecture in Myanmar, specifically the historic preservation of colonial structures in Yangon and the informal adaptive reuse through squatter communities."

**MARGARET REYNOLDS (MA)**, after graduating from the SOLES Clinical Mental Health Counseling program in 2012, lived and worked in Las Vegas for four years, where she earned her clinical professional counselor license. She has applied for license by endorsement in Illinois and expected to become a licensed clinical professional counselor practicing in Chicago.

**PHILIP STEMLER (JD)** writes that he's married, has a two-year-old son and lives in Newport Beach, Calif. He is a deputy district attorney in San Bernardino County.

**[2013]**  
**RICHARD BAKKEN (PhD)** writes, "I co-authored a paper, along with SOLES PhD grad James Dobbs, titled 'The Relevance of Four Types of Knowledge for Leader Preparation in Radically Different Settings: Reflections on Data from a Case Study in Qatar and Teaching at a United States Military Academy,' published in the *Creighton Journal of Interdisciplinary Leadership*."

**ANNE CHMILEWSKI (MA)** just graduated from a three-year family medicine residency working with the underprivileged in Chula Vista, Calif. She's now looking for her next opportunity to continue the same type of

work at a community health center.

**TONI DeGUIRE (BA)** reports that he earned his masters of education in higher education administration from the University of Texas at San Antonio in December 2016. "I will also be starting a new position with Teach for America in Dallas, Texas as their manager of alumni transition."

**KEVIN FOLEY (BBA)** works in real estate asset management for Oaktree Capital.

**KAYLEY STUMPE (BA)** has been working as a producer at *Entertainment Tonight* since graduating.

**KARISSA VALENCIA (BA)** writes, "Happy to share I'm currently working at Disney Junior!"

**[2014]**  
**LIVIER GOMEZ (BA)** is currently volunteering for a nonprofit organization. She loves to travel, meet new people, and taste new foods. Livier is currently working full time, but is seeking a career that makes an impact.

**ALEXIS HEARD (MSN)** says, "Since USD, I have been working as an ICU nurse, creating as well as implementing unit and hospital projects, and recently gave birth to a son. Can't wait to catch up with everyone!"

**CHARLES MACKAY (BBA)** was recently named partner at Marine Street Financial in La Jolla, Calif.

**ALEXA McANENEY (BA)** writes, "After I graduated I spent my time dental assisting while I applied to dental school. I just started my first year of dental school and I absolutely love it! Roseman University College of Dental Medicine has an incredible program. It is a blessing to know I am doing what I was meant to do with my life. This first year is predominantly lecture-based, preparing us for boards. I am definitely looking forward to doing more patient care, because that is my favorite part. USD helped foster a desire in me to be a Changemaker, and I am enjoying finding ways to continue being a Changemaker in the dental field."

**CHRISTINA MURPHY (MA)** writes, "In October 2016, I moved to Washington, D.C. to begin a new position as a programs associate at The

Fund for Peace. I work on programs that deal with conflict early warning and violence against women and girls, primarily in West African states."

**IAN RODGERS (BA)** recently moved to New York to begin working on his masters of public health in epidemiology at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health.

**SEAN URBAN (BBA)** worked for two years after graduation with the USD baseball team as director of baseball operations and was a part of the coaching staff for the 2015 WCC Champions. In the fall of 2016, Sean moved on to university relations at USD and now works in advancement services, processing the donations the school receives.

**[2015]**  
**TYLER BOYCE (BA)** reports, "I recently moved from the Sacramento area to Los Angeles County. My first job was part of a nonpartisan voter registration drive organized by Method Campaign Services. Currently, I work two jobs: as a file clerk for Warner Bros. TV and as a bakery wrapper for Costco. In my spare time, I am taking a class in acting and VO, taught by voice actor Marc Cashman."

**BRITTNEY CAIRNS (MED)** has been teaching English at Cathedral Catholic High School since graduating from SOLES.

**JACQUELINE CORTES (BA)** writes, "I recently finished my year of service with Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest/AmeriCorps in Hillsboro, Ore. I served as a program coordinator at Bienestar, an affordable housing agency for Latino farmworker families, whose mission is to build houses, hopes and futures for the well-being of the families and seniors."

**KELSEY ENGELHARDT (BBA)** has been working for almost two years at a sales and marketing consulting firm in Chicago. Kelsey has loved the new location and her job.

**JASPER FOREST (BA)** writes, "I'm working for Industry! We are creating a platform for service and hospitality to find jobs easier. Check it out at [www.industry.com](http://www.industry.com)."

**HENRY HICKS (BA)** is a technical recruiter at Aerotek Clinical LLC.



GREG SHED

**DAVID MALICKY**, associate professor of mechanical engineering in the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering, passed away on Feb. 22, 2017, after an extended illness. Professor Malicky was instrumental in developing the design skills of engineering students by giving them meaningful hands-on experiences. The design studio classes in mechanical engineering, such as his guitar design course, reflect his belief that the most effective engineers are those who can create with their hands the ideas they envision with their minds. He developed curriculum, designed the renovated machine shop and project spaces in Loma Hall, and worked closely with students to help them achieve their goals.

**SIENNA LA ROCCA (BA)** was just promoted to global communications specialist. She's now launching and leading the consumer PR sector at Dolby.

**JASMINE MALLEN (BA)** is attending graduate school at SDSU at the School of Public Affairs and majoring in public administration with an emphasis in city planning. Jasmine is in-

terning at San Diego City Hall, Council District 9. She writes, "Over the summer, I studied immigration and refugee policy in Munich, Germany. (My first study abroad experience was through USD, to Madrid.)"

**REESA MORALA (MA)** is a treatment coordinator/program therapist for the Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Program at Aurora Behavioral Health Care.

**JOJI PETERS (MBA)** reports that he is working at Northrop Grumman and enjoying life in San Diego.

**ANGEL TORRES (MS)** moved to Chicago after graduating, and enrolled in the Kellogg School of Management to get his MBA. He will graduate and simultaneously retire from the Navy after 27 years.

**[2016]**  
**MICHAEL BURRAFATO (BBA)** is an incoming investment banking analyst with Lazard, Ltd. in their New York office where he will be working in M&A and Restructuring.

**ESTHER CHO (BS/BA)** is working as an Internet of Things engineer at Clarity Design, Inc., designing iOS apps and web.

**EMILY DAVIS (MA)** moved to Northern California to become the college programs coordinator for Rachel Carson College at UC Santa Cruz.

**GIULIA DUGO (BBA)** is working at Adobe in Seattle as an international program manager on the globalization team.

**DAVID EMERY (MA)** writes, "I recently landed an amazing job working for a nonprofit in downtown San Diego. We provide STEM education opportunities for underserved youth in the San Diego region, as well as nationally, with the mission of providing the fundamental fluencies necessary for underprivileged students to succeed in STEM fields. Three of our eight employees are Toreros, serving as Changemakers in our community and nation. Not only do I help some really amazing students create cool inventions, but I also get to feel a sense of real accomplishment in my work, knowing that we're making real impacts on students' self-identity and expanding what they think they are capable of."

**AUSTIN GALY (BS)** writes, "Prior to graduating this December, I was offered the opportunity to come work for USD as a student advisor. I now work with students in USD's Mulvaney Center for Community Awareness and Social Action. Through my role, I am able to help facilitate student's growth by helping to contextualize their educational experiences. Through establishing new partnerships with local community members and nonprofit organizations, we create pathways for students' experiential learning outside of the traditional classroom setting."

**BIANCA GUZMAN (BA)** writes, "Currently serving as an Americorps VISTA for Generation Citizen in San Francisco."

**HOLLY HINH (Med)** was recently selected to be a part of the EL Roadmap Committee for the CDE.

**DANIELLE JONES (BAcc)** reports that she is working at Ernst and Young, a big four public accounting firm, while studying to become a CPA.

**SEAN JONES (LLM)** reports, "I recently started a new law firm, using my LLM to transition my career focus from criminal defense to real estate development. (My criminal defense practice is still going strong, but I've moved to a strictly managerial capacity so I can focus on growing the new firm.)"

**MINA KRENZ (BA)** is working as a research assistant in the Office of Vaccines Research and Review at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

**FIGORELLA MORALES (BA)** reports, "After graduation, I started working at USD with the department of undergraduate research as the program coordinator for a federally funded program, NSF REU. Last fall, I also started graduate school at SDSU to acquire a master's in postsecondary educational leadership with an emphasis in student affairs. I work in international engagement in the Division of Undergraduate Studies advising the Weber Honors College and Compact students on how to go abroad. This semester I became an ambassador for ACPA and am the USD liaison for the Lessons from Abroad Conference!"

**SWASTIK MUKHERJEE (MBA)** recently joined a supply chain start-

up in greater Seattle as an implementation consultant.

**JENNA OWENS (BS/BA)** is designing a medical device intended for use in developing countries for Clarity Design, Inc. in San Diego.

**ANGELA PARKER (Med)** is a high school English teacher in Rocklin, Calif.

**NATASHA RIDLEY (MA)** is currently a RISE Urban Fellow working on arts community engagement project in Southeast San Diego.

**JUDITH SCOTT (PhD)** writes, "I'm pleased to be teaching community health nursing at the RN to BSN level at UCCS in Colorado Springs, and applying my new doctoral knowledge to a fledgling program of research. The mountains are beautiful, and there is much outdoors to enjoy!"

**CARMEN SIERRA (BBA)** writes, "I am currently an Americorps VISTA member in the Bay Area working at Alameda Point Collaborative through St. Mary's College."

**PATRICK VOGT (BBA)** is furthering the future of the entertainment industry from 20th Century Fox films.

## In Memoriam

**DALE R. ANDERSEN '73 (Med)** passed away on May 22, 2016.

**RENNIE BLOCK '77 (BA)** passed away on October 19, 2016. Rennie was born in San Diego and grew up in the USD neighborhood of Linda Vista. He attended USD from 1973 to 1977, obtaining a BA in nonwestern studies and attended the University of Denver, where he obtained an MA in international studies. He had been married to Debbie McGraw-Block since 1983. Rennie moved back to San Diego in 1985 and worked in Continuing Education at USD for 29 years, retiring in February 2014.

**LOU MAGANA '80 (BA)**, manager for events and special services, passed away on Jan. 6, 2017. Lou had worked at USD since 1974 and graduated with a degree in English. He was well-known by many people on campus and we are thankful for his years of service to the university community.

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**NOVEMBER 11, 2017**  
*University of San Diego, Jenny Craig Pavilion*

**HONORARY CHAIR**  
*Maj. Gen. William M. Matz, Jr. (Ret.) '73*

Join us on Veterans Day at the University of San Diego's Founders Gala to support student scholarships and pay tribute to those who have served in the military. The black-tie evening will feature unique silent and live auctions, a Swarovski Sparkle Station, an exquisite dining experience and an unforgettable After Party.

Proceeds will establish a new, endowed scholarship fund dedicated to student veterans.

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**JAKE HERNANDEZ, USD'S NEWEST HONORARY TORERO, was welcomed by Baseball Coach Rich Hill and his players this spring. The Helix High School student threw out the first pitch at the April 15 game vs. Pacific, which USD won 10-4. Representatives from the university invited Jake to throw out the first pitch after meeting him in December at the Wishes in Flight telethon, hosted by NBC 7 San Diego, where the Make-A-Wish Foundation granted his wish for a trip to Costa Rica with his family.**

NICK PORTER

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



### Summer Send-Offs

June - August  
[www.sandiego.edu/parents](http://www.sandiego.edu/parents)



### European Alumni Reunion in Milan and Lake Como, Italy

Friday, June 23 - Monday, June 26  
[toreronetwork.sandiego.edu/europe2017](http://toreronetwork.sandiego.edu/europe2017)



### Vintners Dinner

Saturday, July 15  
 6:00 p.m.

### USD Wine Classic

Sunday, July 16  
 2:00 p.m.  
[usdwineclassic.com](http://usdwineclassic.com)



### OLÉ! Weekend and Parent Orientation

Friday, Sept. 1 - Tuesday, Sept. 5  
[www.sandiego.edu/orientation](http://www.sandiego.edu/orientation)



### Football Opener USD vs. Western New Mexico

Saturday, Sept. 2  
 2:00 p.m.  
[USDToreros.com](http://USDToreros.com)



### Mass of Welcome

Sunday, Sept. 3  
 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
 Jenny Craig Pavilion  
[sandiego.edu/mission](http://sandiego.edu/mission)



### Mass of the Holy Spirit

Thursday, Sept. 14  
 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.  
 The Immaculata  
[www.sandiego.edu/mission](http://www.sandiego.edu/mission)



### Homecoming and Family Weekend

Thursday, Oct. 12 - Sunday, Oct. 15  
[www.sandiego.edu/hfw](http://www.sandiego.edu/hfw)

Check out more USD events at [www.sandiego.edu/events](http://www.sandiego.edu/events).



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