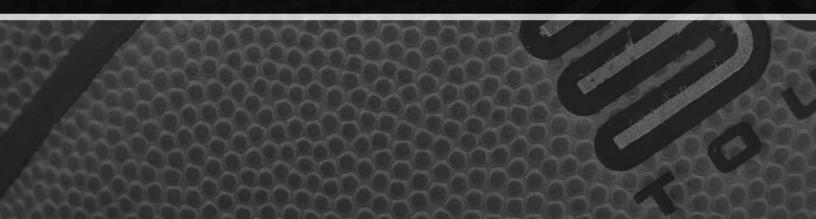
# THE UNIVERSITY



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### SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

ounded March 13, 1897, San Diego State University began as the San Diego Normal School, a training facility for elementary school teachers. Seven faculty and 91 students met in temporary quarters over a downtown drugstore before moving to a newly constructed 17-acre campus on Park Boulevard.

The curriculum was limited at first to English, history and mathematics, but course offerings broadened rapidly under the leadership of Samuel T. Black, who left his position as state superintendent of public instruction to become the new school's first president. Black served from 1898 to 1910.

From 1910 to 1935, President Edward L. Hardy headed a vigorous administration that oversaw major changes to the fledgling institution. In 1921, the Normal School became San Diego State Teachers College, a four-year public institution controlled by the state Board of Education. In that same year, the two-year San Diego Junior College, forerunner of today's local community colleges, became a branch of San Diego State, creating a union that lasted until 1946.

By the 1920s, San Diego State was already beginning to outgrow its Park Boulevard location, and San Diegans launched a campaign to build a new campus on the city's eastern border. In February 1931, students, faculty and staff moved into seven Mission-style buildings surrounding a common area still known as the Main Quad.

Four years later, the Legislature authorized expansion of degree programs beyond teacher education, and San Diego State Teachers College became San Diego State College. Also in 1935, Walter R. Hepner took the helm as president, beginning a 17-year tenure. The college continued to grow over time, reaching an enrollment of more than 25,000 students during the administration of Malcolm A. Love, who served as president from 1952 to 1971.

In 1960, San Diego State became part of the newly created California State College system, now known as the California State University system. In the early 1970s, with legislative approval, San Diego State College became San Diego State University.



Leading the institution during the 1970s were Acting President Donald E. Walker (1971-1972), President Brage Golding (1972-1977), Acting President Trevor Colbourn (1977-1978) and President Thomas B. Day, whose tenure spanned from 1978 to 1996. In 1996, Stephen L. Weber became the university's seventh president.

Beginning its 114th academic year in fall 2010, SDSU can take pride in more than a century of achievement in education, research and service. With an enrollment of more than 30,000 students, SDSU has grown into the largest institution of higher education in the San Diego region and one of the largest in California.

Renowned for its academic excellence, the university is home to top-ranking programs in education, international business, social work, speech-language pathology, biology and public administration, to name just a few. Overall, SDSU students can choose from 84 undergraduate majors. 74 master's programs and 16 doctoral degree programs.

SDSU produces thousands of graduates each year, 60 percent of whom stay in San Diego to pursue their careers, making San Diego State a primary educator of the region's work force, as well as a leader in expanding access to higher education. Committed to serving the richly diverse San Diego region, SDSU ranks among the top universities nationwide in terms of ethnic and racial diversity among its student body, as well as the number of bachelor's degrees conferred upon students of color.

Increasingly recognized for innovative research, San

achieved the prestigious designation of "Research University" with high research activity granted by the Carnegie Foundation. For the past two years, SDSU has been ranked the No. 1 research university for those with 14 or fewer Ph.D. programs, according to Academic Analytic's faculty-scholarly productivity index. Since 2000, SDSU faculty and staff have attracted more than \$1 billion in grants and contracts for research and program administration. SDSU ranks among the top 150 public universities nationwide in research expenditures, and SDSU's research funding has more than doubled from a decade ago.

Private giving to San Diego State has also risen sharply in recent years, reaching a record \$65 million in the 2003-2004 fiscal year. Because state funds and student fees provide only slightly more than half of the university's annual operating requirements, the support of alumni, friends and community partners is providing a crucial margin of excellence at SDSU, enabling the university to fulfill its mission and expand its service to the San Diego region and beyond.

SDSU also plays an integral role in analyzing and resolving complex community problems. A prime example is the City Heights Educational Collaborative, an ongoing partnership with San Diego City Schools, the San Diego Education Association, teachers and parents. Funded with an \$18 million grant from Price Charities, the Collaborative is improving instruction for students and professional development for teachers in three inner-city schools managed by the university.

Another initiative to improve education in the San Diego region and beyond is the QUALCOMM Institute for Innovation and Educational Success, launched in 2004 with a record \$14.5 million corporate gift from QUALCOMM. The Institute supports programs that aim to enhance math and engineering education across the K-12 spectrum, and supports efforts to revitalize performance in urban school districts nationwide.

Yet another example of San Diego State's innovative community engagement is



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SDSU Nurses Now, a program that over the years has partnered with more than 10 local hospitals and health organizations in an effort to alleviate the region's nursing shortage. With more than \$3 million in funding commitment from these health care partners secured so far, SDSU has increased its nursing faculty, enabling the university to educate more future nurses. To date the program has helped SDSU produce an additional 300 nurses.

Perhaps the most visible evidence of SDSU's growth is in the physical additions to campus and its continued commitment to providing a modern learning environment for students, faculty and staff. Over the past decade, the university has completed facilities totaling more than \$600 million in value, including Cuicacalli, a dining and residence complex; the Chemical Sciences Laboratory and the BioScience Center; and the Aztec Athletics Center, housing coaches' offices, training facilities and the Wise Foundation Hall of Fame. Most recently, construction on the new Parma Payne Goodall Alumni Center has begun. The center will be a gateway for the community to access SDSU's rich assets. Not only will it serve as the first point of contact for alumni and friends visiting SDSU, but it will also be a place where academic and business leaders can collaborate on ventures to benefit our community and impact our future.

Future campus improvements set to take place include the renovation of Nasitir and Storm Halls, expansion of the International Student Center and construction of a new student union building. In addition, SDSU's Campus Master Plan will include the addition of several facilities, including on-campus housing for an additional 3,000 students.

Beyond accolades and campus expansion, San Diego State University remains, as always, most proud of its alumni family, more than 200,000 strong. From modest beginnings, SDSU has evolved into a premier center of learning, research and service.

#### 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 became 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 culturand to celebrate the experimentation with Aztec culture and to celebrate the and intellectual environment.

Aztec virtues of strength, valor and intellectual achievement.



### **SDSU RANKINGS & DISTINCTIONS**



#### OVERALL

 San Diego State University has been designated a "Research University" with high research activity by the Carnegie Foundation. Peers in this group include George Washington, Syracuse, Texas Tech and Oregon.

• Since 2000, SDSU faculty and staff have attracted more than \$1 billion in grants and contracts for research and program administration.

• SDSU is the largest university in San Diego and the fifth largest in California.

#### ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

 SDSU's undergraduate international business program ranks No. 11 in the nation, according to U.S. News and World Report's "America's Best-Colleges 2010 Guide."

 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's rehabilitation counseling program ranks No. 9 in the nation according to U.S. News and World Report's "America's Best Graduate Schools 2008 Guide."

• SDSU's joint doctoral program in language and communicative disorders (w/UCSD) ranked No. 4 in the country in the 20067-08 Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index rankings of best doctoral programs nationwide by Academic Analytics.

 The joint doctoral program in clinical psychology (with UCSD) was named No. 3 in the country in the 2007-087 Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index rankings of best doctoral programs nationwide by Academic Analytics.

• SDSU is ranked among the nation's top biological sciences programs, according to *U.S. News and World Report's* "America's Best Graduate Schools 2011 Guide."

• SDSU's undergraduate entrepreneur program was listed in *Fortune* Magazine's top 25 list of "America's Best Colleges for Entrepreneurs" in August 2007.

SDSU was ranked No. 19 in the nation among universi-

ties for entrepreneurs in the U.S. in *Entrepreneur* Magazine's Top 100 Colleges and Universities for Entrepreneurs list for 2007.

#### DIVERSITY

• SDSU is No. 16 in the nation for bachelor's degrees conferred to ethnic minorities – *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*, June 2009.

• SDSU ranks in the top 20 in the nation for racial diversity - U.S. News & World Report, August 2010.

 SDSU is No. 6 in the nation for bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanics – Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education, May 2010.

• SDSU ranks No. 21 in the nation for graduate schools awarding master's degrees to Hispanics – *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, April 2010.

 SDSU's College of Engineering ranks No. 4 in the nation among top graduate engineering programs for Hispanics – *Hispanic Business*, September 2005.

 SDSU's MBA program is ranked among the top 25 in the nation for Hispanics – Hispanic Trends, September 2005.

#### **RESEARCH/SCIENCES**

 SDSU faculty received nearly \$131 million in grants and contracts for research and administering programs during fiscal year 2007/2008, the most of any CSU campus. SDSU faculty members have received a total of more than \$1 billion in external funding since 2000.

 SDSU is ranked as the No. 1 most productive research university among schools with 14 or fewer Ph.D. programs based on the Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index for 2006-07.

 SDSU ranks in the top 50 undergraduate degree producers for minorities receiving bachelor's degrees in biological and biomedical sciences.

 SDSU serves as host institution for CSUPERB, which is designed to channel resources from the entire California State University system and catalyze interdisciplinary, intercampus, synergistic endeavors involving biology and chemistry departments (including biotechnology research and applications), as well as engineering, agriculture and computer science. CSUPERB also serves as the official liaison between the CSU and industry, government, the Congressional Biotechnology Caucus and the public arena in all biotechnological matters.

• SDSU's MS 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.

#### INTERNATIONAL

 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 2008.

• The International Business Program at SDSU is the largest undergraduate international business program in the country, serving more than 850 students annually.

 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 Higher Colleges of Technol ogy (HCT); American University of Beirut and is currently negotiating partnerships with universities in China.

 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.

 SDSU and Universidad Autónoma de Baja California in Mexico offered the first transnational dual degree between the United States and Mexico, in 1994, through the Mexus/International Business program. SDSU's international business program also runs transnational dual degree programs with Brazil, Canada, Chile and Mexico.

• SDSU's International Security and Conflict Resolution (ISCOR) major is the first of its kind in California.

## SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

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

#### SAN DIEGO QUICK FACTS

Population (County)	
Population (City)	1,306,301
U.S. Population Rank (City	)Eighth
Avg. Daytime Temperature	9
Avg. Annual Rain Fall	9.9 inches
Airport	Lindbergh Field (SAN)
Medium Age of Residents	



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### 2010-II aztec basketball

**VIEJAS ARENA AT AZTEC BOWL - HOME OF THE AZTECS** 

he Aztecs' dream of moving basketball into a stateof-the-art facility on the San Diego State campus became a reality with the opening of Viejas Arena (formerly Cox Arena) at Aztec Bowl in the fall of 1997.

The 13-year-old facility is equipped with many of the latest innovations and features state-of-the-art technology, including a 26-feet-high-by-15-feet-wide, four-LED video scoreboard, which was installed during the summer of 2009. The new center-hung unit features the latest Daktronics LED video technology, which provides SDSU fans with the ability to see live and recorded video images from any seat in the arena.

The facility is a two-building complex. It includes a 76,000 square-foot recreation center in addition to a 12,414-seat multi-purpose arena, a VIP Room for banquets, pre- and post-game functions, and other formal and informal gather-

ings, plus two smaller classroom and ticket office buildings. These facilities are models of multi-use efficiency that satisfy the demand for formal and informal recreation space.

Viejas Arena itself is the home of SDSU basketball and provides a venue for university functions, cultural events, concerts and other special programming. It features a unique open-air concourse design that allows fans to enjoy the excellent San Diego climate and adds a new experience to attending arena-type events.

The arena also houses a players' lounge and locker facility, making it one of the premier collegiate arenas in the nation.

In 2008-09, Viejas Arena turned into true home court advantage for the Aztec women's basketball team. SDSU put together a 14-0 regular-season record, just the second perfect home slate in program history. The Aztecs capped the



year off by playing host to the NCAA first and second rounds and earning their first postseason victory in 14 years by defeating DePaul, 76-70.

The 2009 campaign wasn't the first time the facility has played host to the NCAA tournament. In fact, the completion of the arena was the driving force behind the NCAA's Men's Basketball Tournament's return to San Diego in March of 2001. Not since America's Finest City hosted the 1975 Final Four had San Diego hosted an NCAA men's tournament game. In 2006, the men's first and second rounds returned for the second time in five years.

Viejas Arena is built on the site of the old Aztec Bowl stadium, which hosted San Diego State football games as well as other athletic, entertainment and cultural events from the time of its construction in 1936 until 1967.

The north side of the arena reveals the essence of its historic site. Built directly into a canyon hillside, Viejas Arena encloses one end of the old horseshoe-shaped Aztec Bowl. Two sections of the stadium's original concrete bleachers and cobblestone walls frame each side of the arena's north entrance. In addition, the university's 10-ton granite boulder, a California landmark commemorating President John F. Kennedy's 1963 commencement address at Aztec Bowl, has also been placed in this area.

The home of the Aztecs was previously named Cox Arena, since its opening in 1997, but this past July, was renamed Viejas Arena, which is part of a 10-year deal.



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### VIEJAS ARENA AT AZTEC BOWL - HOME OF THE AZTECS



### AZTEC ATHLETICS CENTER





reams have become reality on the campus of San Diego State University. In August of 2001, all facets of the Department of Athletics relocated to the newly constructed Aztec Athletics Center.

The construction of the new complex came on the heels of the completion of Tony Gwynn Stadium, Viejas Arena and the SDSU Sports Deck.

The athletics center is a four-story, 130,000-square-foot structure located west of Viejas Arena on 55th Street and just south of Peterson Gym. The center truly moves San Diego State athletics into the 21st century.

The multi-level structure houses all elements of the Aztec athletic program. Until its completion, the San Diego State athletic department operated out of six buildings on the west side of campus.

The Aztec Athletics Center is one of the latest piece of the San Diego State facility upgrade.

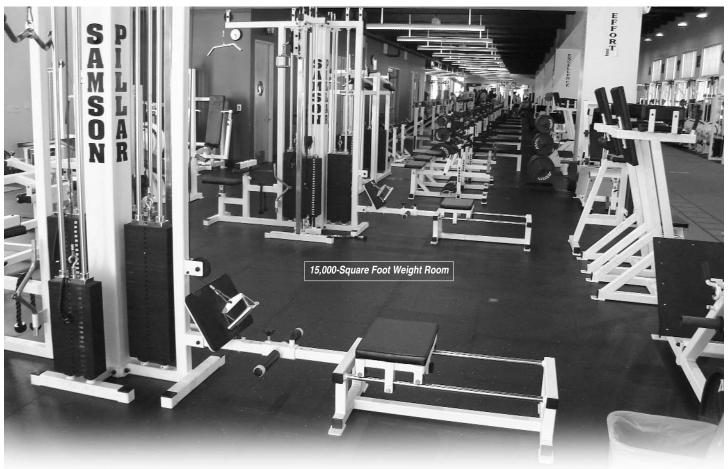
In August of 2000, the University held its first competitions on the new soccer and track and field facility, located just south of the Aztec Athletics Center site.

In the spring of 2005, the San Diego State men's and women's tennis squads began play at their new facility, the Aztec Tennis Center, while the softball team opened up its new complex, the SDSU Softball Stadium.

A brand new on-campus pool, the Aztec Aquaplex where the swimming and diving and water polo teams compete opened in March 2007. The complex features two pools, one for competition and one for recreation.

With the completion of its building plan, the San Diego State athletic complex and facilities rival any university in the western United States.

### AZTEC ATHLETICS CENTER



### AZTEC ATHLETICS CENTER HIGHLIGHTS

•The entrance lobby of the Aztec Athletics Center houses the 5,000-square-foot Aztec Hall of Fame, presented by the Wise Foundation. The museum is the first permanent home of the Hall of Fame and features displays, informative kiosks, interactive video trivia games and a plaque commemorating the induction of each Hall of Fame member. Women's basketball players who are members of the Hall of Fame include Kieishsha Garnes, Chana Perry, Judy Porter and Falisha Wright. (See page 106 for more information on the Hall of Fame).

•A state-of-the-art weight room, encompassing more than 15,000 square feet, is also located on the first floor of the building. It includes a running track for indoor timing.

•Each varsity sport, with the exception of the baseball squad which has a clubhouse at Tony Gwynn Stadium, has a plush locker room on the first floor of the building. The locker rooms include a lounge and television area and oak lockers. •The sports medicine center and equipment operations are also located on the first floor and help provide incredible convenience to the locker rooms, weight room and other practice facilities.

•A first-floor auditorium that seats more than 200 has already been the site of major news conferences, watch parties and public forums.

•SDSU's football offices are located on the second floor.

•The academic center, complete with two lecture halls, private tutorial rooms, and a new computer lab, is housed on the third floor. The computer lab and study areas are flanked by academic counselors, tutor offices and learning specialists.

•The third floor is also home to the athletic administration and the women's basketball staffs.

•The fourth floor includes coaches offices and a plush recruiting lounge.



### **AZTEC ATHLETIC FACILITIES**



n addition to everything the Aztec Athletics Center has to offer, San Diego State has some of the finest athletic facilities west of the Mississippi River.

On the south, the Aztec Athletics Center is buffered by the SDSU Sports Deck, where San Diego State's track and field team, along with both soccer squads compete.

On the north side, it is connected to Peterson Gym, the home of Aztec volleyball.

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.

All of SDSU's new facilities, including the athletics center, Cox Arena, Tony Gwynn Stadium and the Sports Deck, have opened since 1997.

In Spring 2005, San Diego State opened its new 12-court





tennis complex complete with state-of-the art Plexicushion surfacing and a tennis operations center. Also opening in 2005, was the softball team's new stadium adjacent to Tony Gwynn Stadium.

The buildings are not just sparkling new, but they are already postseason tested. Viejas Arena, the 12,400-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 2006, the venue also played host to the McDonald's High School All-American Basketball game. In addition, Viejas Arena was one of 16 sites to play host to the first and second rounds of the 2009 NCAA Women's Basketball Division I Championships.

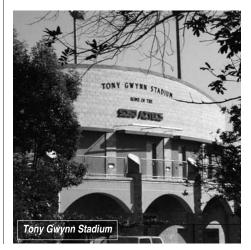
The Sports Deck has already played host to the Mountain West Conference Track & Field and Women's Soccer Championships. Tony Gwynn Stadium was the site of the MWC

baseball tournament in 2001 and 2010, and the softball stadium hosted the 2005 conference softball championship.

In March 2007, the two-pool Aztec Aquaplex opened with both the SDSU water polo and swimming and diving programs competing at their new on-campus home. In spring 2008, the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation water polo championship came to the Aquaplex, while NCAA championships came to town in May 2010, and will return in 2012.

Besides all of the school's on-campus facilities, the 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 the Aztec Tennis Center were constructed thanks to donations by John and Becky Moores.



### AZTEC ACADEMIC COMMITMENT

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. 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 \$30 million, 130,000-square-foot Aztec Athletics Center. The academic staff is lo-



cated on the third floor of the complex and includes a new 40-station computer lab, individual study rooms and two lecture rooms.

#### THE COMMITMENT

SDSU's annual Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet honors students with at least a 3.0 cumulative or a 3.2 semester GPA during a calendar year. In 2010, a University record 246 student-athletes, more than one-third of the student-athlete body, were honored for their work in the classroom.

#### LIFE SKILLS

To further increase the opportunities for success, San



#### AZTEC BASKETBALL SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

2009 SDSU Scholar-Athletes (3.0 cumulative GPA and/or 3.2 semester GPA) Kim Spinardi (Fall 2009) Coco Davis (Spring 2009) Quenese Davis (Spring 2009) Jené Morris (Spring 2009)

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.

### **AZTEC PROGRAM HISTORY**

### **34 YEARS AND COUNTING**

The 2010-11 season is the 35th in Aztec women's basketball history. Since beginning basketball operations in 1976-77, San Diego State has posted a 528-468 (.530) record, making the Aztecs one of the top programs in the Mountain West Conference.

### **AZTECS IN THE POSTSEASON**

The Aztecs have made 10 postseason appearances since achieving varsity status, including eight berths in the NCAA tournament.

SDSU is coming off the program's first-ever trip to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen since the tournament was expanded to 64 teams. The Aztecs knocked off a pair of ranked foes in No. 17 Texas on the Longhorns' home floor, and then upset No. 10 West Virginia before falling to No. 6 Duke, despite trailing by only a point at halftime, in the regional round.

San Diego State earned an at-large berth to the 2009 NCAA tournament, defeating DePaul, 76-70, in the first round for what was the program's first postseason victory in 14 years.

Prior to 2009, the Aztecs most recent trip to the NCAAs came in 1997, in Beth Burns' final year of her first stint as head coach. San Diego State squared off with Oregon in the NCAA Midwest Regional in Knoxville, Tenn.

1994 WAC Champions

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#### THE CHAMPS

A year after tying for the regular-season title, San Diego State won its first-ever Mountain West Conference tournament championship in 2010, doing so in dramatic fashion with an overtime victory over Utah, 70-60.

In the final six years of San Diego State's competition in the Western Athletic Conference, the Aztecs won three regular-season conference championships, including back-toback titles in 1994 and 1995. SDSU also captured conference tournament titles in 1994 and 1997.

#### **TOPPING 20**

The Aztecs have posted 13, 20-win seasons in the 34 years of the program, including a program-high 26-win season in 1994, when SDSU won both the WAC regular season and tournament championships and reached the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The Red & Black has claimed over 20 victories in each of

the last two campaigns, posting a 23-11 mark in 2009-10 and a 24-8 overall record in 2008-09, which was the school's first 20-win season in 12 years.

#### AZTECS AND THE MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE

The Aztecs enter the 12th year of Mountain West Conference play, after spending the previous nine in the WAC. The last three years. SDSU advanced to its first-ever MWC championship games and in 2009, posted its best-ever regular season finish. The MWC is annually one of the top conferences in the country.

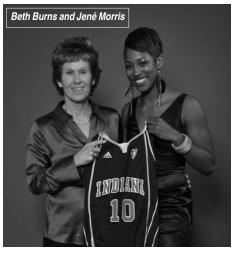
#### 1,000-POINT CLUB

San Diego State's top 14 scorers have all recorded in excess of 1,200 points, including the Aztecs' all-time leader, Judy Porter, who tallied an amazing 2,318 points from 1980-83.

SDSU had a record three players join this elite club in 2009-10, including guards Jené Morris (1,499) and Quenese Davis (1,370) and current senior Paris Johnson (1,188).

### **CONFERENCE HONORS**

Twenty-two Aztecs, including Paris Johnson, have received first-team all-conference accolades. In its history, SDSU has produced three Western Collegiate







## AZTEC PROGRAM HISTORY

Athletic Association honorees, four all-Big West selections 12 all-Western Athletic Conference and three all-MWC choices. Falisha Wright

### ALL-AMERICA ACCOLADES

Jené Morris became the second Aztec to garner All-America honors twice in her career, as she was tabbed an honorable mention State Farm Coaches' selection in 2009 and 2010.

Prior to Morris, another Aztec standout Falisha Wright was a two-time honorable mention choice in both 1993 and 1994.

Chana Perry (1989) was the program's first All-American. She was a two-time first-team Big West selection in 1988 and '89 and ranks fourth on SDSU's alltime scoring list with 1,445 career points. She was also the Big West's player of the year in each of her final two seasons.

### WADE HONOREES

The Aztecs' all-time leading scorer Judy Porter was a finalist for the Wade Trophy in 1982. Porter averaged 19.7 points per game as a junior in 1982-83, and 22.6 points per outing as a senior.

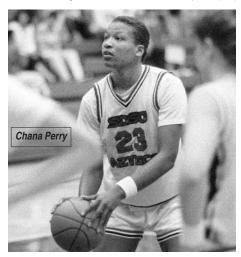
A year ago, then senior Jené Morris was tabbed to the 2009-10 preseason watch list for the Wade Trophy, as well

as the John R. Wooden Award and Naismith Trophy, becoming the first Aztec so honored.

The Wade Trophy honors the NCAA Division I player of the year and was first presented in 1978.

### FABULOUS FRESHMAN

San Diego State has produced some of the top freshman performances in NCAA history. Tina Hutchinson owns the Division I scoring record for a freshman for both points (899)



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and points per game (29.9), which she recorded in 1984. In addition, Michelle Suman's 66.7 field-goal percentage in her first season on The Mesa (1992) still ranks fifth in the record books.

### TOUGH ON D

The 1996-97 Aztecs led the nation in scoring defense with a 52.0 points per game average en route to a 23-7 overall record. The mark was third-best all-time and is currently tied for 20th in NCAA Division I history.

AZTEC IN THE PROS

On April 8, 2010, Jené Morris capped a phenomenal collegiate career by becoming the first-ever Aztec selected in the WNBA Draft, going in the first round (11th pick overall) to the Indiana Fever.

Morris made her professional debut with the Fever on May 15, 2010, vs. the Washington Mystics and went on to play in 25 games overall during her rookie campaign. After the WNBA season, she traveled overseas to play for CCC Polkovice in Poland.

Falisha Wright, a member of the Aztec Hall of Fame, also played professionally with both the Portland Power and the Nashville Noise of the American Basketball League (ABL).

### PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

SDSU produced a pair of conference players of the year during its affiliation with the WAC in Christina Murguia (1995) and Kieishsha Garnes (1991). Also an honorable mention all-WAC selection in 1994, Murguia ranks 12th in points



(1,237), seventh in rebounds (692) and 10th in steals (191) at SDSU.

### ACADEMICS JOB NO. 1

Over the past nine seasons, SDSU basketball players have earned all-academic honors from the Mountain West Conference 22 times, thus proving that athletic and academic success can go hand-in-hand.

The academic accolades also go back to the program's early years as two-year letterwinner Susan Shue was a first team Academic All-American in 1980.



### STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING



s important as the development of the mind is academically, the development of the body is nearly as important for SDSU student-athletes.

San Diego State University is home to one of the finest strength and conditioning facilities in the America. It is here that Aztecs do work. It is here that conditioning matters most. Under the guidance of director of strength and conditioning Jon Francis, he trains the SDSU women's basketball team with one goal in mind - to produce results. Their goal is for Aztec basketball players to gain explosive, powerful, flexible hips that allow them to use their potential to the fullest on the basketball court. To help players reach their full potential on game days, the two utilize Olympic-style lifts, plyometrics and complex training as the foundation for success. Their focus is to utilize aerobic and anaerobic means of conditioning for the team's up-tempo style of play. The program's run-first philosophy also highly emphasizes change of direction.

"Our program has a run-first philosophy," Francis said. "If you cannot sprint, change direction and be functional on the court, then nothing we do in the weight room matters."

All of SDSU's programs are power oriented and effort driven with each set, repetition and exercise implemented for a specific reason. Attention to detail in regards to the completion of every drill and movement is a common theme during workouts. When players fuse a desire for excellence with their best endeavor, it is only then that the program has succeeded.



### ATHLETIC MEDICINE

ew programs within the athletic department at San Diego State play as big a role in the continued success of the Aztecs as sports medicine. Aztec Athletic Medicine strives to provide both preventative care to help athletes avoid injury as well as post-injury treatment that enables athletes to return to peak performance.

This care starts with the facility. Located in the Aztec Athletics Center, SDSU's athletic training center is among the finest in the nation. Outfitted with the most modern training and rehabilitation equipment, the state-of-the-art facility provides the Aztec athletic medicine staff with the most advanced medical treatment resources available.

The training room is staffed by an experienced team of professionals representing every facet of care. The Aztec athletic medicine team includes six full-time certified athletic trainers, Stacy Struble (women's basketball), Nicole Blanchflower, Mark Haines, Gina Maggio, Allison Miner and Carolyn Peters. The staff is supported by graduate assistants as well as dependable undergraduate athletic trainers.

Each certified staff assistant is in charge of the health care for at least two varsity athletic teams. These responsibilities begin with attending every team practice and competition as well as traveling with the team to nearly every road contest.

While the primary role of the athletic training staff is to evaluate and assess injuries, provide first aid and injury care, and establish treatment regimens, SDSU's athletic trainers also spend a significant amount of time educating studentathletes with respect to injury prevention, nutrition and the psychological aspects of dealing with injuries.

Supplementing the care provided by the training staff, the

Aztec athletic medicine team also includes team physicians Greg Gastaldo, M.D., Christopher Behr, M.D., Allen Richburg, M.D., and Peter Wile, M.D.

Together, the Aztec athletic medicine staff of athletic trainers and team physicians is committed to providing the most comprehensive and safest health care possible with the goal of returning each injured athlete to their ultimate level of performance in the quickest and most healthful manner possible.



### MEDIA EXPOSURE



ocated in the nation's eighth-largest city, San Diego State receives some of the best media coverage in the Mountain West Conference.

Two major daily newspapers plus a student paper, six local television stations, Channel 4 San Diego and numerous

radio stations provide the residents of San Diego County with a constant stream of information on the Aztecs.

On a national level, the Mountain West Conference has a contract with CBS College Sports (CBS C). The multimedia partnership also includes the Mountain West Sports Network, better known as The Mtn., which is the first-ever regional sports network dedicated solely to an intercollegiate athletic conference.

The Mtn.'s coverage airs 24 hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year. The network, which is available on DIRECTV and select digital cable systems, features live game action and original programming, while also providing unparalleled access to other events including press conference feeds and conference media days.

This season, the Aztecs will have seven regular-season games on television. The Mtn. will broadcast six outings, beginning with the team's season-opener with preseason top-20 foe UCLA on Nov. 12. SDSU's home outing with New Mexico on Jan. 15, will be carried live on CBS C.

In 2009-10, San Diego State had seven regular-season outings on television and fans were also able to watch both the MWC semifinal (The Mtn.) and championship games (VERSUS) from the comfort of their own living rooms. All three of the Aztecs' NCAA tournament games received live coverage on ESPN and ESPN2.

The year before, SDSU had nine total televised outings after having five such games in 2007-08.

Aztec games have also been televised locally via Channel 4 San Diego, while the team annually receives coverage by national media outlets, such as ESPN.com., which featured SDSU on the front page of its website following the upset of West Virigina in last year's NCAA tournament.

### LIFE SKILLS



Part of being an Aztec means giving back to the community as well as developing as an individual. The Life Skills Program at San Diego State University offers student-athletes a wide range of off-the-court experiences in the areas of personal development, community service and career development.

To ensure success in all three areas, the NCAA Life Skills program began at San Diego State in the fall of 1999. The program provides leadership and community service opportunities, encourages personal and social responsibility and utilizes athletics as preparation for success in life.

The personal development section of Life Skills covers a wide variety of areas, including personal health and drug awareness programs, as well as financial planning, ethics and integrity, and public-speaking opportunities.

The Life Skills Program brings in experts in each field to discuss the topics with each team in an open-forum setting that promotes interaction by those in attendance.

In the area of community service, the Life Skills program matches students and teams to specific groups in the community, providing athletes with the opportunity to play a meaningful role in community involvement.

The San Diego State women's basketball team has embraced this section of the program since its inception. Already this year, the Aztecs have volunteered their time at the Girl Scouts' Run/Walk for a New Day and played host to a clinic for the San Diego Senior Women's Basketball Association for the third straight season.

Previous Aztec basketball service projects included building a house with Habitat for Humanity, serving as volunteers at the Special Olympics, building a playground and attending a cooking class at an area school in Encanto. In the past, the team has also promoted literacy by reading to kids at various elementary schools in the region, taken part in the San Diego Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, and made visits to San Diego's Children's Hospital.

The team has also hosted basketball clinics at the Boys and Girls Club of San Diego, providing young girls with the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of basketball and enjoy one-on-one time with the players.

Previously, the women's basketball team has helped celebrate National Girls and Women in Sports Day by inviting 200 young women from STAR/PAL to Take A Girl to the Game. In addition to receiving free admission to the game, participants were provided with an individual autograph session with the team following the game.

In 2007, the Aztec basketball team formed a partnership with the San Diego County Office of Education to bring kids in grades K-8 to a home game for free. That first year, a then arena-record 2,397 fans came to see the team crush Cal State Fullerton, 76-45. Last season, the same event brought over 2,000 people out to witness the team's contest with fellow Mountain West Conference member New Mexico.

The Life Skills Program also assists student-athletes with post-graduate career development planning, offering résumé writing workshops and interview workshops while working closely with mentors and career placement services.

Though still in its early stages, the Life Skills Program at SDSU continues to evolve, striving to fit the needs of student-athlete, while benefiting the San Diego community at large.



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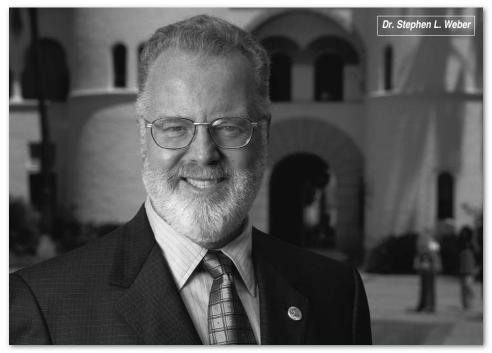
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# SAN DIEGO STATE AZTEC BASKETBALL

### UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT



State University, provides dynamic leadership to an institution that ranks among the largest in the nation. Educated as a philosopher, President Weber assumed his administrative responsibilities at SDSU in July 1996 and shortly afterward initiated a campus/community dialogue intended to set the course for the university's future.

Guided by this "Shared Vision," SDSU has moved boldly ahead: reinforcing academic excellence, nurturing students, honoring diversity and social justice, carefully stewarding resources, and further developing global programs.

In the process, SDSU has become an increasingly popular and selective choice among college-bound students. For fall 2009, some 55,000 undergraduate applicants competed for approximately 7,000 vacancies. Not surprisingly, the overall academic quality of SDSU students is also rising. SAT scores have risen approximately 20 points and high school GPA's of incoming first-time freshmen are now over 3.4.

In addition, alumni involvement and private financial support of the university have never been stronger. Under President Weber's leadership, SDSU created The Campanile Foundation, the university fundraising auxiliary. Since The Campanile Foundation was established 10 years ago, SDSU has raised approximately \$520 million, 250 percent more than in the previous 102-year history of the university.

SDSU is rapidly becoming one of the nation's top urban research universities, working for the diverse peoples of Southern California to address such issues as health and human services, poverty, public safety, and arts and culture. Since 2006, SDSU has been ranked the No. 1 most productive research university in the United States, among schools with 14 or fewer Ph.D. programs, based on the Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index. Last year, faculty and staff of SDSU successfully competed for more than \$133 million in grants and contracts.

A champion of community involvement, President Weber has been an advocate for community service. SDSU has

been active in K-12 school reform, administering three innercity schools enrolling more than 5,000 mostly low-income, highly diverse students and pioneering an often-copied "Compact for Success" working with California's largest and most diverse secondary school district. SDSU has also worked closely with area business and industry to pioneer programs such as Hospitality and Tourism Management, Bio/Pharmaceutical and Biodevice Development, Regulatory Affairs (biotech), and Global Entrepreneurship.

Leading by example, President Weber is the past chair of

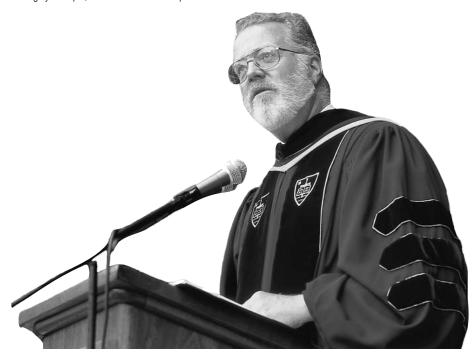
the American Association of State Colleges and Universities Board of Directors, and co-chaired Partners for K-12 School Reform. He also serves on the board of governors of The Peres Center for Peace and on the board of directors of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation. He also is a member of the international advisory board for the Foundation for Children of the Californias.

Born in Boston, President Weber is a graduate of Bowling Green State 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 and distinguished alumnus at his alma mater, Bowling Green State 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. But the award he values most is one he earned many years ago as Outstanding Humanities Professor at the University of Maine.

Before coming to San Diego State University, President Weber served as interim provost of the State University of New York (SUNY) system; he previously 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.

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



### ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



State University's new Director of Intercollegiate Athletics on February 10, 2010, by SDSU President Stephen L. Weber.

"I'm thrilled with this opportunity and looking forward to taking SDSU Athletics to the next level of success," said Sterk. "We want to build a program that the University, the community and all Aztecs fans can be proud of."

Sterk was hired just in time to see the Aztecs experience the best season on the playing field and in the classroom, in school history.

In fact, in Sterk's first 20 days on his new job, he watched the San Diego State men's and women's basketball teams claim the Mountain West Conference tournament championships, watched both programs advance to the NCAA Tournament, and was on site when the women's program upset Texas and West Virginia en route to advancing to the Sweet 16 for the first time in school history.

In 2009-10, San Diego State set school records in the Learfield Directors' Cup, which rewards overall athletic success, by having eight sports earn points. The Aztecs finished 65th out of all Division I schools nationally.

In addition, a school-record 246 individuals were honored as scholar student-athletes at the year-end banquet.

"Division I athletics is an important tradition at San Diego State and increasingly a big part of the SDSU student experience," said Sterk. "We are going to build on that tradition and reach out to students, staff, alumni and the entire community."

Sterk, 54, came to SDSU from Washington State University where he served as athletic director since 2000. Prior to his hiring at WSU, he served as AD at Portland State University from 1995 to 2000. He brings 24 years of experience in athletics administration performing a variety of roles. His appointment followed a national search.

Sterk also brings a solid reputation and the respect of his peers across the country with WSU having been recognized in 2006 as the Division IA Athletic Directors' "Program of Excellence."

Sterk oversaw a period of unparalleled succes at Washington State with historic accomplishments both on and off the field.

Over his last three years at WSU, 13 Cougar teams competed in NCAA postseason tournaments, including backto-back trips to the NCAA tournament by the men's basketball team (2007 and 2008), while women's rowing

earned five NCAA championship bids, including a fourth-place finish in 2006, the highest finish ever by a WSU women's team in NCAA competition

Academically, the graduation rate for those student-athletes who exhausted their eligibility at WSU was 92 percent over the past 10 years, ranking WSU second in the Pac-10 to Stanford.

WSU student-athletes maintained a 3.01 average cumulative GPA in 2008-09, and for 10 consecutive semesters, averaged at least a 3.00 cumulative GPA.

WSU Athletic Foundation membership doubled under Sterk, and annual gifts increased from just under \$3 million in 2000 to more than

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\$13 million in 2008.

Sterk, during his tenure at WSU, served as chair of the Pac-10 Athletic Directors committee and served on numerous other Pacific-10 Conference committees. Sterk was also a member of the prestigious NCAA Championship/Competition cabinet.

Sterk graduated from Western Washington University in 1980, where he earned four letters in football and one in basketball. He was credited with a school-record 164 tackles during the 1977 season, garnering first-team NAIA District I all-star accolades and was named team captain and MVP, helping the Vikings to the district championship game. On Feb. 6, 2010, Sterk was inducted into Western Washington's Athletics Hall of Fame for his success in football.

Sterk received his master's degree in sports administration from Ohio University. His professional career has included positions at North Carolina, Maine, Seattle Pacific, Tulane, and Portland State, the latter as director of athletics for five years before joining the Washington State staff.

Sterk and his wife Debra have three children: Ashley (21), Amy (18), and Abby (15).



JIM STERK

Director of Athletics First Year at SDSU

#### Education

1980 - B.A. in Physical and Business Education Western Washington University

1986 - M.A. in Sports Admin. Ohio University

#### **Career Experience**

<u>1986</u> Assistant to the Director of Ticket Operations University of North Carolina

#### 1987-90

Assistant Business and Ticket Manager ('87-88), Director of Athletic Services ('88-89), Assistant Athletic Director/Finance ('89-90) University of Maine

<u>1990-91</u> Associate Athletics Director Seattle Pacific

<u>1991-95</u> Senior Associate Athletic Director Tulane University

<u>1995-2000</u> Director of Athletics Portland State

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### THIS IS THE MOUNTAIN WEST

From its inception in 1999, the Mountain West Conference has been committed to excellence in intercollegiate athletics, while promoting the academic missions of its member institutions. Fresh off the celebration of its 10th anniversary in 2008-09, the MWC continues to cultivate opportunities for student-athletes to compete at the highest level, while fostering academic achievement and sportsmanship.

The MWC is noted for its geographic diversity. Some of the most beautiful terrain and landscapes in the nation can be found within Mountain West Conference boundaries, including the majestic Rocky Mountain range, which borders four MWC schools (Utah, BYU, Air Force and Colorado State). The high plains of Wyoming (elevation 7,220 feet – the highest Division I campus in the nation) contrast with the desert city of Las Vegas (the fastest growing metropolitan area in the West) and the Pacific Ocean locale of San Diego State. The southwestern flavor of New Mexico complements the western heritage and culture of Fort Worth, Texas, home of the MWC's newest member, TCU.

### HISTORY

The Mountain West Conference was conceived on May 26,

"Throughout my coaching career I have been fortunate enough to have the opportunity to successfully compete against the top seven conferences: the ACC, SEC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and MWC, as well as be involved with USA Basketball as a coach, and as an Olympic selection committee member. The accomplishments and experiences of the Mountain West Conference head coaches, as well as the caliber of the basketball players, are second to none. Our student-athletes are challenged to be the best. Our all-conference athletes contribute to and compete for All-America, USA Basketball, and WNBA teams (five Draft picks from 2006-10, 2007 WNBA MVP runner-up) on an annual basis." - Aztec head coach Beth Burns

1998, when the presidents of eight institutions - Air Force, BYU, Colorado State, New Mexico, San Diego State, UNLV, Utah and Wyoming - decided to form a new NCAA Division I-A intercollegiate athletic conference. The split from the former 16-team conference re-established continuity and stability among the membership within the new league and signaled the continuation of its tradition-rich, long-standing athletic rivalries. Five of the MWC's eight original members have been conference rivals since the 1960s (BYU, Utah, New Mexico, Wyoming, Colorado State), while San Diego State (1978) and Air Force (1980) were longtime members as well. UNLV and TCU entered the fold in 1996 and the Rebels continued as one of the original eight institutions that formed the MWC in 1999. TCU rejoined the group with its first year of competition in 2005-06, and in 2011, Boise State will become an official member of the league.

#### 2009-10 REVIEW

TCU won the MWC regular-season title, while San Diego State captured the MWC Tournament crown and earned the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. The Aztecs became the fourth MWC team to advance to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Tournament and the first to do so in its first appearance as a member of the league. Overall, the league had a record-tying six teams participate in postseason action, as TCU joined San Diego State in the NCAA Tournament, and a record four teams (BYU, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming) advanced to the WNIT.

#### EXPOSURE

The Mountain West Conference continues to receive unprecedented national television exposure through a combination of telecasts on The Mtn., CBS College Sports Network (formerly CSTV) and VERSUS. In 2009-10, 46 football, 94 men's basketball and 34 women's basketball Conference-controlled contests were broadcast nationally.

On August 26, 2004, CBS College Sports Network (formerly CSTV) and the Mountain West Conference announced a visionary partnership that revolutionized the college sports landscape. The landmark agreement was the first NCAA Division I football and men's basketball conference-wide deal for CSTV and provided the network exclusive rights to all Conference events, including cable and satellite television coverage, national over-the-air and satellite radio, video-on-demand and online broadcast rights.

In the summer of 2006, the centerpiece of this historic relationship was realized with the launch of The Mtn. – MountainWest Sports Network, the first sports network dedicated to serving a single collegiate athletic conference.

Nearly 25,000 hours of MWC programming have aired on The Mtn. since the network's launch on Sept. 1, 2006, and over 260 MWC events are shown live annually through a combination of telecasts on The Mtn., CBS College Sports Network and VERSUS. CBS C is currently in 38 million homes, and available in 89 million nationwide. VERSUS is in 79 million households across the U.S.

#### OPPORTUNITY

The MWC provides a fi rst-class athletic and academic experience for more than 7,000 student-athletes each year. Over the past 11 years, 34 Mountain West student-athletes have earned NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships, and since the league's inception in 1999, an additional 22 student-athletes have been named MWC Scholar-Athlete of the Year and awarded league-sponsored postgraduate scholarships. Three student-athletes have earned distinction as Rhodes Scholars.

#### ACHIEVEMENT

The MWC has produced 595 All-America selections among its 19 sponsored sports in the last 11 years, including a league-record 56 All-America honorees in 2009-10. A total of 110 MWC student-athletes have also earned Academic All-America accolades in that span, while 34 MWC studentathletes have earned NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships. The MWC has sent at least 30 teams to NCAA postseason events each of the past 11 years with women's basketball tallying 51 postseason bids, including 29 NCAA bids, five Sweet 16 appearances and one Elite Eight berth since 2000.

#### MWC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL BY THE NUMBER

29 - NCAA Tournament Appearances 25 - Honorable Mention Kodak/WBCA All-Americans 22 - WNIT Bids 11 - WNBA Draft Picks 5 - WNIT Semifinalists 5 - Trips to the Sweet 16 4 - Academic All-Americans 3 - WNIT Finalists 1 - WNIT Champion 1 - Trip to the Elite Eight



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Women's Basketball - (619) 594-4095 Beth Burns, Head Coach Jorge Cerna, Assistant Coach Carlos Knox, Assistant Coach Jualeah Woods, Assistant Coach Tammy Stephens, Director of Operations Mike Bynum, Director of Player Development Tara Morrison, Administrative Assistant

Women's Crew - (619) 594-0650 Jennifer Lewis, Head Coach Alison Abrams, Assistant Coach

W. Track & Cross Country - (619) 594-1951 Shelia Burrell, Head Coach Boldi Kocsor, Assistant Coach Carjay Lyles, Assistant Coach

### Football - (619) 594-6769

Brady Hoke, Head Coach Al Borges, Offensive Coordinator Rocky Long, Defensive Coordinator Jeff Hecklinski, Assistant Head Coach Dan Ferrigno, Assistant Coach Darrell Funk, Assistant Coach Brian Sipe, Assistant Coach Brian Sipe, Assistant Coach Mark Smith, Assistant Coach Tony White, Assistant Coach Bob Lopez, Director of Football Operations Paula Davila, Administrative Assistant

Men's Golf - (619) 594-4334 Ryan Donovan, Head Coach

### Women's Golf - (619) 594-7665

Emilee Klein, Head Coach Tiffany Prats, Assistant Coach

Women's Lacrosse - (619) 594-6548 Kylee White, Head Coach

Men's Soccer - (619) 594-0136 Lev Kirshner, Head Coach Matt Hall, Assistant Coach

Women's Soccer - (619) 594-3749 Mike Friesen, Head Coach Joe Tedesco, Assistant Coach

Softball - (619) 594-1952 Kathy Van Wyk, Head Coach Stacey Nuveman Deniz, Assistant Head Coach Mia Longfellow, Assistant Coach

#### W. Swimming & Diving - (619) 594-5883 Mike Shrader, Head Coach Brendon Bray, Assistant Coach Roland McDonald, Diving Coach

Men's Tennis - (619) 594-5084 Gene Carswell, Head Coach

Women's Tennis - (619) 594-6505 Peter Mattera, Head Coach Lindsey Gamp, Assistant Coach

Women's Volleyball - (619) 594-5064 Deitre Collins-Parker, Head Coach Kele Eveland, Assistant Coach Andrea Leonard, Assistant Coach Mike Terrill. Assistant Coach

Women's Water Polo - (619) 594-0649 Carin Crawford, Head Coach Allison Gregory, Assistant Coach

Band - (619) 594-1600 Bryan Ransom, Band Director

Cheerleading - (619) 594-4549 Jennifer Kwappenberg, Head Coach

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