# This Is San Diego State



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## HEAD COACH BRADY HOKE

## HOKE BY THE NUMBERS

 $1997\,$  year he helped Michigan to the national championship as the defensive line coach

**35** number of all-conference picks in his six-year tenure at Ball State

28 years of coaching experience, including 26 at the collegiate level

21.0 average margin of victory in Ball State's 12 wins in 2008

**O** bowl games he has coached

 ${\bf 5}\,$  number of times his teams have won or shared a conference regular season title

4 number of schools to end the 2008 regular season perfect, including Hoke's Cardinals, Alabama, Boise State and Utah

2 number of 10-plus win seasons in Ball State's 84 years. Hoke has been part of both, as a player in 1978 and as a coach in 2008

national ranking in 2008 for Ball State in fewest penalties and fewest penalty yards per game

number of times Ball State had been nationally ranked before 2008, where the Cardinals reached as high as No. 12 in the AP poll



### 2008 Associated Press Coach of the Year Final Results

- Head CoachCui1. Nick SabanAla2. Mike LeachTex3. Kyle WhittinghamUta4. Paul JohnsonGer5. Joe PaternoPer6. Brady HokeSai7. Five others received votes
- Current School Alabama Texas Tech Utah Georgia Tech Penn State San Diego State

### 2008 AFCA Regional Coach of the Year Winners

Head Coach Brady Hoke Brian Kelly Mike Leach Houston Nutt Mike Riley

Current School San Diego State Cincinnati Texas Tech Mississippi Oregon State

### What They're Saying About Brady Hoke

"Brady Hoke is one of the very fine coaches in this land. He and his staff care about their players and demand excellence in all phases of their program. The Aztecs will enjoy great success with coach Hoke!"

– Jim Tressel, head coach of The Ohio State

"San Diego State made the right choice. Brady has done one of the great coaching jobs in the country at Ball State. I think he has proven what an outstanding coach he is."

- Lloyd Carr, former head coach of Michigan

"(He is) one of the finest football coaches in America. He is a proven winner and more importantly, he is a tremendous family man. He's also a great friend. The people of San Diego State should be very proud that Brady Hoke is their head football coach.

– John Harbaugh, head coach of the NFL's Baltimore Ravens

## SDSU COACHING STAFF





Al Borges Offensive Coordinator

Previously served as offensive coordinator at Auburn, Indiana, California, UCLA, Oregon, Portland State and Boise State.

Helped guide Auburn to a 41-9 record and four straight top-15 finishes in the AP final poll from 2004-07.



Rocky Long Defensive Coordinator

Served as the head coach at New Mexico from 1998-08 and is the all-time winningest coach in Mountain West Conference history.

At UNM, his defensive units ranked among the top 30 in fewest yards allowed six times.



#### Jeff Hecklinski

Assistant Head Coach/Running Backs/ Recruiting Coordinator

Coached the previous five seasons with Brady Hoke at Ball State.

Also served on coaching staffs at Arizona and Central Missouri State.



Dan Ferrigno Tight Ends/Special Teams

Spent 22 seasons coaching in the Pac-10 Conference at California, Oregon, Oregon State and USC.

Coached Tony Gonzalez, Lavelle Hawkins, Keenan Howry, DeSean Jackson, Samie Parker and Demetrius Williams in college.



Darrell Funk
Offensive Line

Served as the offensive line coach last season at Ball State and has coached the position at the college level for 15 years.

Last season, he coached Robert Brewster, who was selected in the third round of the NFL Draft, and Rimington Award candidate Dan Gerberry.



LeCharls McDaniel Wide Receivers

Is in his ninth season at San Diego State.

His college pupils include Kassim Osgood, Chaz Schilens, Brett Swain and J.R. Tolver.



Brian Sipe Quarterbacks

Earned NFL MVP honors in 1980 when he guided the Cleveland Browns to an 11-5 record.

He passed for more than 5,000 yards and earned honorable mention All-America honors at San Diego State.



Mark Smith Linebackers

Spent the previous six seasons as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach for Brady Hoke at Ball State.

Last season, his Cardinals defense ranked 28th nationally in points allowed.



Tony White Cornerbacks

Served as the linebackers coach for Rocky Long last season at New Mexico.

Was a three-year starter and a four-year letterwinner from 1997-2000 at UCLA.

## **AZTEC FOOTBALL TRADITION**

### RECEIVER U

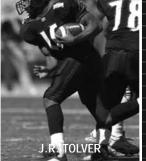
There is little argument that if you're looking for future pros, record-setting collegians or just old-fashioned playmakers, San Diego State's receiving corps, past, present and future, might be a good place to start.

With the Aztecs' tradition of attacking through the air, igniting scoreboards and sending players to the next level of football, receiver has become a position of glory and notoriety at San Diego State. Below is a look at just some of the standout pass catchers who have worn the Red and Black:

### Sunday Sightings

Will Blackwell
Ken Burrow
Isaac Curtis
Gary Garrison
Dwight McDonald
Haven Moses
Kassim Osgood
Darnay Scott
Ronnie Smith
Webster Slaughter
Brett Swain
J.R. Tolver
Jeff Webb











### LINEBACKER U.

Beginning with the Dark Side Defense earlier this decade, San Diego State has quickly become synonymous with bigtime linebackers. This decade alone, Aztec linebackers have combined to earn four first-team all-conference selections and four second-team all-conference accolades.

These days it is tough to turn on an NFL game without seeing a former Aztec linebacker making plays. Currently, six former San Diego State players – Russell Allen, Antwan Applewhite, Heath Farwell, Freddy Keiaho, Kirk Morrison and Matt McCoy - are listed as linebackers in the NFL.

Allen became the latest Aztec linebacker to join the ranks of the Sunday league when the two-time Dick Butkus Award nominee was signed by the Jacksonville Jaguars. The school's all-time leader in assisted tackles, Allen was a four-year starter for the Aztecs.



### SUPER BOWL AZTECS



Super Bowl XLI continued a long line of San Diego State Aztecs in the NFL's biggest game. In 2007, the AFC representative, Indianapolis, included former Aztec linebacker Freddy Keiaho, who capped off his rookie season in style as the Colts pulled away for a 29-17 victory over the Chicago Bears. Kelaho joined 21 other players and four coaches from San Diego State who have participated in the festivities of the largest spectacle in sports. Overall, an Aztec has been involved in over half of the Super Bowls, beginning with legendary Don Horn in Green Bay's victory in Super Bowl II.

Joe Gibbs, who played at SDSU from 1961-63 and then coached on The Mesa three more seasons, has been the Aztec with the greatest influence on the Super Bowl. Gibbs won three of the four games he participated in with the Redskins, beginning with a 27-17 triumph over Miami in 1983, and finishing with a 37-24 victory over Buffalo in 1992.

Gibbs wasn't the first former Aztec to lead his team to victory. Oakland Raiders head coach John Madden won Super Bowl XI over Minnesota in 1977, only 11 years after leaving the staff of SDSU. Brian Billick is another former Aztec staffer to serve as a Super Bowl coach, leading Baltimore to a 34-7 triumph over the Giants in 2001.

In 2004, the Carolina Panthers, coached by former SDSU player John Fox, gave the New England Patriots all they could handle before falling in a 32-29 nail-biter. Fox earned two letters playing in the defensive backfield on Montezuma Mesa in 1975-76 and later served as a graduate assistant in 1978. One of Fox's Aztec teammates and former peer in the NFL coaching ranks, has Super Bowl experience as a player. Former NFL head coach Herman Edwards played in the same SDSU secondary as Fox in 1976, and then went on to start in the Philadelphia Eagles' first Super Bowl, a 27-10 loss to the Raiders in 1981.

Of course the most famous Aztec in recent years, Marshall Faulk, has made an impact in the big game, teaming with former SDSU wide receiver Az Hakim in two Super Bowls. Faulk totaled 117 yards to lead the St. Louis Rams to a 23-16 victory over Tennessee in 2000. The two Aztecs combined for 225 yards as the leading rusher and receiver in the Rams' 20-17 loss at the hands of New England in 2002.

Several Aztecs have been key to multiple Super Bowl appearances. Tight end Don Warren was a starter for four games, teaming with Joe Gibbs in each of the Redskins' Super Bowl appearances, while Nate Wright started in three for Minnesota from 1974-77, but was never able to hoist the trophy.

Of all the Aztec greats to participate in the Super Bowl, only one has ever been able to reach the end zone. Ronnie Smith, SDSU's leading receiver in 1976, hauled in a 24-yard touchdown strike to give the L.A. Rams a 19-13 third-quarter lead over Pittsburgh in 1980. However, former SDSU defensive end Fred Dryer and the Ram defense could not stop the Steelers from scoring two unanswered touchdowns as they earned a 31-19 victory.

San Diego State's former offensive line coach, Ed White, played in four Super Bowls in the 1960s and 1970s for Bud Grant's Minnesota Vikings.

## SDSU RETIRED JERSEYS



Willie Buchanon - #28 1970-71



Haven Moses - #25 1966-67



Todd Santos - #8 1984-87



Marshall Faulk - #28

1991-93

### **CORYELL COACHING TREE**

Don Coryell's legacy began in the 1960s at San Diego State and now stretches into a new century and crosses the professional and collegiate ranks. The heart and soul of the old Aztec air attacks have since become known as the "West Coast Offense." Below are just some of the coaches connected to, or sprung from, the Don Coryell Coaching Tree.

Marty Mornhinweg

Sherman Lewis Paul Hackett

1960s	1970s	1980s	1990s	2000s
Sid Gillman	John Madden	Bill Walsh	George Seifert	Steve Mariucci
Vince Lombardi	Chuck Noll	Joe Gibbs	Dennis Green	Tony Dungy
Ara Parseghian	Bum Phillips	Jim Hanifan	Mike Holmgren	Jon Gruden
Norm Van Brocklin	Dick Vermeil	Ernie Zampese	Mike Shanahan	Brian Billick
Al Davis	Tom Bass	Dan Henning	Jeff Fisher	Andy Reid
George Allen		Rod Dowhower	Norv Turner	Mike Martz
		Sam Wyche	Ray Rhodes	John Fox

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## **AZTECS IN THE NFL**

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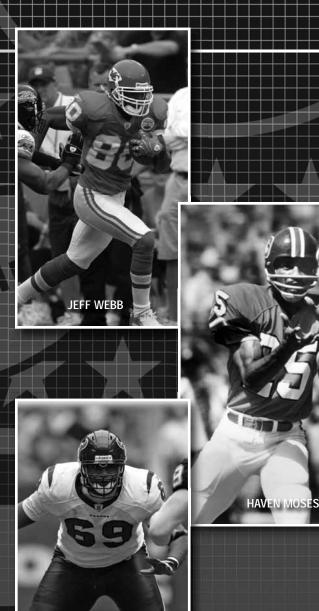
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ROBERT GRIFFITH

ALL-TIME NFL DRAFT				
PICKS BY MWC SCHOOLS				
School	Draft Picks			
TCU	170			
SAN DIEGO STATE	142			
Brigham Young	135			
Utah	129			
Colorado State	95			
Wyoming	76			
New Mexico	63			
UNLV	43			
Air Force	7			
Source - DraftHistory.com				



Aztecs Drafted Since 2004

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#### Player

Lance Louis
Kevin O'Connell
Tyler Schmitt
Brett Swain
Chaz Schilens
Freddy Keiaho
Jeff Webb
Matt McCoy
Kirk Morrison
Marviel Underwood
Jeff Shoate

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)5	Fourth
)4	Fifth

#### **Drafting Team**

Chicago Bears New England Patriots Seattle Seahawks Green Bay Packers Oakland Raiders Indianapolis Colts Kansas City Chiefs Philadelphia Eagles Oakland Raiders Green Bay Packers Denver Broncos San Diego State has a storied history of sending its players to the National Football League. Over the years, the Aztecs have had 142 players selected in the NFL Draft, which ranks second in the Mountain West Conference. Of its overall total, 51 have been picked within the first 100 selections.

Over the last two years, SDSU has had five players picked in the NFL Draft, its highest number of players selected since 2005-06, when five Aztecs were chosen during those installments of the NFL Draft.

Offensive lineman Lance Louis was the Chicago Bears' seventh-round pick this year, while quarterback Kevin O'Connell was the 31st pick in the third round and 94th selection overall, going to the New England Patriots in 2008. Joining O'Connell in the '08 Draft were long snapper Tyler Schmitt, a sixth-round choice of the Seattle Seahawks, and wide receivers Brett Swain and Chaz Schilens, who were tabbed in the seventh round by the Green Bay Packers and Oakland Raiders, respectively.

A complete list of Aztecs drafted and those who played in the NFL can be found on pages 165-168.

## MARSHALL FAULK

- Super Bowl XXXIV Champion
- AP Most Valuable Player (2000)
- AP Offensive Player of the Year (1999-01)
- AP Offensive Rookie of the Year (1994)
- All-American (1991-93)
- Heisman Trophy Runner-Up (1992)
- NCAA Rushing Champion (1991-92)

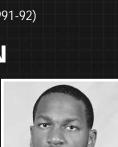
• Second runner ever to gain 3,000 yards in first two collegiate seasons (1991-92)

## **KIRK MORRISON**

- Drafted by Oakland Raiders (2005)
- Played in all 16 games in each of his
- four seasons (2005-08)Led all NFL rookie defenders in tackles (2005)
- All-American (2003-04)
- MWC Defensive Player of the Year (2003-04) \_\_\_\_\_\_
- Butkus Award semifinalist (2004)
- SDSU second all-time leader in tackles (2001-04)

### **BRIAN SIPE**

- Drafted by Cleveland Browns (1972)
- AP Most Valuable Player (1980)
- Led AFC in passing touchdowns
  (1979, '80, '83)
- Led AFC in passing (1980)
- All-American (1971)
- NCAA Passing Champion (1971)
- All-Pacific Coast Athletic Association
   (1971)





## GAME DAY AT THE O

Game day at San Diego State is a mixture of big-city sophistication, college football at its highest level, the best climate in America and a fan base that is accustomed to points and victories in bunches. The ingredients come together in an NFL stadium that has hosted three Super Bowls and seen its share of dramatics over the years.

SDSU football has grown up with the city of San Diego. Since the Aztecs began playing their home games in Mission Valley in the 1960s under the direction of Don Coryell, the traditions of night football and all-black uniforms have become important in the San Diego lifestyle.

Part of that lifestyle can be found leading up to the game. Many can be found in the Qualcomm Stadium parking lot throwing a football around and barbequing in their red and black, enjoying a perfect Southern California afternoon. Aztec football is not just a game, it is a ritual in San Diego.



Aztec Football, along with the KGB SkyShow, has generated four of the top eight all-time home crowds in four of the last five years.

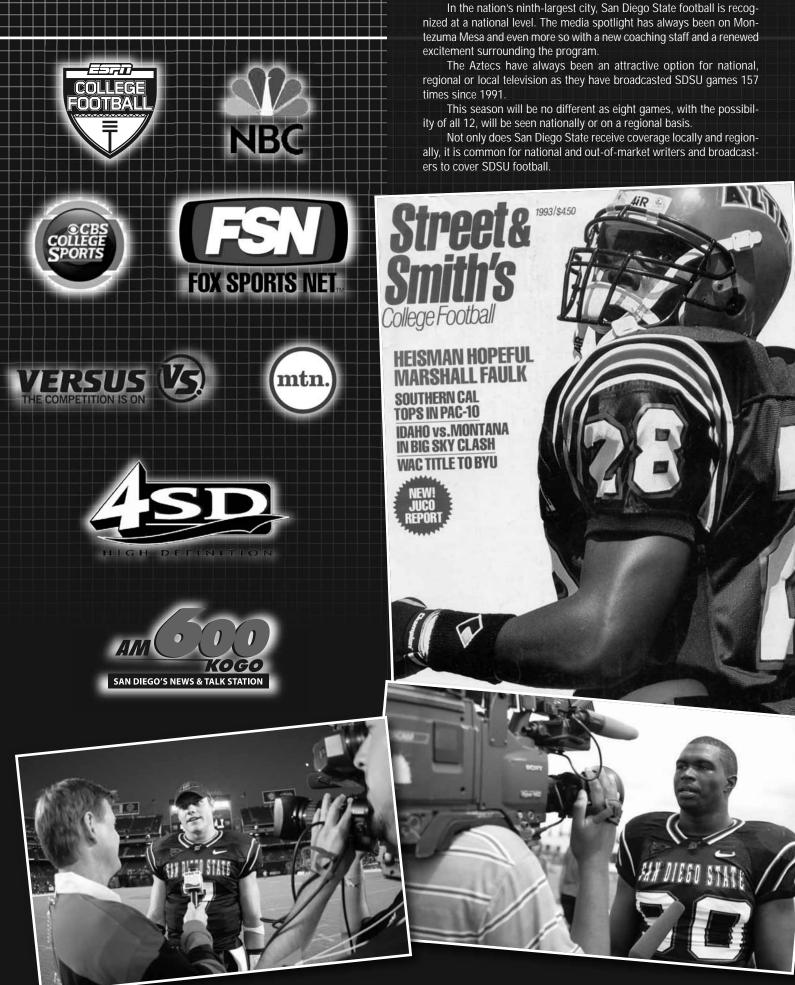


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- San Diego State is the only school in the Mountain West Conference to play all its home games in an NFL stadium.
- Four of the eight largest crowds in San Diego State history have occurred this decade.
- This season marks the 43rd year SDSU has played its home games at Qualcomm Stadium.
- San Diego State has played on national, regional or local television 157 times since 1991.
- The Aztecs have won 167 games in their 42 years of playing at Qualcomm Stadium, meaning SDSU has won nearly 65 percent of its home games at the Q.

## **MEDIA COVERAGE**





## **STRENGTH & CONDITIONING**

## AARON WELLMAN

Aaron Wellman begins his first year at San Diego State as the football team's strength and conditioning coach.

Wellman has 14 years of experience at the Division I collegiate level. His most recent stint came working alongside head coach Brady Hoke at Ball State from 2004-08, as the director of football strength and conditioning.

A former safety at Division III Manchester College in Indiana, Wellman began his career as a graduate assistant at the University of Indiana in Bloomington, where he earned his master's degree in 1998. He then worked for three years as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for the Hoosiers and was primarily involved with the football, baseball and softball teams, as well as developing individual nutrition programs for student-athletes.

Wellman left Indiana for a three-season stop at Michigan State from 2001-03, working with all aspects of the strength and conditioning program for the football team, plus assisting with men's and women's basketball and ice hockey.

He is a member of the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association and is a certified strength and conditioning specialist.



"Aztec Strength and Conditioning is an intense, everyday commitment."

- Aaron Wellman

### Aztec Weight Room Quick Facts

- Encompasses more than 15,000 square feet
- Includes an indoor running track
- All Samson training equipment
- Free weights
- Weightlifting machines
- Cardiovascular equipment

"Our strength staff is dedicated to developing our student-athletes both mentally and physically. We strive to improve athletic performance, prevent injury and develop discipline and leadership skills that will improve physical potential and mental toughness."

— Aaron Wellman

"He's the heart and soul of the football team. ... It's his demeanor and his ability to make kids understand that hard work is all about the big picture. He coaches hard, but he's always going to get the best out of you."

- SDSU Head Coach Brady Hoke

## AZTEC ACADEMICS

- Football's Jonathan Soto along with 10 others were given Malik awards in 2009, which honor SDSU studentathletes with the highest semester GPAs (pictured right).
- During the 2008-09 school year, 70 San Diego State student-athletes garnered all-academic honors from the Mountain West Conference.
- A total of 229 scholar-athletes who achieved a semester GPA of 3.2 or higher were honored at the 15th annual SDSU Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet.





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The dual role of student and athlete can be a daunting challenge for any person at the Division I level. Recognizing that academic challenge, the Student Athlete Academic Support Services program has been developed at San Diego State to assist all student-athletes in achieving academic excellence.

It is a source of pride within San Diego State athletics that the department has developed one of the most comprehensive academic support programs in the country.

#### The Staff

The SAASS staff includes a director, a learning specialist, four academic advisors, the department's director of compliance, an eligibility coordinator, a financial aid coordinator as well as a recruitment coordinator.

In addition to the full-time staff, the department employs more than 20 mentors and tutors.

Collectively, they operate a program that enhances each student's satisfactory progress toward graduation.

#### **The Services**

Throughout the academic year, advisors offer a variety of services to aid individuals in the development of their personal goals and the blueprint for pursuing those goals.

All new student-athletes are invited to an orientation that helps lay the foundation for future successes. Each advisor teaches a section of the University's Freshman Success course (General Studies 100), which deals with specific transition issues for student-athletes. Topics include time management, study skills and test taking. In addition, the course also introduces new students to services such as the Love Library, University Advising Center, Career Services, Health Services and the counseling center.

#### The Resources

In the fall of 2001, the academic unit joined the rest of the athletic department in moving into the new \$30 million, 130,000-square-foot Aztec Athletics Center. The academic staff is located on the third floor of the complex and includes a new 40-station computer lab, individual study rooms and two lecture rooms.

#### The Commitment

San Diego State's annual Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet honors students with a grade-point average in excess of 3.2. In 2009, 229 student-athletes, more than one-third of the student-athlete body, were honored for their work in the classroom.

A new event was launched in 2005 with the inaugural Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Awards. SDSU's student-athletes were treated to an awards banquet to recognize outstanding individual achievements throughout the athletic department.

#### Life Skills

To further increase the opportunities for success, San Diego State is part of the NCAA's CHAMPS/Life Skills Program. The curriculum of Aztec Pride (Promoting Responsibility, Integrity, Diversity, Education) offers a wide range of programs and activities that enhance the educational experience. Special emphasis is placed on the areas of personal development, community service and career development.

In conjunction with SAAC, the Life Skills Program represents SDSU's total commitment to enhancing the quality of each student's experience.



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At San Diego State University, community outreach is an important component of campus life. Over the years, Aztec athletes have been involved in numerous programs, including Habitat For Humanity, Special Olympics, Shop-With-A-Jock and MS Walk (Water Walkers).

Visits to Children's Hospital, local elementary schools and the Ronald McDonald House are common events for SDSU student-athletes. Over the last seven years, red and black jerseys from all sports have become familiar sights at local military bases and hospitals.

San Diego State University has a partnership with Encanto Elementary School in which the Aztec athletic department provides studentathlete tutors and mentors for the school. Tickets to SDSU athletic events are rewards for outstanding academic achievement by the elementary students.

Food drives, stuffed-animal drives and Christmas gift drives are annual features at San Diego State University.

Every season for four consecutive weeks during the month of November, the Aztec swimming and diving team staffs a local shelter and soup kitchen.

In addition, the swimming and diving squad, along with the crew team, participates in Race for the Cure and Row for the Cure, respectively.

"The students are providing a community service," said Bre White, who is the coordinator of SDSU's community service activities. "However, I would say that often times the student-athletes may gain the most from the experience."

## SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY





### **Did You Know?**

- SDSU has been designated a "Research University" with high research activity by the Carnegie Foundation. Peers in this group include George Washington University, Syracuse University, Texas Tech University and the University of Oregon. Since 2006, SDSU has been ranked the No. 1 most productive
- research university in the nation, among schools with 14 or fewer Ph.D. programs based on the Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index. – Academic Analytics.
- Forbes Magazine has ranked SDSU as one of the "top colleges for getting rich" among state universities nationwide. The ranking was based on the nation's leading public universities that produce top earning alums. SDSU ranked in the top 50.
  - Since 2000, SDSU faculty and staff have attracted more than \$1 billion in grants and contracts for research and program administration.
- SDSU's School of Public Affairs is one of the top public affairs programs in the nation, according to U.S. News and World Report's "America's Best Graduate Schools 2009."
- SDSU is the first U.S. university to offer a transnational triple degree program in International Business. In fact, SDSU has the only two such programs in the country. Undergraduate students earn degrees from SDSU and universities in Mexico and Canada in the CaMexUs program, or degrees from SDSU, Mexico and Chile in the PanAmerica program.

Beginning its 113th academic year in fall 2009, San Diego State University can take pride in more than a century of achievement in education, research and service. With an enrollment of more than 34,000 students, SDSU has grown into the largest institution of higher education in the San Diego region and one of the largest in California.

- San Diego State currently grants bachelor's degrees in 85 academic areas, master's degrees in 75 and doctoral degrees in 16.
- Sixty percent of SDSU graduates stay in San Diego to pursue their careers.
- SDSU's undergraduate international business program ranks No. 15 in the nation, according to U.S. News and World Report's "America's Best-Colleges 2008 Guide."
- The international business program at SDSU is the largest undergraduate international business program in the country, serving nearly 1,100 students annually.
- SDSU's international business MSBA program ranks No. 20 in the nation, according to U.S. News and World Report's "America's Best Graduate Schools 2010 Guide."
- SDSU ranked No. 4 among psychology programs nationwide for bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanics. – Top 100 Colleges for Hispanics, Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education, May 2009
- SDSU was ranked No. 27 in entrepreneurship according to U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Graduate Schools 2008 Guide."

## AZTEC FACILITIES

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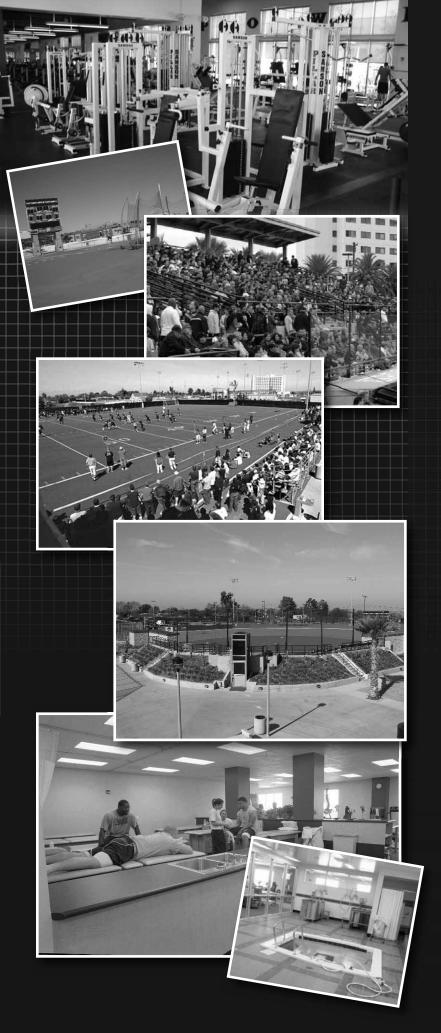
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In place now on Montezuma Mesa are arguably some of the finest facilities in the United States and San Diego State is certainly among the leaders on the West Coast.

The athletic department is housed in the \$30 million, 130,000square-foot Aztec Athletics Center. The centerpiece of the department, which was dedicated in February of 2002, is located just across the street from Viejas Arena and just east of Tony Gwynn Stadium.

The four-story Athletics Center provides state-of-the-art facilities coupled with tremendous logistical advantages and a great location for studying, workouts, treatment, and academic support or just stopping by between classes.

On the south, the center is buffered by the Sports Deck where both San Diego State's soccer squads compete, as well as the track and field team.

On the north side, it is connected to Peterson Gym, the home of Aztec volleyball and a part-time practice facility for the SDSU basketball teams.

The west exit of the building opens onto three 100-yard practice fields. One of the fields is natural grass and two utilize field-turf, providing San Diego State daily options for its workouts.

All of San Diego State's new facilities, including the athletics center, Viejas Arena formerly Cox Arena, Tony Gwynn Stadium, SDSU Sports Deck, Aztec Tennis Center, SDSU Softball Stadium and Aztec Aquaplex have opened since 1997.

The buildings are not just sparkling new, but they are already postseason tested. Viejas Arena, the 12,414-seat basketball facility, has twice served as a site for the NCAA Men's Basketball Division I Championship (first and second rounds) as well as the NCAA Women's Volleyball Division I National Championship. In 2006, the venue also played host to the McDonald's High School All-American Basketball game. Additionally, Viejas Arena was one of 16 sites to welcome the first and second rounds of the NCAA Women's Basketball Division I Championships this past season.

The SDSU Sports Deck welcomed the Mountain West Conference outdoor track and field championships in 2001 and 2007. Tony Gwynn Stadium was the site of the MWC baseball tournament in 2001, while SDSU Softball Stadium played host to the 2005 Mountain West Conference softball championship. In 2010, the MWC baseball championships will return to Tony Gwynn Stadium.

In March 2007, the two-pool Aztec Aquaplex opened, giving both the Aztec water polo and swimming and diving programs a new on-campus home. The new aquatics center served as the site for the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation women's water polo championship in April of 2008 and will be the venue for the 2010 NCAA Women's Water Polo Championships.

In addition to all of the postseason events San Diego State has played host to, the facilities have also been the home to multiple in-season events. The SDSU track and field squad, along with the baseball, softball, swimming and diving, volleyball and water polo teams all put on their own multiple-team events throughout the season. Every spring, professional football scouts and coaches gather at and utilize the Aztec weight room and then move to the practice fields for NFL Pro Timing Day to catch an up-close glimpse of SDSU graduating football seniors.

Besides all of the school's on-campus facilities, the San Diego State football team plays at Qualcomm Stadium, home of the National Football League's San Diego Chargers, in Mission Valley. Qualcomm Stadium is the host of the Holiday and Poinsettia Bowls and was the home of Super Bowl XXXVII in 2003.

Tony Gwynn Stadium, the Aztec Athletics Center and Aztec Tennis Center were constructed thanks to donations by John and Becky Moores.

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**RICHIE WILLIAMS** MWC Career Assists and Steals Leader

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2009 WBCA/State Farm Honorable Mention All-American

> KAROLINE KOEHLER Four-Time All-American

ANNA GONZALES Three-Time ACWPC All-American



JOHAN CARLSSON 2009 All-MWC



### San Diego State 2008-09 Athletic Highlights

San Diego State posted its highest finish ever in the 16-year history of the Learfield Sports Director's Cup.

The Aztecs had a school-record seven sports participate in NCAA championships (women's basketball, outdoor track and field, baseball, women's tennis, indoor track and field, men's golf and softball).

This marks the second consecutive athletic season that San Diego State has set a school record for best finish in the Directors' Cup.

Not included among the seven sports that advanced to NCAA postseason play were women's water polo (finished the season ranked 8th nationally) and men's basketball (advanced to the NIT national semifinals).

San Diego State had two teams finish in the top 25 nationally (women's basketball (T-17th) and outdoor track & field (25th)) marking the first time the Aztecs have had two sports finish among the top 25 in the same academic year since 2002-03.

San Diego State was one of 22 schools nationally to qualify for both the NCAA baseball and softball tournaments.

SDSU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2009 NCAA Tournament Second Round

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## SAN DIEGO QUICK FACTS

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### San Diego

Quite simply, San Diego State University and the City of San Diego, "America's Finest City," enjoy several advantages over virtually every other school in America. The climate, diversity, environment and sheer beauty of the city attracts people from all walks of life.

#### The City

Dubbed the "jewel" of the southern California coast, the city of San Diego has grown to surround its natural harbor and is the ninth-largest city in the United States and the second largest in California.

### Diversity

The rich flavors and colors of this diverse population blends all ethnic groups and all walks of life to create an amazing quality of life that makes San Diego all things to all people.

#### **Natural Beauty**

As America's ninth-largest city, San Diego also protects vast areas of open space for riding, hiking, skiing, and camping. The region also boasts more than 70 miles of beaches along its coastline. From Torrey Pines and La Costa to Aviara, Mission Bay or Singing Hills, beautiful settings offer an abundance of golf and tennis options.

#### The Weather

Meteorologists claim San Diego as the country's only area with a perfect climate. This year-round environment posts an average daytime temperature of 70 degrees, with an annual rainfall average of less than 10 inches.

### **Ideal Living**

Whether watching the sun rise over the east county mountains or the sun setting over the Pacific, in San Diego, one is surrounded by natural beauty, pampered by an ideal climate, immersed in old-world traditions and able to enjoy a comfortable, friendly lifestyle that no other city offers. What a treat to live, play and study in "America's Finest City."

#### **Places To Go**

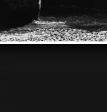
There's always something to do in San Diego. SeaWorld, the World-Famous San Diego Zoo and Wild Animal Park, LEGOLAND California, Balboa Park and historic Old Town are just some of the attractions San Diego has to offer.

If it's art and history you seek, you'll find it here. Did you know San Diego is the birthplace of California or that San Diego boasts the largest concentration of museums west of the Mississippi?

San Diego also offers Tony Award-winning theatre, opera, symphony, art galleries and performance art for the culturally curious.

For that "night on the town" San Diego's night life beckons with over 200 nightclubs that offer toe-tapping beats of everything from country western to R&B.





## CORYELL LOCKER ROOM



### Don Coryell

SDSU Head Coach 1961-1972 104-19-2 .840 career winning percentage

In 1961, San Diego State College director of athletics Bill Terry hired a little-known assistant from USC to take over as head coach of the Aztec football team. Twelve years later, Donald David Coryell left Montezuma Mesa for the National Football League, having made an indelible impact upon the San Diego State athletic program, upon the campus, on the San Diego community and, maybe most importantly, on college football.

There are many reasons why the College Football Hall of Fame voted Don Coryell into its hallowed membership in 1999. In the first place, Coryell, who had previously been a head coach at Whittier College, was a winner throughout his career.

At San Diego State, he compiled an astounding 104-19-2 record, capturing two national college division championships along the way. During his dozen seasons at SDSU, the team posted winning streaks of 31 and 25 games and in only one season did the squad lose more than twice. In 1966 and 1969, the Aztecs completed unbeaten and untied campaigns. San Diego State secured three bowl victories during Corvell's tenure.

It was Coryell who was the driving force in San Diego State's efforts to move from an NCAA college division (Division II) to a university division (Division I) program, a move that was brought to fruition in 1969.

Apart from his record or the 42 players who were drafted by the NFL during his tenure, Coryell had his greatest impact in bringing the modern passing game to college football. He was the first collegiate coach to make the commitment to the forward pass as the base component of an offensive scheme and use it as the means to be successful. Coryell's "passing tree", with numerically assigned routes, simplified the teaching aspect of his system in coordinating pass patterns for quarterbacks and receivers.

He went on to coach for nine years in the NFL (St. Louis Cardinals and San Diego Chargers) and became the first coach to win 100 games at both the collegiate and professional levels.

Don Coryell was formally inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind., on Aug. 12-13, 1999



One of the cornerstones of the Aztec Athletics Center is now named after the man many consider the cornerstone of Aztec football.

The San Diego State football team calls the Don Coryell Locker Room home. The naming rights to the locker room were purchased by former Aztec football players and boosters on behalf of the legendary Aztec coach, who went on to a standout NFL career with the Cardinals and Chargers.

The locker room is one of the largest areas in the Aztec Athletics Center. It is located on the first floor of the Aztec Athletics Center. It features oak lockers with personalized nameplates of current Aztecs, along with historic nameplates honoring past players who wore the same number.

The historic recognition comes via purchases made by former players in support of the football program, or by friends of those players, or boosters, who use the lockers as a way to recognize accomplishments by former Aztecs.

If you or someone you know is interested in purchasing a nameplate to honor a former Aztec, contact the Aztec Athletic Foundation at (619) 594-6444.



#### **Honorary Nameplates**

#7 Kevin O'Connell Presented by Davis Heller
#10 Dan McGwire
#12 Dennis Shaw
#15 Tom Craft
#20 Michael Franklin

In Memory of Terrell Franklin
Presented by John & Becky Busch

#23 Leon Parma

Presented by Jack Goodall

#28 Marshall Faulk
#32 Mike Ibe, Jr.
#34 Kirk Morrison

Presented by Mike Ibe

#35 Art Preston Presented by Tom Pine
#44 Herman Edwards
#45 John Duich Presented by Steve Duich
#50 Jim Hight
#68 Dennis Jenkins Presented by Ben Bagnas
#76 Steve Duich
#76 Andrew Kline
#77 Fred Dryer
#79 Brooke Dunn
#89 Rob Awalt
#93 Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila