



Founded in 1897, SDSU is the oldest and largest higher-education institution in the San Diego region.

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San Diego State University has grown and developed through its 120-year history into one of the nation's major public research institutions. Our 36,000 students and over 300,000 alumni are proud to live the ethos "Leadership Starts Here."

The university offers bachelor's degrees in 91 areas, master's degrees in 78 areas and doctorates in 22 areas.

SDSU is committed to diversity and to excellence. Fifty-three percent of our students are students of color, and the university is nationally recognized for sending 70 students abroad as Fulbright Scholars in the past decade and for its programs that serve over 3,000 military-affiliated students.

Students from all backgrounds have opportunities for transformative educational experiences such as undergraduate research, study abroad, internships and entrepreneurship training.

Classified as a high-research university, SDSU received \$130 million in research funding last year. Our researchers focus on real-world challenges, and our students benefit from access to cutting-edge technology and engaging in research alongside mentors who are leaders in their fields.

SDSU faculty, staff and students lead the way in fields such as understanding and treating heart disease; engineering brain-controlled robotic devices and alternative energy solutions; studying health issues such as autism, fetal alcohol syndrome and childhood obesity; and learning more about bacteriophages – viruses that kill bacteria and hold important keys to human health problems.

SDSU leverages its strategic location on the Pacific Rim and the border of Latin America to advance international study and research. The university has nearly 400 education programs in 65 countries and is among the nation's leaders in the number of students who study abroad.

Led by our Lavin Entrepreneurship Center and our Zahn Innovation Center, SDSU is recognized as one of the top universities in the nation for entrepreneurship.

SDSU engages our greater community by hosting more than 350 on-campus arts events annually and fielding nationally recognized athletics teams.

The university's first comprehensive fundraising campaign helped fuel this academic and research excellence. The recently concluded Campaign for SDSU raised over \$810 million for scholarships, faculty and staff support, and innovative programs. Generous donors established a culture of philanthropy that will continue and ensure that San Diego State will thrive throughout this century and beyond.



Achievements and Distinctions



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Academic Strength

- SDSU continues to gain recognition as a leader in higher education. It is currently ranked as one of the top 75 public universities in the nation, according to U.S. News & World Report's annual ranking of America's Best Colleges.
- SDSU's international business undergraduate program is ranked No. 14 in the nation, its aerospace engineering program ranks No. 37, and several graduate programs are standouts in their fields, according to U.S. News and World Report. They include rehabilitation counseling (No. 10), speech language pathology (No. 24), clinical psychology (No. 25), audiology (No. 30), nursing midwifery (No. 28) and public health (No. 39).
- SDSU is a hub of student invention and innovation, led by the Lavin Entrepreneurship Center and our ZIP Launchpad. *Forbes* magazine ranked SDSU No. 18 on its list of America's Most Entrepreneurial Universities.
- SDSU's campus includes more than 1,200 students enrolled in the Susan and Stephen Weber Honors College and a growing number of SDSU Merit Scholars—students with a minimum high school GPA of 4.0 and SAT scores of at least 1400.

A Culture of Engagement

- More than 71,000 alumni and friends contributed to The Campaign for SDSU – the university's first comprehensive fundraising campaign – which raised over \$810 million to support students, faculty and staff, and academic and student success programs.
- The university is in the last year of its "Building on Excellence" strategic plan focused on student success, research and creative endeavors, and community and communication.
- SDSU engages its alumni and encourages them to share their professional expertise and experience with current students through programs such as the Aztec Mentor Program and Aztecs Hiring Aztecs.

Community Roots

- The Price Community Scholars program provides financial support for local, first-generation students with track records of strong academic achievement and leadership in high school. They, in turn, mentor neighborhood middle school students who aspire to earn college degrees.
- Associated Students confronted the significant challenges of hunger and food insecurity in our community by raising more than 448,000 pounds of food in the Aztecs Rock Hunger drive during fall 2014. AS and SDSU also support the College Area Community Garden, which unites the university and its neighbors in cultivating an urban space for growing fruits and vegetables.
- SDSU's Guardian Scholars program is a unique opportunity for students leaving the foster care system. Young men and women accepted into the program receive full scholarships, year-round housing and academic mentoring to support them in becoming active community members.
- SDSU's Graduate School of Public Health, with researchers funded by the National Institutes for Health and the National Center for Disease Control, is a leader in research and outreach programs designed to combat childhood obesity, particularly in San Diego and Baja California.

A Diverse Campus

- SDSU was selected for the fourth consecutive year as a recipient of the INSIGHT Into Diversity Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award. The national honor recognizes U.S. colleges and universities that demonstrate outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion.
- *U.S. News and World Report* ranked SDSU in the top seven nationally for

ethnic diversity—a point of pride for the university, where students from all backgrounds are achieving academic excellence.

- SDSU is consistently recognized by CampusPride.org as among the top 20 most LGBT-friendly campuses in the nation. The university's Pride Center is an inclusive, safe, and affirming gathering space and organizes programs and events for persons of all sexual and gender identities and their allies.

An International Perspective

- SDSU ranked No. 9 in the nation for the number of students studying abroad in the latest Institute for International Education's Open Doors report. More than 2,660 students have international experiences each year, choosing from nearly 400 programs in 65 countries.
- The J. Keith Behner and Catherine M. Stiefel Program on Brazil is SDSU's first endowed academic program with an international focus. Through research and teaching collaborations with major Brazilian universities, SDSU is strengthening its global leadership in public health, environmental sciences, international business and urban development.
- Each year, SDSU welcomes more than 2,100 international students from dozens of countries, including China, India, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, South Korea, Japan and several European nations.

Research Accomplishments

- SDSU is classified by the Carnegie Foundation as a doctoral-granting institution with high research activity funded by the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. Undergraduate students have many opportunities to work with faculty mentors on exciting projects in SDSU's campus labs and research centers.
- In cutting-edge facilities like the privately funded Donald P. Shiley BioScience Center, San Diego State researchers are developing novel treatments for healing hearts with stem cells and studying the role of inflammation in heart disease.
- SDSU's Center for Sensorimotor Neural Engineering, funded by the National Science Foundation, is partnering with MIT and the University of Washington in an \$18.5-million project to perfect brain-controlled robotic devices that interact seamlessly with the human body to improve and restore muscle function and movement.
- The new Engineering and Interdisciplinary Sciences complex – scheduled to open in early 2018 – will double the university's engineering instructional space, add new labs and collaborative spaces, and house SDSU's entrepreneurship centers.
- Nearly 500 students from 70 majors and disciplines participated in last year's Student Research Symposium. The annual forum is a showcase for undergraduate and graduate students to present their faculty-mentored research and creative endeavors for critical review and evaluation.

Moving Forward

- While there are many ways to measure San Diego State University's progress and achievements, the foundational issue is who we can be and what we can accomplish as a leading public university.
- Moving forward, we will continue to establish ourselves as a university of the highest quality where all students achieve success, where faculty, staff and student researchers address pressing societal challenges, where we come together to experience the beauty and power of the arts, and where we harness our knowledge and our talents to serve our community and the broader society.

Prominent Alumni



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PROMINENT ALUMNI < UNIVERSITY



Kathleen Kennedy



Dennis Connor

Arts/Actors

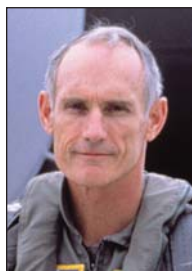
- Robert Hays, television/film actor, "Airplane"
- Julie Kavner, television actor, "The Simpsons"
- Kathleen Kennedy, film producer, "Schindler's List"
- Kathy Najimy, television/film actor, "Sister Act"
- Gregory Peck, film actor, "To Kill a Mockingbird"
- Marion Ross, television/stage actor, "Happy Days"
- Claire Van Vliet, visual artist, founder of the Janus Press
- Carl Weathers, film actor, "Rocky"
- Gary David Goldberg, executive producer and co-creator, "Spin City"
- Raquel Welch, film and television actor, starred in "The Three Musketeers"

Authors

- Patricia Benke, best-selling crime novelist
- Sid Fleischman, author, *The Whipping Boy* (Newbery Medal, 1987)
- Susan Vreeland, author, *The Girl in Hyacinth Blue* (New York Times Bestseller)

Business

- Norman Brinkler, Brinkler International, Ltd., (Chili's, Macaroni Grill and On the Border)
- Robert Peterson, founder, Jack in the Box
- Sol Price, founder, Price Club
- R. Andrew Rathbone, creator, "...for Dummies" book series
- Ralph Rubio, founder/CEO, Rubio's Baja Grill
- Jim Sinegal, co-founder and President/CEO, Costco
- Julia Stewart, CEO, International House of Pancakes
- Suzy Spafford, creator, Suzy's Zoo
- Sue Swenson, COO, Leap Wireless
- Jack Williams, retired COO, Royal Caribbean International and Celebrity Cruises



Merrill R. McPeak



Timothy J. Muris



Armen Keteyian



Jim Sinegal

Communication/Media

- Art Linkletter, television show host
- Jeanne Zelasko, Fox Sports anchor/reporter
- Armen Keteyian, CBS Sports reporter

Education

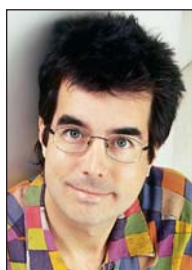
- Sandra McBrayer, 1994 National Teacher of the Year
- Janis Gabay, 1990 National Teacher of the Year
- Dr. Doris Alvarez, 1997 Principal of the Year

Government/Military

- Timothy J. Muris, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission
- General Merrill R. McPeak, former chief of staff, United States Air Force

Science

- Robert Kaplan, nationally known psychologist
- Ellen Ochoa, astronaut, world's first Hispanic female astronaut
- Siegfried Reich, HIV testing researcher pioneer
- Gerald Schleif, WD-40 inventor



R. Andrew Rathbone



Marion Ross

Sports

- Michael Cage, former NBA player
- Dennis Conner, America's Cup-winning sailor
- Mark Grace, former MLB player
- Tony Gwynn, former MLB player, former Aztec baseball coach, 2007 Baseball Hall of Fame Inductee
- Fred Dryer, former NFL player, actor
- Marshall Faulk, former NFL MVP, 2011 Pro Football Hall of Fame Inductee
- Stephen Strasburg, 2009 MLB No. 1 overall draft pick, Washington Nationals pitcher
- Kawhi Leonard, San Antonio Spurs forward, two-time NBA Defensive Player of the Year, 2014 NBA Finals MVP
- Joe Gibbs, former NFL coach, founder Joe Gibbs Racing
- Graig Nettles, former MLB player
- Brian Sipe, former NFL player, former Aztec assistant football coach
- Mark Reynolds, sailor, four-time Olympian, two-time Olympic gold medalist, three-time world champion
- Marla Runyan, 1991-1994-2000 Olympian, visually impaired marathon runner
- Gene Littler, former PGA tour golfer, winner - 1961 US Open
- Kevin Kennedy, former MLB manager



Ellen Ochoa



Kawhi Leonard

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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.

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





Sally Roush

Ninth President of SDSU

Sally Roush's appointment as university president is the capstone to a higher-education career that includes more than three decades of service to San Diego State University. She is passionate about SDSU and its continuing development as a top-50 public research university.

Roush, who is the first woman to serve as SDSU president, was the university's senior vice president for Business and Financial Affairs for 19 years. She was the university's chief financial officer and oversaw the budget, intercollegiate athletics, real estate development and capital planning, facilities, public safety, human resources and labor relations, legal affairs and information technology.

Roush was a member of the President's Cabinet – advising three SDSU presidents – and co-chaired the steering committee that guided the university community in developing its strategic plan "Building on Excellence." The plan's initiatives to promote student success, enhance research and creative endeavors, and strengthen community and communication have led to record-high graduation rates, nationally recognized areas of research excellence, 350 annual arts events, and engaged alumni and friends who gave over \$100 million last year to support the university. As San Diego State University president, Roush will lead

its community in implementing the strategic plan in its final year – moving SDSU forward as a major public research university.

After her retirement from SDSU in 2013, Roush served as interim vice chancellor and chief financial officer for The California State University system.

Roush's term as SDSU president began July 1, 2017. She will serve as interim president until a new president is appointed by The CSU system Board of Trustees and begins work – scheduled for summer 2018.

A graduate of the University of Denver, Roush spent seven years at the University of Colorado at Denver before joining SDSU in 1982. Roush's service to San Diego State University has earned her recognition and honors that include SDSU's Monty Award, the CSU's Wang Family Excellence Award for administrators, the Albert C. Yates Distinguished Service Award from the Mountain West Conference and the CFO of the Year Award from the San Diego Business Journal.

Roush is a past board member of the SDSU Research Foundation, Aztec Shops, the National Association of College and University Business Officers and the Western Association of College and University Business Officers.

President's Cabinet

Sally Roush
University President

Marcie Bober-Michel
Senate Chair

Chukuka S. Enwemeka
Provost and Senior Vice President

Mary Ruth Carleton
Vice President for University Relations & Development

Tom McCarron
Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs & CFO

Eric Rivera
Vice President for Student Affairs

Stephen Welter
Vice President for Research & Dean of Graduate Affairs

Aaron Bruce
Chief Diversity Officer

Tom Karlo
General Manager, KPBS

John David Wicker
Director of Intercollegiate Athletics

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Agnes Wong Nickerson
Associate Vice President, Financial Operations

Chris Xanthos
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Assistant Vice President of Alumni Engagement

Gina Jacobs
Interim Chief of Staff



Director of Athletics



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John David Wicker was introduced as San Diego State University's new Director of Intercollegiate Athletics on Oct. 24, 2016.

"It feels great to be back on the Mesa," Wicker said. "I loved my four years here with the coaches, the staff and all the student athletes. I'm thrilled with this opportunity and I am looking forward to helping SDSU Athletics move to next level of success."

Wicker was SDSU's Deputy Athletic Director from 2011 until leaving for Georgia Tech in July 2015. During his first term at SDSU, he was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Aztecs athletics department, overseeing business operations, human resources, events and facilities, capital projects, strength and conditioning, academics, video and sport oversight for football, rowing, and men's and women's basketball.

"When we began this search, we envisioned a person who cares about our student athletes, whose integrity is paramount and whose competitive fire inspires greatness. In short, someone who embodies our ideal of 'winning it right.' John David Wicker is that person," said then-SDSU President Elliot Hirshman.

Prior to his time at SDSU, he was

the Associate Athletic Director for Event and Facility Operations at Washington State from 2001-11. While at Washington State, he was responsible for event planning and game day responsibilities for all home athletic events, conference tournaments and NCAA championships, day-to-day oversight and operations of all athletic facilities, and the liaison for the athletic department on capital projects.

From 1999 to 2001 Wicker served as Director of Event and Facility Operations at Southern Miss. At USM, he oversaw regular season and championship event operations, coordinated day-to-day maintenance of facilities, and was the liaison to the university on all capital projects. He also oversaw the design and initial construction of USM's \$11 million Athletic Center, which houses administrative and coaching offices, football locker room, weight room and training area.

Wicker also spent three years at Georgia from (1996-99), where he also worked for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games in preparation for the 1996 Summer Olympics as the venue logistics manager for Sanford Stadium, home to the medal rounds for men's and women's soccer.

Wicker takes over an athletic

department that has enjoyed great success in recent years. The football team, which has posted back-to-back 11-win seasons, made its seventh consecutive bowl game appearance in 2016. Men's basketball has been to the postseason 11 of the last 12 years. Teams, from water polo to men's and women's golf, to baseball and softball, have combined for 36 Mountain West championships since the beginning of the 2012-13 school year.

"One of our top priorities will be to generate more excitement about Aztec Athletics on campus, in the community, and with our close to 300,000 alumni across the nation," Wicker said. "People around the country know what an incredible atmosphere Viejas Arena is. And that is in no small part because of the fans. There is no reason why we can't have a similar atmosphere at our football games, at Tony Gwynn Stadium for baseball, on the Sports Deck for soccer games and more."

Wicker graduated from Mississippi State in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in professional accountancy. He received his master's degree in education with an emphasis in sports management from Georgia in 1997.

Wicker resides in Santee, Calif., with and his wife Rachel and daughter Scarlett Anne.



John David Wicker

Director of Athletics
Entering Second Year at SDSU (Entering Sixth Overall)
Mississippi State '92

Education
1992 - Mississippi State, B.A. - Professional Accountancy

1997 - Georgia, M.A. - Sports Management

Career Experience
1996-99
Georgia
Assistant Director
Event Management

1999-2001
Southern Miss
Event and Facilities Director

2001-11
Washington State
Associate Athletic Director
Event and Facility Operations

2011-15
San Diego State
Deputy Director of Athletics

2015-16
Georgia Tech
Senior Associate Director of Athletics

2016-Present
San Diego State
Director of Athletics





Mike May



Darin Wong



Jamie McConeghy



Jim Solien



Jen Heisel



Martin Foley



Lauren Weaver



Jason Bott

Media Credentials

Credentials for SDSU home games are issued to working media only and should be requested as early as possible and at least 48 hours prior to tipoff. Requests should be made through SDSU's online credential request form. Contact Mike May or Darin Wong for the link.

Game credentials will be granted only to daily newspapers and television/radio stations that cover Aztec Basketball on a regular basis. Credentials will be issued as space permits.

Membership in a writers' association does not automatically qualify an individual or outlet for credentials.

There is a limited amount of press seating available at Viejas Arena. Media agencies who would like to cover a SDSU men's basketball game need to contact the media relations office to request media seating.

To confirm receipt of credential requests or to check the status of a credential request, please contact the San Diego State Media Relations Office.

San Diego State reserves the right to deny media credentials to any individual who is not affiliated with an official news gathering organization.

Scouting Tickets

Due to limited media seating at Viejas Arena, professional basketball scouts must purchase a ticket. Requests should be made to Lauren Weaver in the San Diego State Media Relations Office. Scouts are permitted access to the media work room for access to game notes and statistics.

Parking

On game day, media parking is located on the first level of Parking Structure 12 (PS 12), just north of the arena. Game credentials provide admittance to the structure. A parking pass is required and can be obtained through the media relations office.

Do not park in the tunnel entrance lot (Lot 13) at any point on game days. Violators will be towed.

Will Call/Media Entrance

Members of the media must enter through the loading dock doors of Viejas Arena located through the L Lot. This also serves as the media will call location.

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Media Room

The media room and all postgame activities will be conducted in rooms located underneath the arena seating. Media should exit the tunnel located beneath gate N.

Photographers

Photographers are restricted to either designated areas along the baseline and are not permitted along court-side during the game.

Media Seating

Media will be assigned seats along press row tables located behind the visitor's bench or in the upper portion of Section N. Please check the seating chart posted in the media work room.

Seating is extremely limited and a credential does not guarantee a seat in the press area.

Postgame Interviews

Home Games - The San Diego State men's basketball locker room is closed to the media.

SDSU players and head coach Brian Dutcher, following a short postgame radio session, will be available to the media in the postgame interview area on the mezzanine level of Viejas Arena. Typically, players are available

between five and 10 minutes following the departure of the team off the court, followed by Coach Dutcher.

Only the television network broadcasting the game live may request coaches and players on the court following the game. Those requests must be made through Mike May.

Opponent Interviews at Viejas Arena - Typically, interviews of opposing players/coaches take place outside the visitor locker room. Contact the visiting sports information director for his or her policy prior to the game.

Road Games - The SDSU locker room is closed. Following a brief cooling off period, Aztec players are available for interviews. Dutcher will meet with the media upon completion of his postgame radio interview.

Weekly Interviews

All interview requests for Aztec players, coaches and administrators should be directed to the media relations office at least one day prior to the interview.

This season, head coach Brian Dutcher and selected players will be available at a weekly news conference to be held on campus. Please contact the media relations office for specific location, dates and times.



San Diego State Campus

- 1 Fowler Athletics Center - Athletic Department Offices, including men's basketball and media relations
- 2 Jeff Jacobs JAM Center

LEGEND

- 1 INFORMATION
- RESTRICTED ACCESS
- FOOTBRIDGE
- ATM
- AZTEC MARKET
- METS TROLLEY/BUS STOPS
- RED & BLACK SHUTTLE
- PUBLIC SAFETY PARKING SERVICES
- CONSTRUCTION AREA
- BIKE PARKING/LANE
- SAFETY ESCORT PHONE

PARKING

PERMIT ALWAYS REQUIRED

- S STUDENT
- N STUDENT OVERNIGHT
- FS FACULTY & STAFF
- P PAYING VISITOR
- M METERED
- D DISABLED
- M MOTORCYCLES
- EV CHARGING STALLS

MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

- CV CAR2GO VEHICLE SHARING
- ZC ZIPCAR VEHICLE SHARING

Players and coaches are generally available after practices, although media are asked to confirm this through the media relations office the day prior to the interview.

On game days, no Aztec players will be available until the postgame media sessions.

Directions to San Diego State

San Diego State is located at 5500 Campanile Dr.

From Lindbergh Field: turn left onto N. Harbor Dr. Turn left onto W. Grape St. Merge onto I-5 South. Merge onto Hwy 163 North. Merge onto I-8 East. From I-8, take College Avenue exit and go south. San Diego State University will be on your right.

From I-5 (Heading South): merge onto I-8 East, take College Avenue exit and go south. San Diego State University will be on your right.

From I-15 (Heading South): merge onto I-8 East, take College Avenue exit and go south. San Diego State University will be on your right.

From I-8 (Heading West): take College Avenue exit and go south. San Diego State University will be on your right.

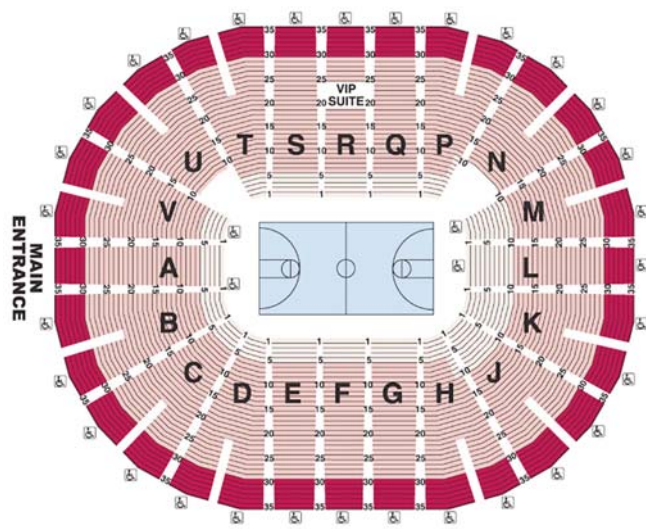
Proceed past Canyon Crest Drive (the first stoplight) then make an immediate right turn to the green information booth for parking information. Ask the parking guard for directions as to where you may park.

Directions to Viejas Arena

To Viejas Arena: From Interstate 8, take the College Avenue exit and go south. Turn right at Montezuma Road (second stop light at the top of the hill). Go to the second stop light (55th Street) and turn right. Viejas Arena is located one-half mile up on the right hand side.

To Media Parking Lot: Continue driving north on 55th Street past Viejas Arena and make

a right at the stop light on to Aztec Circle Drive. Follow Aztec Circle Drive to the bottom of the hill and turn left into Parking Structure 12 (P12). Present your media credential to the attendant and you will be directed on where to park. Parking passes obtained through the media relations office are required.





Television Partners

The Mountain West has exclusive national television rights agreements with CBS Sports Network and ESPN, Inc. CBS Sports Network is the primary rights holder and 2017 will be the network's 12th year broadcasting Mountain West basketball games.

On March 20, 2013, the MW and ESPN, Inc. announced a long-term agreement, establishing the network as the second national television partner for Conference-controlled 2013 football and men's basketball games.

The CBS Sports Network and ESPN agreements are scheduled to run concurrently through 2019-20.

About CBS Sports Network

CBS Sports Network televises more than 300 live games and over 2,000 hours of original programming every year. The network telecasts Professional Bull Riding (PBR), live football, basketball and more from the Mountain West, Conference USA, Atlantic 10, as well as Army, Navy and the Patriot League.

CBS Sports Network also delivers exclusive coverage of SEC football, live NCAA® Tournament studio analysis, award-winning original productions and much more. CBS Sports Network is the home of both the National Lacrosse League (NLL) and Major League Lacrosse (MLL).

Throughout the year, the network also telecasts a full slate of original programming such as behind-the-scenes series, documentaries and studio coverage featuring expert analysis, predictions, in-depth interviews and more.

About ESPN

ESPN, Inc., is the world's leading multinational, multimedia sports entertainment company featuring a portfolio of more than 50 multimedia sports assets. The company is comprised of eight U.S. 24-hour television networks (ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNEWS, ESPNU, ESPN Classic, ESPN Deportes, ESPN 3D and Longhorn Network) and five HD simulcast services (ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU, ESPNEWS and ESPN Deportes). Other businesses include ESPN Regional Television, ESPN International (35 networks, syndication, radio, digital), ESPN Radio (broadcast, satellite, digital, a growing category led by ScoreCenter), ESPN.com (plus a variety of sport-, college-, and market-specific sites), ESPN The Magazine, ESPN Enterprises and espnW. Multi-screen offerings include WatchESPN (access to several ESPN networks online and via an app), ESPN3 (live multi-screen network available online, on the go and via Xbox LIVE) and ESPN Mobile (mobile Web, mobile TV and video, apps, alerts and messaging). Based in Bristol, Conn., ESPN is 80 percent owned by ABC, Inc., which is an indirect subsidiary of The Walt Disney Company. The Hearst Corporation holds a 20 percent interest in ESPN.

About Mountain West Network

The Mountain West, in collaboration with STADIUM continues to expand and enhance the video content and reach of its digital network. Under this unique alliance, the Heartland Emmy award-winning Mountain West Network, provides on-demand video content, as well as broadcasts an unprecedented number of live events from the league's 18 sports.

Since its launch in October of 2012, the Mountain West Network has provided fans over 2,000 on-demand videos, while also live-streaming over 3,300 events, including select Conference championships.

Mountain West Network content is available at no cost to viewers and is accessible on multiple devices, including desktop and laptop computers, smartphones and tablets. Fans can also download the official mobile application of the Mountain West on their iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad and Android devices. Visit the App Store or Google Play for details on the free applications.

Additionally, the Mountain West Network simulcasts all local and regional telecasts online, including ROOT SPORTS-produced football and men's basketball games in markets outside of the ROOT SPORTS footprint, including Cox Communications broadcasts outside of the local market (Las Vegas and San Diego).

iHeart Media San Diego

San Diego State University and FOX Sports College Properties announced a multi-year agreement with iHeartMedia San Diego to broadcast SDSU football and men's basketball games beginning with the 2017 football season.

Select iHeartMedia San Diego radio stations will be the flagship radio outlets for the San Diego State Aztecs' game broadcasts through the FOX Sports College Properties Network. Fans can listen to the game broadcasts locally on 101.5 KGB and XTRA 1360 AM in San Diego, on Fox Sports 1350 in Riverside, and nationwide on iHeartRadio, live streaming radio service.

In addition to the pre-, post- and in-game broadcasts, iHeartMedia San Diego will produce and air a weekly "Coaches Show" with football head coach Rocky Long and men's basketball head coach Brian Dutcher. Select SDSU baseball and post-season women's basketball games will be heard on XTRA 1360 AM.

"We are very excited about partnering with iHeart Media San Diego for our radio rights," said SDSU Director of Athletics John David Wicker. "The success of not only our football program, which has won consecutive conference championships and finished in the top 25 last season, our men's basketball program, which has won an unprecedented 10 Mountain West conference championships, but of all of our sports, which have combined to claim 34 team conference titles since the beginning of the 2012-13 season, is something in which the University and the entire San Diego community can take great pride. We look forward to working with iHeart to share the successes of our student-athletes for years to come."

iHeartMedia's Newsradio 600 KOGO, San Diego's News and Information Station, previously held the broadcast rights for SDSU Athletics from 2007 to 2013.

"We are thrilled to welcome back the San Diego State Aztecs to the iHeartMedia family," said Melissa Forrest, President of iHeartMedia's San Diego/Riverside Region. "The partnership is a natural fit, given our past broadcast history with SDSU, our unparalleled reach through our multiple platforms and the widely popular Sky Show association for the past 13 years. We can't wait for the season to start."

Viejas Arena at Aztec Bowl



MOUNTAIN WEST-RECORD 10-TIME CONFERENCE CHAMPION



For the seventh straight season, San Diego State finished the year ranked first among California schools in Division I average home attendance, the NCAA announced at the end of the 2016-17 campaign. SDSU's average home attendance ranked 25th nationally, which established a new school record.

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One of the premier on-campus basketball arenas in all of America, Viejas Arena at Aztec Bowl provides a 12,414-seat, state-of-the-art venue while keeping fans close to the floor and part of the action.

Opened in 1997, the facility is the home of San Diego State basketball and provides a venue for university functions, cultural events, concerts and other special-event 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. Prior to the 2015-16 season, the hardwood was named Steve Fisher Court.

The 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.

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.

In addition SDSU hoops, Viejas Arena has played host to concerts by such artists as Cher, Eric Clapton, Britney Spears, No Doubt, Barry Manilow and Aerosmith. In 2001, Billy Joel and Elton John opened their world tour with a sold-out show at Viejas.

Viejas Arena seats 12,414 for basketball games. Seating includes 240 ADA accessible and companion seats in Row 36, form-fitted bench seats in rows 30-35 with the remaining being stadium seats. For special events and concerts, the venue can become intimate down to 3,000 seats and, depending on configuration, accommodate as many as thirteen thousand, five hundred.

The facility features a \$2.3 million dollar center hung Daktronics scoreboard with modern features including up to the minute statistical information on individual players.

In addition, the venue offers six locker rooms, two team rooms, a green room, which includes three individual dressing rooms and a common area, a training room, and a work room.

Concessions are provided by Aztec Shops and include a traditional sports themed menu as well as specialty foods. In addition, catering is provided by Aztec Shops and includes a wide ranging menu with various levels of service.

The Mezzanine Level houses a VIP Room for banquets, pre- and post-game functions, and other formal and informal gatherings. The room consists of a 2,200 square-foot space that can be divided into two rooms of 800 and 1,400 square feet. The 800-square foot area can also serve as an interview room for sporting events.

After serving as host to the first and second rounds of the NCAA men's basketball championship in 2001, the venue was the home of the 2001 NCAA women's volleyball national championship. In 2006, it played host to the NCAA men's basketball first and second rounds, along with the McDonald's All-American High School basketball games. In 2009, the NCAA women's basketball first and second rounds graced the Viejas Arena floor and in 2014 the NCAA men's basketball second and third rounds had a return visit. Viejas Arena is next scheduled to host the 2018 NCAA men's basketball first and second rounds.

Viejas Arena at Aztec Bowl



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Viejas Arena Fast Facts

General Information

First Game	Brigham Young 73, SDSU 59 (11-14-97)
Aztecs' First Win	SDSU 79, Southwest Texas 57 (11-26-97)
Aztecs' 50th Victory	SDSU 89, New Mexico 73 (3-24-03)
Aztecs' 100th Victory	SDSU 86, Navy 76 (12-17-07)
Aztecs' 150th Victory	SDSU 66, Colorado State 48 (3-5-11)
Aztecs' 200th Victory	SDSU 57, San Diego 48 (12-4-14)
Basketball Capacity	12,414
Seasons	Entering 21st

San Diego State in Viejas Arena

SDSU's All-Time Record in Viejas Arena	238-79 (.751)
Longest Win Streak in Viejas Arena History	29
Longest Losing Streak in Viejas Arena History	6

The Playing Floor

The original Viejas Arena court was used at the 1997 NCAA Final Four in Indianapolis. A new playing surface was installed prior to 2010-11.

Postseason Events Held in Viejas Arena

2001	NCAA 1st & 2nd Round Div. I Men's Basketball Championship
2001	NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Semifinals and Finals
2003	Men's NIT (First Round)
2006	NCAA 1st & 2nd Round Div. I Men's Basketball Championship
2009	Men's NIT (First Round, Quarterfinals)

2009	NCAA 1st & 2nd Round Div. I Women's Basketball Championship
2013	Women's NIT (First Round)
2014	NCAA 2nd & 3rd Round Div. Men's Basketball Championship

Viejas Arena Record and Attendance

Year	Gms.	Record	Total	Average
1997-98	14	7-7	60,363	4,312
1998-99	15	4-11	47,035	3,136
1999-00	15	5-10	39,266	2,618
2000-01	17	12-5	77,104	4,528
2001-02	15	12-3	92,475	6,165
2002-03	17	11-6	121,926	7,172
2003-04	15	11-4	100,513	6,701
2004-05	16	7-9	94,450	5,903
2005-06	15	13-2	105,209	7,014
2006-07	16	14-2	125,135	7,821
2007-08	14	11-3	94,638	6,760
2008-09	17	15-2	121,320	7,136
2009-10	15	14-1	108,412	7,227
2010-11	15	14-1	175,027	11,668
2011-12	19	17-2	229,820	12,096
2012-13	15	14-1	186,210	12,414
2013-14	16	15-1	198,624	12,414
2014-15	17	16-1	211,038	12,414
2015-16	20	16-4	244,190	12,210
2016-17	14	10-4	170,142	12,196
Viejas Totals	317	238-79	2,602,897	8,211

SDSU Record vs. Opponents in Viejas Arena

Opponent	W	L	Streak	Last	Opponent	W	L	Streak	Last	Opponent	W	L	Streak	Last
Air Force	16	3	Won 12	M.1.17	Nevada	4	1	Won 4	F.12.17	Washington	2	1	Won 2	M.21.16
Alabama State	1	0	Won 1	D.12.16	Nicholls	1	0	Won 1	D.10.15	Washington State	0	1	Lost 1	D.10.05
Albany	1	0	Won 1	N.26.05	Norfolk State	2	0	Won 2	N.21.01	Weber State	1	0	Won 1	M.17.09
Arizona	1	3	Lost 1	N.14.13	Northern Arizona	1	0	Won 1	N.28.09	Western Michigan	1	0	Won 1	D.1.07
Arizona State	1	2	Lost 2	D.10.16	Northern Colorado	0	1	Lost 1	J.9.08	Wichita State	1	0	Won 1	D.4.10
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	2	0	Won 2	N.21.12	Occidental	1	0	Won 1	D.31.10	Wyoming	12	5	Won 9	J.31.17
Arkansas State	0	1	Lost 1	D.27.98	Oklahoma State	1	0	Won 1	D.30.00					
Ball State	1	1	Won 1	D.20.14	Oregon	1	0	Won 1	D.2.97	By Conference (at game time)				
Biola	1	0	Won 1	D.7.15	Pacific	1	0	Won 1	J.2.99	America East	2	0	Won 2	D.20.05
Boise State	3	2	Lost 2	F.27.16	Point Loma Nazarene	2	0	Won 2	D.18.12	American Athletic	1	0	Won 1	N.23.15
Brigham Young	6	8	Lost 3	F.26.11	Pomona-Pitzer	1	0	Won 1	D.31.09	Atlantic Coast	1	0	Won 1	M.23.16
Bryant	1	0	Won 1	N.11.11	Portland	1	0	Won 1	D.31.03	Atlantic Sun	3	1	Won 1	D.12.06
California	2	1	Won 2	D.4.11	Providence	0	1	Lost 1	D.31.04	Big East	0	1	Lost 1	D.31.04
Cal Poly	2	0	Won 2	D.13.10	Redlands	1	0	Won 1	D.30.11	Big Sky	6	2	Won 3	D.18.13
Cal State Fullerton	2	1	Won 2	D.9.09	Rice	1	0	Won 1	F.21.98	Big South	1	0	Won 1	J.2.00
CSU Bakersfield	2	0	Won 2	N.20.14	St. Katherine College	1	0	Won 1	D.27.13	Big 12	2	2	Lost 1	D.22.15
CSUN	3	0	Won 3	N.14.14	Sacramento State	1	0	Won 1	D.2.00	Big West	25	4	Won 18	D.22.14
Campbell	1	0	Won 1	D.12.06	Saint Mary's	2	1	Won 2	D.1.10	Conference USA	1	1	Won 1	J.29.02
Chicago State	1	0	Won 1	J.10.12	Sam Houston State	1	0	Won 1	D.28.07	Great West	1	0	Won 1	J.10.12
Colorado State	15	3	Lost 1	J.28.17	San Diego	8	2	Won 8	N.11.16	Independents	6	0	Won 6	J.2.13
Columbia	1	0	Won 1	D.31.01	San Diego Christian	7	0	Won 7	N.16.16	Ivy	1	0	Won 1	D.31.01
Creighton	0	1	Lost 1	N.30.11	San Jose State	5	0	Won 5	J.10.17	Mid-American	2	1	Won 2	D.20.14
East Carolina	1	0	Won 1	N.23.15	Santa Clara	1	0	Won 1	N.19.09	Mid-Eastern Athletic	5	0	Won 5	N.28.16
Eastern Washington	2	1	Won 1	D.20.03	Savannah State	1	0	Won 1	N.28.16	Missouri Valley	2	1	Won 1	N.13.15
Elon	1	0	Won 1	D.22.11	SMU	0	1	Lost 1	J.15.98	Mountain West	104	42	Won 1	M.1.17
Florida Atlantic	2	0	Won 2	D.28.02	South Carolina State	1	0	Won 1	D.16.99	Northeast	2	0	Won 2	N.11.11
Fresno State	6	3	Lost 1	F.22.17	South Dakota State	2	0	Won 2	M.3.06	Pac-12	8	11	Lost 1	D.10.16
Georgia Tech	1	0	Won 1	M.23.16	Southern California	1	2	Won 1	N.17.11	Patriot	2	0	Won 2	D.17.07
Grand Canyon	0	1	Lost 1	D.18.15	Southern Utah	2	0	Won 2	D.18.13	Southern	1	0	Won 1	D.22.11
Hawai'i	3	0	Won 3	D.14.02	Stanford	0	1	Lost 1	D.16.97	Southland	4	0	Won 4	D.10.15
High Point	1	0	Won 1	J.2.00	Texas A&M-CC	1	0	Won 1	J.4.01	Southwestern Athletic	4	0	Won 4	D.12.16
Houston	1	0	Won 1	J.29.02	TCU	7	1	Won 7	F.4.12	Summit	2	0	Won 2	M.16.16
Illinois State	1	0	Won 1	N.13.15	Texas-El Paso	0	1	Lost 1	F.6.99	Sun Belt	1	3	Lost 1	N.21.15
Iowa State	1	0	Won 1	J.3.04	Texas Southern	1	0	Won 1	D.3.12	West Coast	16	3	Won 11	N.11.16
IPFW	3	0	Won 3	M.16.16	Texas State	1	0	Won 1	N.26.97	Western Athletic	9	7	Lost 1	D.18.15
Kansas	0	1	Lost 1	D.22.15	Texas Tech	0	1	Lost 1	J.6.03	Division II	9	0	Won 9	N.14.09
Lafayette	1	0	Won 1	D.30.06	Troy	0	1	Lost 1	N.30.03	Division III	3	0	Won 3	D.30.11
Little Rock	0	1	Lost 1	N.21.15	Tulsa	0	1	Lost 1	F.19.98	NAIA	12	0	Won 12	N.16.16
Long Beach State	3	1	Won 3	D.10.14	UC Davis	1	0	Won 1	N.13.11	NCCAA	1	0	Won 1	D.27.13
Loyola Marymount	4	0	Won 4	D.16.06	UC Riverside	7	0	Won 7	D.22.14	By Time Zone				
McNeese State	1	0	Won 1	D.21.13	UC San Diego	9	0	Won 9	N.14.09	Eastern	24	3	Won 13	N.28.16
Monmouth	1	0	Won 1	N.22.04	UC Santa Barbara	6	1	Won 4	D.6.12	Central	24	8	Won 1	D.12.16
Morgan State	1	0	Won 1	D.18.00	UMBC	1	0	Won 1	D.20.05	Mountain	82	44	Won 2	M.1.17
Navy	1	0	Won 1	D.17.07	UNLV	12	6	Won 4	F.19.17	Pacific	105	23	Lost 1	F.22.17
New Mexico	12	7	Lost 1	J.1.17	Utah	7	7	Won 6	N.18.14	Hawaii	3	0	Won 3	D.14.02
New Mexico State	1	1	Won 1	N.21.00	Utah State	4	1	Won 4	J.14.17					
					Vanguard	2	0	Won 2	D.2.98					

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