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Senior Dani Sidoti enters her fifth year at SDSU (redshirted 2006 campaign) and is in her second season as a team captain. Sidoti has started 90 games over her three-year career and is a scholar-athlete.

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Beginning its 112th academic year in fall 2008, 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 35,000 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 81 academic areas, master's degrees in 74 and doctoral degrees in 16.
- One in seven adults in San Diego holds a degree from SDSU.
- 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 undergraduate international business program at SDSU is the largest in the country, serving 1,100 students annually.
- SDSU is No. 6 in the nation and No. 2 in California for bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanics – *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, May 2008
- SDSU faculty received nearly \$110 million in grants and contracts for research and administering programs during the fiscal year 2006/07, the most of any CSU campus.
- SDSU's International Security and Conflict Resolution (ISCOR) major is the first of any kind in California.



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Did You Know?

San Diego State has been designated a "Research University" with high research activity by the Carnegie Foundation. This designation places SDSU among the top 200 universities conducting research in the United States.

SDSU ranks No. 2 among universities of its type nationwide and No. 1 in California for students studying abroad as part of their college experience. – *Institute of International Education*, November 2007.

SDSU is home to the first-ever MBA program in Global Entrepreneurship. As part of the program, students study at four universities worldwide, including the Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow (NOIDA campus); University of Hyderabad; United Arab Emirates Highest Colleges of Technology (HCT); American University of Beirut and is currently negotiating partnerships with universities in China.

SDSU's master's degree in regulatory affairs – a key area of the biotech industry – is one of only two programs of its kind in the country and is considered the most comprehensive.



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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 department is housed in the \$30 million, 130,000-square-foot Aztec Athletics Center. The centerpiece of the department was dedicated in February 2002.

The four-story athletics center provides state-of-the-art facilities along with tremendous logistical advantages and a great location for studying, workouts, treatment and academic support.

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

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

The west exit of the building opens onto three 120-yard practice fields. One of the fields is natural grass and two utilize field-turf, providing San Diego State daily options for its workouts.

The buildings are not just sparkling new (all of SDSU's new facilities have opened since 1997), but they are already postseason tested. Cox 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 Division I Women's Volleyball National Championship. In March 2006, Cox Arena also played host to the boy's and girl's McDonald's High School All-American Basketball games.

In May of 2007, the Mountain West Conference track and field championships returned to the Sports Deck for the second time in the league's nine-year history, while Tony Gwynn Stadium hosted the 2001 MWC baseball tournament and SDSU Softball Stadium hosted the 2005 MWC softball championship.

The final piece of the puzzle for San Diego State athletics is the new Aztec Aquaplex where the swimming and diving and water polo teams compete. The complex opened in March 2007 and features two pools, one for competition and one for recreation.

The football team plays at Qualcomm Stadium, home of the NFL's San Diego Chargers. Qualcomm Stadium also was the home of Super Bowl XXXVII in 2003.

Tony Gwynn Stadium, Aztec Tennis Center, SDSU Softball Stadium and the Aztec Athletics Center were constructed thanks to donations by San Diego Padres owners John and Becky Moores.



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Cox Arena at Aztec Bowl

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Dr. Stephen Weber
University President

Stephen L. Weber, the seventh president of San Diego State University, provides dynamic leadership to an institution that ranks among the largest in the nation and third largest in California. Educated as a philosopher, President Weber began his tenure at SDSU in July 1996 and shortly afterward initiated a broad-based dialog intended to set the course for the University's future.

Under President Weber's guidance, students, faculty, staff, alumni and community leaders participated in shaping this "Shared Vision." SDSU is now moving boldly ahead toward goals set by those discussions: reinforcing academic excellence, nurturing students, honoring diversity and social justice, carefully stewarding resources and further developing global programs.

A champion of community involvement as well as academic excellence, President Weber has been an advocate for community service. Leading by example, he is immediate past chair of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities Board of Directors and co-chairs Partners for K-12 School Reform. He also serves on the boards of governors of The Peres Center for Peace and the San Diego Foundation, and on the boards of directors of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation, the San Diego Science and Technology Council, and the California Healthcare Institute. He co-chairs the College Presidents Forum of the San Diego County Policy Panel on Youth Access to Alcohol.

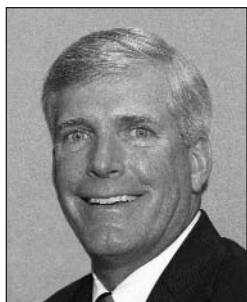
In addition, President Weber is a member of the international advisory board for the Foundation for Children of the Californias, the advisory council of the San Diego Performing Arts League, and the honorary advisory board of the San Diego Science Alliance. He is a member of the San Diego Rotary Club, an honorary director of the Japan Society of San Diego and Tijuana, and a member of the advisory board for Bahcesehir University in Turkey.

Born in Boston, President Weber is a graduate of Bowling Green University with a B.A. in philosophy. He received his Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Notre Dame in 1969 and is the author of numerous articles on philosophy and higher education.

President Weber's many awards include an honorary degree from Beijing Capital Normal University. He was named among the 1997 Headliners of the Year by the San Diego Press Club. Also in 1997, the San Diego Mediation Center honored him with its Peacemaker Award. In 1999, President Weber received the Executive Director's Award from the San Diego Education Association and the Gold Key Award from the San Diego Hospitality Association. He was recognized as a Leader of Vision by the League of Women Voters of San Diego in 2000.

Before coming to SDSU, President Weber served as interim provost of the State University of New York (SUNY). He also served seven years as president of the SUNY Oswego campus. Prior to that he was vice president of academic affairs at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota, dean of arts and sciences at Fairfield University in Connecticut, and assistant to the president of the University of Maine. While a faculty member at the University of Maine, he was recognized as the outstanding professor in humanities.

President Weber is married to Susan Keim Weber, who shares his enthusiastic commitment to SDSU. They have two sons.



Jeff Schemmel
Director of Athletics

Jeff Schemmel, who has elevated San Diego State athletics to unparalleled success, enters his fourth season on Montezuma Mesa.

In 2007-08, San Diego State posted its best-ever finish in the 15-year history of the Division I U.S. Academy Director's Cup for on-field broad based success. Aztec student-athletes continued to excel in the classroom as well, with 218 student-athletes earning 3.0 cumulative or 3.2 semester grade-point averages in 2007.

In addition, San Diego State is coming off one of the most successful spring seasons of any school in the country, joining Stanford, UCLA and USC as the only four schools to qualify for the national championship in men's golf, softball and women's water polo.

Added evidence of the Aztecs' success across the board was demonstrated this past spring, when four San Diego State sports finished in the top 35 of their national championships, including a second straight top-five finish for water polo and a 15th-place finish for men's golf (the highest placing for an SDSU men's sport in an NCAA Championship in eight years). In June, Schemmel was also tabbed as the chair of the NCAA Championships and Sports Management Cabinet, which directly oversees nearly every NCAA Division I championship. The Cabinet is one of six committees that make up the restructured NCAA Governance Structure.

Schemmel was named San Diego State's athletic director on July 6, 2005, and is recognized as one of the most accomplished sitting athletic directors in the country. He is a former practicing attorney, has directed a Final Four, served as a senior administrator at Big 10 and Big 12 schools, and played a part in what might be the biggest football turnaround in the history of college athletics.

Schemmel arrived at San Diego State from Conference USA, where he had served as associate commissioner for governance and legal affairs since October of 2004. During his stay in Dallas, he helped the league negotiate television contracts with ESPN and College Sports Television that exceeded more than \$100 million in revenue, and he served as a member of the NCAA Division I Management Council.

From February of 2004 to October of 2004, Schemmel was the senior vice president and executive director of development for the Arizona State University Foundation, where he oversaw the school's fundraising efforts while supervising approximately 135 employees across the Tempe campus.

Schemmel was an administrator at the University of Minnesota from 1991 to 2003. During his stay in the Twin Cities, he advanced from associate athletic director for compliance to senior associate athletic director and chief operating officer for Gopher athletics.

From 1988 to 1991, Schemmel was an administrator at his alma mater, Kansas State. He served as the school's assistant athletic director for development and later was the associate athletic director for compliance while supervising the school's Olympic sports.

Schemmel was a decorated runner at Kansas State and was named the 1976 outstanding student-athlete at the school. As a Wildcat, he was a four-time track and field All-American, a five-time Big 8 Conference champion, was a member of a national champion distance medley relay team and won the Big 8 Conference Medallion. After earning his undergraduate degree in political science, Schemmel earned his law degree at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan. He began his professional career as an attorney and later was a partner in his own firm, specializing in business and sports law.

Schemmel and his wife, Lori, have been married for 31 years. They have two sons, Justin, and Jon, who plays minor league baseball in the San Diego Padres organization.

AZTEC ACADEMICS

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 2008, 218 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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SDSU'S AZTEC HERITAGE

From the early decades of its history, San Diego State has identified itself with the Aztecs, one of the most sophisticated and distinctive societies in the history of the Western Hemisphere. A fitting choice for a university committed to internationalism and diversity, the Aztec identity evokes great pride in Mexico, as well as among many people in the United States, and certainly within the SDSU community. Consequently, San Diego State strives to honor the Aztec people by enhancing awareness, understanding and appreciation of Aztec culture and achievements.

AZTEC HISTORY

Aztec civilization dates back to at least the 12th century A.D. The precise location is still debated by scholars, but tradition tells us of a place somewhere north of modern-day Mexico City known at that time as Aztlan, which meant "the place of the cranes" or "the place of the herons." The people who lived in this land were called Azteca meaning "those of Aztlan."

The Azteca eventually left their homeland and be-

came known as the Mexica. Native folklore attributes this name change to the instructions of the people's patron deity, Huitzilopochtli (Hummingbird on the Left).

Around 1325, the Mexica settled on an island in Lake Texcoco, an area that is now the heart of Mexico City, and named it Tenochtitlan or "the place of the fruit of the cactus." A century later, the Mexica and two other Nahuatl-speaking city-states, Texcoco and Tlacopan, combined to create an entity popularly known as the Aztec Empire.

Boasting a strong military force, this new alliance commanded a sphere of influence that stretched across much of present-day Mexico.

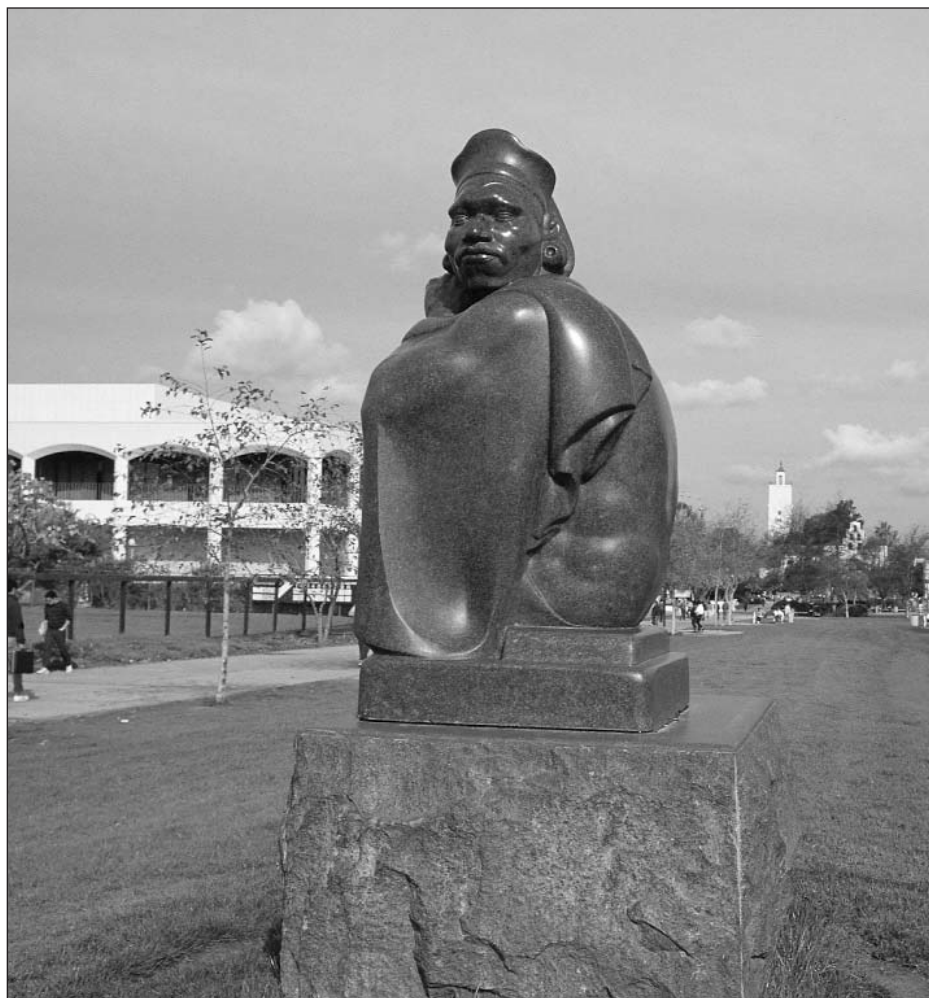
Tenochtitlan and its surrounding valley evolved into a highly sophisticated, multicultural and multilingual city-state of several million inhabitants. At this same time, major European cities numbered only 30,000 to 40,000 in population. A cradle of innovation, the Aztec Empire developed advanced systems of trade, science, politics, religion, education and agriculture. The Aztecs also enjoyed sports and built grand ballcourts to accommodate team events.



AZTECS AND SDSU

San Diego State University first adopted the Aztec name in the 1920s as a nickname for the college's sports teams. In 1925, the student newspaper followed suit, changing its name from *The Paper Lantern* to *The Aztec*. Since that time, San Diego State's celebration of Aztec heritage has permeated the campus. In 1936, a Donald Hord sculpture of Montezuma II, the last Aztec emperor, became a welcoming campus icon. With the passing years, Aztec themes echoed in the names, colors and architectural elements of new campus buildings. And Aztec culture became the subject of more than a dozen university courses.

In 1941, Monty Montezuma, a character based on Montezuma II, debuted at San Diego State athletic events as a symbolic personification of the Aztecs. Over time, the Montezuma character's look and activities have evolved from a sports mascot into a more dignified and accurate representation of the historical emperor. Montezuma now serves as the university's ambassador of Aztec culture, charged with the responsibility of informing and educating the San Diego community about Aztec civilization. SDSU continues to take pride in its affiliation with Aztec culture and to celebrate the Aztec virtues of strength, valor and intellectual achievement.



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America's Finest City

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 eighth 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 eighth 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."

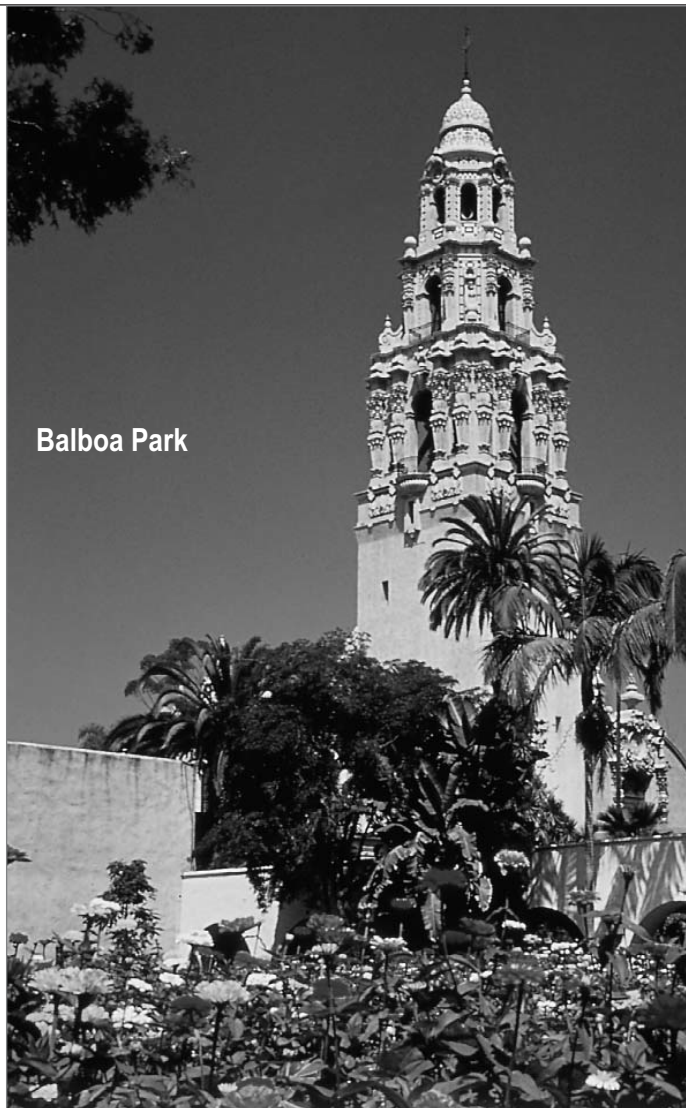
Places To Go

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 night-clubs that offer toe-tapping beats of everything from country western to R&B.



Balboa Park



Mission Bay



DONATION INFO/RECOGNITION

The San Diego State softball team is proud to announce the continuation of its two clubs for the 2009 season - the Aztec Softball ERA Club and the Aztec Mini Warriors.

Donations for the Aztec Softball ERA Club start at \$50 and go to \$500 or higher. With a donation of \$50 (Complete Game), the donor will receive the Aztec softball e-newsletter, a 2009 Aztec softball team media guide and an Aztec softball t-shirt. For a \$100 donation (Shut Out), the donor will receive the Aztec softball e-newsletter, a 2009 Aztec softball team media guide, an Aztec softball t-shirt and Aztec softball hat. With a \$250 donation (No-Hitter), the donor will get the Aztec softball e-newsletter, a 2009 Aztec softball team media guide, an Aztec softball t-shirt, an Aztec softball hat and two Aztec softball season tickets. With a \$500 (Perfect Game) and up donation, the donor will receive the Aztec softball e-newsletter, a 2009 Aztec softball team media guide, an Aztec softball t-shirt, an Aztec softball hat, two Aztec softball season tickets and an Aztec softball Nike hooded sweat-shirt.

You can also become an Aztec Softball Mini Warrior (up to eighth grade) with a contribution of just \$60! With the \$60 contribution, you will receive 2009 Aztec softball season tickets, an Aztec softball t-shirt, a 2009 Aztec softball team media guide and a 2009 Aztec softball signed team poster. In addition, the Mini Warrior will be entered in a drawing to become a bat girl/bat boy for a game, have their photo taken with an Aztec for photo day, and a Practice With An Aztec day.

For more information about how to make a donation to the Aztec Softball Era Club or an Aztec Mini Warrior, please contact director of softball operations Miranda Bleisch by phone at (619) 594-1850 or via e-mail at softball@mail.sdsu.edu.



ERA CLUB MEMBERS

The following is a list of all the ERA Club members as of Jan. 27, 2009. The Aztec softball team appreciates your generous and continued support!

Nancy Acerrio	Darla Meredith
Tom Alnes	William R. Mette
Gina Balistrieri	Keri Montoya
Jay and Colleen Barnett	Greg and Donna Newbold
Archie and Garlene Barnett Sr.	Curt and Mary Ngai
Glen and Carol Beasley	Kelly Nordhagen-Davenport
Clark and Teena Boyer	Sheryl Otto
Art and Joyce Butler	Michael and Denise Patterson
Slider Packer Chaffee	David and Victoria Petty
Sandra Durazo-Lusk	Don and Andrea Petty
Stephanie Fleming	John and Maricele Putnam
Betty Floros	Herb and Ginger Ross
Joel Floros	Lee and Christine Shick
Dan Fugere	Steve and Susan Sidoti
Shirley Gee	John and Jennifer Stancil
Bob Johnson	Gary J. Sutton
Patricia Jordan	John Turek
Bill and Linda Kerr	Mark Weinstein
Melisa Knudsen	Toi and La Shawn Wells
Roberta Liane Lane	Bob and Cathy Whitney
Dave and Cookie Marquez	Bill Young

