

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



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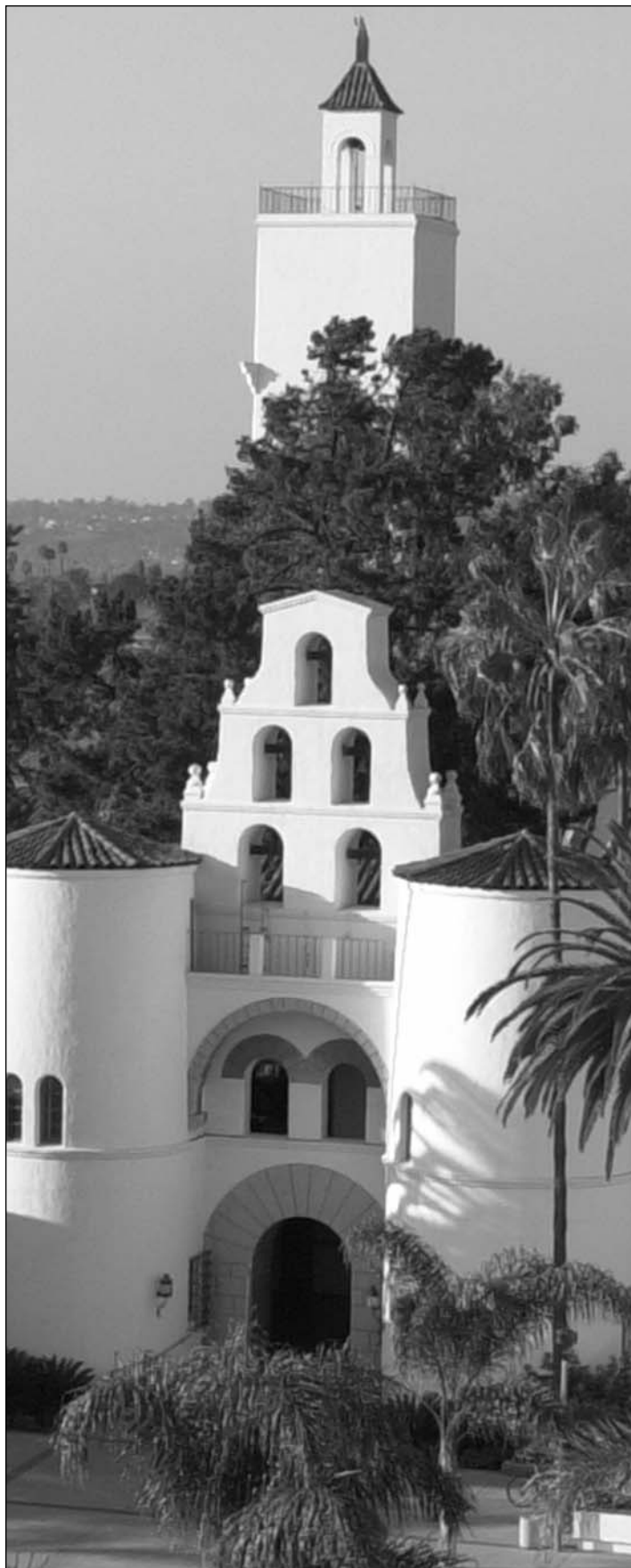
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# San Diego State University



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San Diego State University has grown and developed through its 118-year history into one of the nation's major public research institutions. Our 35,000 students and 290,000 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-six percent of our students are students of color, and the university is nationally recognized for veterans' programs that serve more than 1,200 veterans and their families and for sending more than 65 students abroad as Fulbright Scholars since 2005.

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 \$108 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 52 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.

Helping to fuel this academic and research excellence is the university's first comprehensive fundraising campaign. The Campaign for SDSU is raising \$750 million for student success and faculty and staff support. Generous donors are establishing a culture of philanthropy that ensures 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 in the top 150 national universities and in the top 80 public universities, according to *U.S. News & World Report's* annual ranking of America's Best Colleges.

- SDSU's international business undergraduate program is ranked No. 10 in the nation and several graduate programs are standouts in their fields, according to *U.S. News and World Report*. They include rehabilitation counseling (No. 9), speech language pathology (No. 25), clinical psychology (No. 26), audiology (No. 27), nursing midwifery (No. 29) and public health (No. 30).

- SDSU is a hub of student invention and innovation, led by the Lavin Entrepreneurship Center and the Zahn Innovation Center. *Forbes* magazine ranked SDSU No. 18 on its list of America's Most Entrepreneurial Universities.

- SDSU's diverse campus includes more than 750 students enrolled in the Susan and Stephen Weber Honors College and a growing number of 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 49,000 alumni and friends have contributed to The Campaign for SDSU, the university's first comprehensive fundraising campaign, which is raising \$750 million to support students, faculty and academic programs.

- Fiscal year 2014 was the most successful year of private giving in SDSU's 118-year history and the year in which The Campaign for SDSU surpassed \$500 million.

- "Building on Excellence" is SDSU's broadly consultative strategic plan establishing the direction and priorities of the university for the next several years and focusing on three areas: 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 304,000 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 second 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 20 nationally for ethnic diversity—a point of pride for the university, where students from all backgrounds are achieving academic excellence.

- Arts Alive SDSU integrates arts events and arts practices into the curriculum and recognizes art as a campus-wide value on par with research and international study. With 350 events scheduled each year, Arts Alive reaches an audience of more than 100,000 annually.

- SDSU is consistently recognized by CampusPride.org as among the top 20 most LGBT-friendly campuses in the nation. In 2014, the university opened The Pride Center, an inclusive, safe, and affirming gathering space for persons of all sexual and gender identities and their allies.

## An International Perspective

- SDSU ranked No. 22 in the nation for the number of students studying abroad in the latest Institute for International Education's Open Doors report. More than 2,100 students have international experiences each year, choosing from nearly 400 programs in 52 countries.

- SDSU recently competed against leading national universities to win the largest grant in university history—\$30 million—to offer science and engineering degree programs in the nation of Georgia and build a unique partnership that enhances our international profile.

- The J. Keith Behner and Catherine M. Stiefel Program on Brazil is SDSU's first endowed academic program with an international focus. Over the next five years, through research collaborations with major Brazilian universities, SDSU will strengthen 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 Student Research Symposium is an annual forum for graduate and undergraduate students to present their faculty-mentored research to an academic audience and incorporate the evaluation into their work. More than 375 students from 86 majors participated in 2014.

# Prominent Alumni



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*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

## 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

## Sports

**Michael Cage**, former NBA basketball player  
**Dennis Conner**, America's Cup-winning sailor  
**Mark Grace**, former Arizona Diamondbacks baseball player  
**Tony Gwynn**, Hall of Famer, former San Diego Padres baseball player/former Aztec baseball coach  
**Fred Dryer**, former Los Angeles Rams football player/actor  
**Marshall Faulk**, former NFL MVP and 2011 NFL Hall of Fame Inductee  
**Kawhi Leonard**, 2011 NBA first-round draft pick, 2014 Finals MVP, 2015 Defensive Player of the Year  
**Stephen Strasburg**, 2009 MLB No. 1 overall draft pick, current Washington Nationals pitcher  
**Joe Gibbs**, former Washington Redskins football coach  
**Graig Nettles**, former New York Yankees baseball player  
**Brian Sipe**, former Cleveland Browns football player  
**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**, Fox Sports baseball analyst, former major league manager



*Merrill R. McPeak*



*Timothy J. Muris*



*Armen Keteyian*



*Art Linkletter*



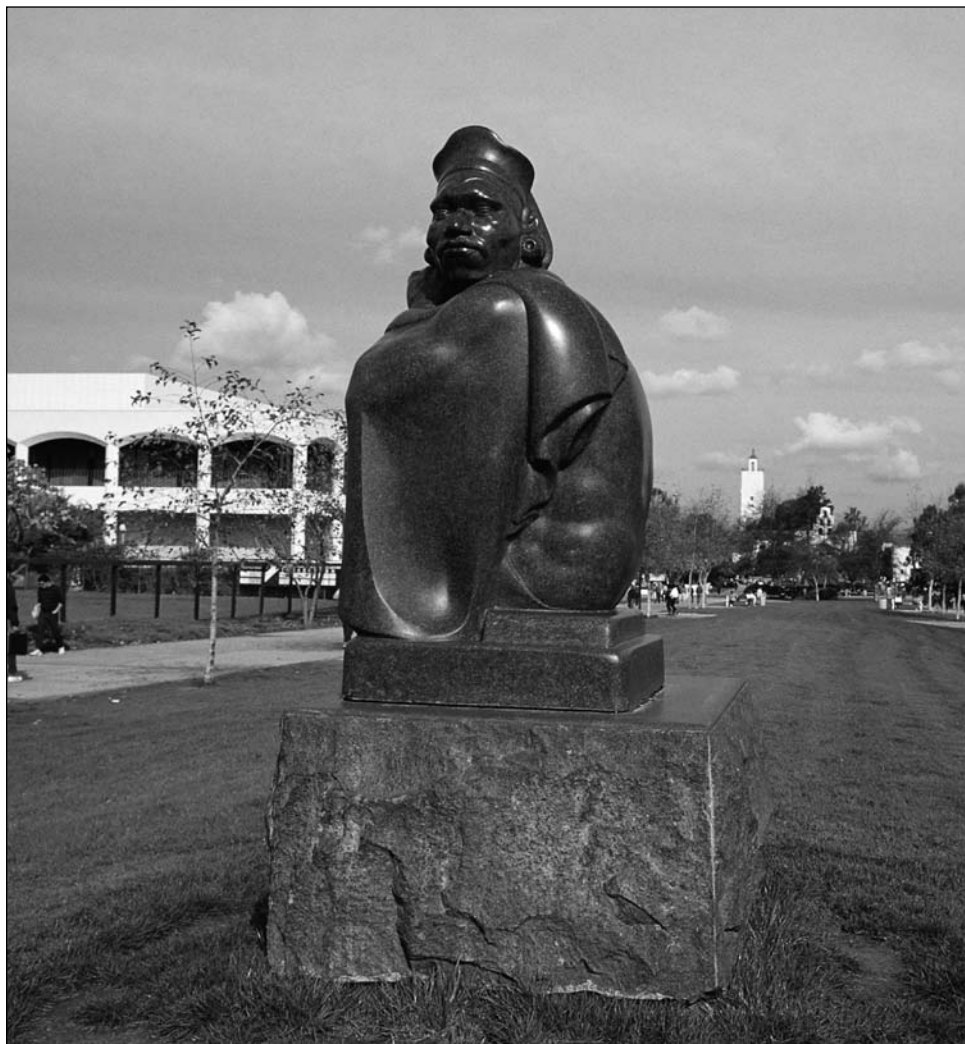
*R. Andrew Rathbone*



*Marion Ross*



*Jeanne Zelasko and Kevin Kennedy*



## 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 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.



# Dr. Elliot Hirshman



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**Dr. Elliot Hirshman**

**Eighth President of SDSU**

**D**r. Elliot Hirshman serves as president of San Diego State University - a major public research university that addresses real-world challenges. Its 35,000 students pursue research and learning under the guidance of internationally recognized mentors in innovative on-campus labs, entrepreneurship centers and business incubators. SDSU is characterized by the Carnegie Foundation as a research university with high research activity and also is designated as a Hispanic Serving Institution.

Dr. Hirshman is committed to student success and to ensuring that students from all backgrounds achieve academic excellence. SDSU produces many Fulbright awardees and is a leader in the number of students who study abroad. It is among the nation's leaders in ethnic and economic diversity. President Hirshman leads an institution recognized for the largest increase in graduation rates in the U.S. and one that is among the nation's leaders for graduating students of color.

Dr. Hirshman implemented an integrated financial strategy and budget, and he is leading SDSU's first comprehensive fundraising campaign. The Campaign for SDSU met its \$500-million goal for student and faculty support. The Campaign is now raising an additional \$250 mil-

lion in its final, legacy phase to endow the Honors College, scholarships, professorships and research, and build a new engineering and interdisciplinary sciences building. Dr. Hirshman oversaw the university's recently completed strategic planning process that identified initiatives, funding and implementation steps in the areas of student success, research and creative endeavors, and community and communication.

Dr. Hirshman is president of the SDSU Research Foundation Board and a member of the California State University's President's Commission for Education and Research in Biotechnology and of its Presidents' Council for the Council on Ocean Affairs, Science and Technology. He serves on the boards of the San Diego Economic Development Corporation and the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce. He also is a member of the executive committee of the Commission on Access, Diversity and Excellence for the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities and a member of the Distinguished Alumnus Award Search and Selection Committee for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

Prior to Dr. Hirshman's appointment at SDSU in 2011, he served as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at the University of

Maryland, Baltimore County. He also had been chief research officer at the George Washington University and chaired the Departments of Psychology there and at the University of Colorado at Denver. He began his academic career, rising to the rank of full professor, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Hirshman earned his bachelor's degree summa cum laude in economics and mathematics from Yale and his master's degree and Ph.D. in cognitive psychology from UCLA.

He is a fellow of the American Psychological Association. His research and teaching focus on the psychopharmacology of human cognition, using an interdisciplinary approach that involves collaboration among psychologists, medical doctors and statisticians. Dr. Hirshman has served as associate editor of the *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory & Cognition* and *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*.

Dr. Hirshman is married to Jeri Hirshman. The Hirshmans' children, Wendy and Nathan, are honors students. Wendy graduated from Muhlenberg College in Pennsylvania, and Nathan attends the University of Virginia.





Jim Sterk enters his sixth season as the University's Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, having already left an indelible mark on San Diego State. He has overseen the most successful five seasons in San Diego State athletic history. In terms of on-the-field accomplishments, the Aztecs have won 32 conference team championships since the beginning of the 2011-12 academic year, and in the classroom, there have been a record-number of scholar-athletes on The Mesa. In addition, Sterk oversaw SDSU's fundraising campaign this past season which once again eclipsed the previous record.

In terms of competitive success, San Diego State continues to set itself apart, compiling the fourth-highest combined winning percentage in the country in football and men's basketball since the beginning of the 2010-11 season at 75.2 percent (182-60). In

addition, SDSU is one of four schools nationally to have appeared in six consecutive NCAA tournaments and have its football team play in five straight bowl games.

The overall success of the program can be traced to the 2011-12 academic year when nine athletic teams advanced to postseason play and scored postseason points in NCAA competition. Two of those programs - men's golf and women's outdoor track & field - finished among the nation's top 10. Since then, a school-record 11 teams accumulated postseason points for SDSU in 2012-13, followed by 10 in 2013-14 and nine teams this past season.

For the first time in school history, San Diego State had four teams finish among the top 20 nationally at NCAA championships (men's golf, men's basketball, softball and men's tennis).

San Diego State has also become the dominant program in its conference, claiming 27 league titles since the beginning of the 2012-13 campaign. This past season alone, SDSU's athletic teams combined to win eight team league championships.

In his tenure, Sterk has watched 17 San Diego State sports finish in the top 25 at NCAA championships, including five squads that finished in the top 10 of their NCAA tournament.

Since arriving at San Diego State in February 2010, Sterk, 59, has led the Aztec athletic department to fiscal stability. Despite state cutbacks, he has ended each of his first four years at SDSU in the black, and athletic department fundraising is at an all-time high.

His impact has also been felt throughout the department as he has hired or extended the contracts of 16 current head coaches at San Diego State. The current collection of Aztec head coaches have combined to earn 40 conference coach-of-the-year honors.

Sterk's vision of a program that competes with the nation's best on the field, and one that takes a back seat to no one in the classroom, is well on its way to becoming a reality.

This past April, a school-record 335 individuals were honored as scholar student-athletes at the traditional year-end banquet, bettering the mark set in Sterk's fourth year on The Mesa.

In addition, San Diego State set a school-record with an institutional-high 12 programs setting multi-year

highs in the Academic Progress Report (APR) released by the NCAA in May 2015. Among those programs that scored record multi-year APR figures were football, men's basketball and baseball.

Sterk came to SDSU from Washington State University, where he served as athletic director since 2000. Prior to his hiring at WSU, he was the AD at Portland State University from 1995 to 2000.

Sterk also has a solid reputation and the respect of his peers across the country. The NCAA recognized him in 2006 as the Division IA Athletic Directors' "Program of Excellence."

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

In his last three years at WSU, 13 Cougar teams competed in NCAA postseason tournaments, including back-to-back trips 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.

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. He 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. In addition to SDSU, Washington State and Portland State, his professional career has also included positions at North Carolina, Maine, Seattle Pacific and Tulane.

Sterk and his wife Debra have three daughters: Ashley (26), Amy (23), and Abby (20).



**Jim Sterk**

**Director of Athletics**  
**Sixth Year at SDSU**  
**Western Washington '80**

**Education**  
1980 - B.A. degree from Western Washington

1986 - M.A. degree from Ohio

**Career Experience**  
1986  
Assistant to the Director of Ticket Operations  
North Carolina

1987-90  
Assistant Business and Ticket Manager ('87-88), Director of Athletic Services ('88-89), Assistant Athletics Director/Finance ('89-90)  
Maine

1990-91  
Associate Athletics Director  
Seattle Pacific

1991-95  
Senior Associate Athletics Director  
Tulane

1995-2000  
Director of Athletics  
Portland State

2000-10  
Director of Athletics  
Washington State

2010-present  
Director of Athletics  
San Diego State

*In his five seasons as the athletic director, Jim Sterk has had 45 teams advance and score points at NCAA championships (per the Directors' Cup).*

*Below is a list of San Diego State teams that have advanced to postseason play and their NCAA finish the last five seasons under Jim Sterk.*

**2014-15 NCAA FINISHES**

- M. Golf (15th)      Swim & Dive (39th)
- M. Basketball (17th)      W. Golf (43rd)
- Softball (17th)      Football (48th)
- M. Tennis (17th)
- Baseball (33rd)

**2013-14 NCAA FINISHES**

- M. Basketball (9th)      Softball (33rd)
- Outdoor T&F (12th)      W. Soccer (33rd)
- Indoor T&F (19th)      M. Golf (44th)
- Football (26th)      Baseball (49th)
- Swim & Dive (27th)      W. Golf (61st)

**2012-13 NCAA FINISHES**

- W. Soccer (9th)      W. Tennis (33rd)
- M. Basketball (17th)      Volleyball (33rd)
- Outdoor T&F (23rd)      Swim & Dive (41st)
- Indoor T&F (25th)      Football (44th)
- M. Golf (31st)      Baseball (49th)
- Softball (33rd)

**2011-12 NCAA FINISHES**

- M. Golf (5th)      Football (44th)
- Outdoor T&F (9th)      Swim & Dive (45th)
- Softball (17th)      Indoor T&F (48th)
- M. Basketball (33rd)      W. Golf (58th)
- W. Basketball (33rd)

**2010-11 NCAA FINISHES**

- M. Basketball (9th)      Football (26th)
- M. Golf (16th)      W. Golf (49th)
- Softball (17th)      Outdoor T&F (60th)

→ - indicates best Division I finish in program history.

# Media Information



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MEDIA INFORMATION ◀ UNIVERSITY  
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Mike May



Darin Wong



Dave Kuhn



Jamie McConeghy



Jim Solien



Jen Heisel



Jason Bott



Victoria Valencia

## 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 emailed to Mike May.

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 on a space-available basis.

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. All requests for credentials should be emailed to the media relations office at mmay@mail.sdsu.edu.

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

## Non-Originating Radio

Individuals representing radio stations which are not originating the broadcast of the game will be considered on a space-available basis. Requests should be made through the SDSU Media Relations Office.

## Scouting Tickets

Due to limited media seating at Viejas Arena, professional basketball scouts must purchase a ticket. Requests should be made to Mike May 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 4 (PS 4), 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 L) at any point on game days. Violators will be towed.

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## 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.

## 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 media 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 Steve Fisher, 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 Fisher.

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. Fisher will meet with the media upon completion of his postgame radio interview.

## Telephones/Internet

The media relations office provides several charge-a-call phones in the press room off the arena floor. The





phones are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For courtside phone service, call Viejas Arena at (619) 594-3533. Phone lines for visiting originating radio broadcasts (one ISDN, one business) will be provided on a reciprocal basis.

Free wireless internet is available inside Viejas Arena and the press room.

## 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 Steve Fisher and selected players will be available at a weekly news conference to be held in Viejas Arena. Please contact the media relations office for specific dates and times.

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.

## Media Releases

Note packages will be available at least one

day prior to each game and in many instances, much earlier.

The game notes will be e-mailed to local and national outlets and posted on San Diego State's official athletic web site, [www.GoAztecs.com](http://www.GoAztecs.com). If you wish to be added to the distribution list, please e-mail Mike May at [mmay@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:mmay@mail.sdsu.edu) or call (619) 594-5547.

Pregame packets, including notes and statistics, will be available prior to tip-off. Timeout, halftime and final statistics, plus a running play-by-play, postgame notes and postgame quotes will be provided. Media stat monitors will allow broadcasters access to updated information. Soft drinks will be provided during pregame.

## Aztec Access

The official website of San Diego State athletics, [www.GoAztecs.com](http://www.GoAztecs.com), includes rosters, schedules, statistics, player bios, press releases and game notes. The website is updated daily.

Each game, San Diego State press releases, game notes and statistics are e-mailed to a large contingent of media locally, regionally and nationally. If you would like to be added to the list, please contact Mike May at [mmay@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:mmay@mail.sdsu.edu).

## Aztec Weekly Press Conferences

For the 14th straight season, Steve Fisher will conduct a weekly news conference, followed by selected players. Media members should contact the media relations office for accurate dates, times and location.

## 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.

# Media Information/Opponents



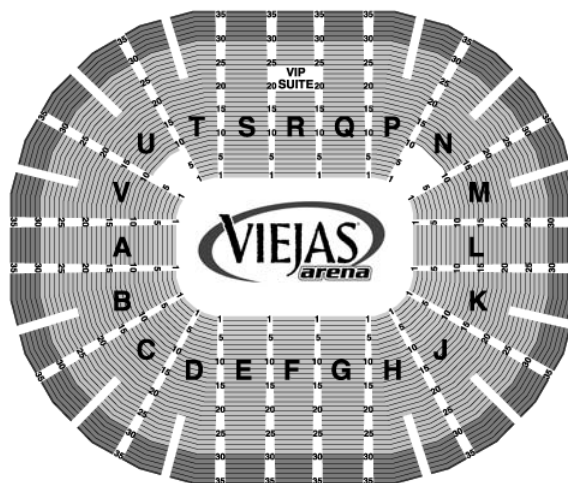
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Proceed past Canyon Crest Drive (the first stoplight) then make an immediate right turn to the green information booth for parking information. Ask the parking guard for directions as to where you may park.

## 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 4 (PS 4). 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.



## 2015-16 Opponents

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 . . . . .Producer: Daniel Reiter  
 Darren Smith, Noon-3 p.m.  
 . . . . .Producers: Marty Caswell, Jordan Carruth  
 Scott Kaplan and Billy Ray Smith, 3-6 p.m.  
 . . . . .Producer: Alex Padilla  
 John Kentera, 6-9 p.m.  
 . . . . .Producer: Adam Clark

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**Fax:** (858) 320-0328

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 7677 Engineer Road  
 San Diego, CA 92111  
**Phone:** (858) 292-7600  
**Fax:** (858) 279-7676

**KOGO (600 AM)**  
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 San Diego, CA 92123-2657  
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# Broadcast Partners



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## 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 2013 will be the network's eighth year broadcasting Mountain West football games.

On March 20, 2013, the Mountain West 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.

Between the two networks, at least 44 football games will be televised annually on their various platforms. 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 Campus Insiders 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, powered by Campus Insiders, 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 1,100 on-demand videos, while also live-streaming over 1,500 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. The Mountain West Network powered by Campus Insiders exclusively produced seven football games in 2014 and nine men's basketball games in 2014-15 that are available on TheMW.com and mobile

applications, CampusInsiders.com and the participating institutions' official athletics sites.

All Mountain West programming is also available on CampusInsiders.com, the online destination and leading digital content syndication source for college sports. Campus Insiders, a partnership between Silver Chalice Ventures and IMG College, goes beyond the traditional sports media experience, giving dedicated fans an insider's perspective that includes behind-the-scenes content, original video programming (including hosts Bonnie Bernstein and Seth Davis), and live streaming events. Campus Insiders also incorporates the Mountain West into its many existing distribution relationships, including partners on VOD, OTT and IP-Connected platforms.

Additionally, the Mountain West Network powered by Campus Insiders 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).

## The Mighty 1090

San Diego State Athletics and its exclusive multimedia rights holder, Aztec Sports Properties, announced that a four-year agreement has been reached between the San Diego-based BCA Radio and its stations The Mighty 1090 AM, 105.7 FM The Walrus (now Max FM) and 1700 AM ESPN Radio.

Beginning with the 2013-14 athletic season, terms of the agreement call for The Mighty 1090 to air all football, men's basketball, select women's basketball and baseball games, and one-hour seasonal coaches' shows. Additionally, 105.7 FM will air all nighttime games and any Aztec game that conflicts with the San Diego Padres. Various broadcasts dedicated to SDSU Athletics and increased promotional opportunities for SDSU Athletics are other highlights of the deal. Aztec Sports Properties, a property of Learfield Sports, oversees all aspects of the Aztec Sports Network.

"We appreciate the opportunity to return to The Mighty 1090 and create a new partnership with 105.7 The Walrus and BCA Radio," said San Diego State Director of Athletics Jim Sterk. "They have outstanding coverage and programming to follow."

"We're happy that The Mighty 1090 and 105.7 The Walrus will serve as our new radio home for the Aztec Sports Network in San Diego," said Aztec Sports Properties' General Manager Jeff Bolitho. "The Mighty 1090 is a 50,000-watt AM station with a sports format. It will be a great fit for Aztec fans and alumni."

BCA Radio's Vice President, Market Manager Norm Feuer commented, "As San Diego's sports leader, we are ecstatic to be the NEW broadcast home of the San Diego State Aztecs. Local sports truly means something in San Diego, and now our community can follow every Aztec pass, basket, and touchdown on our AM and FM stations. We are proud and honored to be their partners. Go Aztecs!"

In addition to San Diego State, Learfield Sports manages multimedia rights and sponsorship for more than 50 collegiate institutions and associations and titles the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup. The company also provides exclusive sports programming to more than 1,100 radio stations throughout the country. For learn more about Learfield's 40-year history and complete collegiate portfolio, visit [learfieldsports.com](http://learfieldsports.com).

Broadcast Company of the Americas (BCA) operates the Mighty 1090 AM Sports, Max FM 105.7, ESPN 1700 AM and is also the flagship broadcaster of the San Diego Padres. BCA and Compass Radio of San Diego (KPRI-FM) represent the stations to the advertising community, under the umbrella name, "Radio San Diego". The Mighty 1090-AM's 50,000 watt signal effectively reaches all of Southern California.

# Viejas Arena at Aztec Bowl



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In each of the last three seasons, San Diego State has sold out its entire home slate prior to the start of the campaign. Entering 2015-16, the Aztecs have played in front of 55 straight sell-out crowds. After averaging 12,414 fans in 2014-15, SDSU led the state of California in attendance for the fifth straight year.

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- Top San Diego State attended games on page 193
- Directions to Viejas Arena on page 204

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.

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 sporting events. The seating includes the top nine rows consisting of bench seats with the remaining areas as chairbacks. The total seating is approximately 3,935 bench seats and 8,065 chairs. In the special event/concert configuration there are approximately 11,500 seats. All seating configurations are flexible and can be adjusted.

The facility features a state-of-the-art videoboard with video-replay capabilities. The board also includes up-to-the-minute statistical information on individual players.

The facility is equipped with seven locker rooms, two of which are complete with team rooms, equipment rooms, and a shared training

room.

The men's team lounge was recently renovated and now includes three large-screen television sets, individual leather recliners and track lighting.

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. Then in 2009, Viejas Arena was the site for the first and second rounds of the NCAA women's basketball tournament. More recently, in March 2014, the NCAA men's basketball second and third rounds returned to Montezuma Mesa and will do so again in 2018.

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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 19th

### San Diego State in Viejas Arena

SDSU's All-Time Record in Viejas Arena	212-71 (.749)
SDSU's Record in Viejas Arena Under Steve Fisher	201-53 (.791)
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. In the semifinals, Kentucky defeated Minnesota, 78-69, and Arizona beat North Carolina, 66-58. In the championship game, Arizona defeated Kentucky, 84-79, on March 31, 1997. A new playing surface was installed prior to the 2010-11 season.

### 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
<b>Viejas Totals</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>212-71</b>	<b>2,188,565</b>	<b>7,733</b>

## SDSU Record vs. Opponents in Viejas Arena

Opponent	W	L	Streak	Last	Opponent	W	L	Streak	Last	Opponent	W	L	Streak	Last
Air Force	14	3	Won 10	D.31.14	Occidental	1	0	Won 1	D.31.10	Weber State	1	0	Won 1	M.17.09
Albany	1	0	Won 1	N.26.05	Oklahoma State	1	0	Won 1	D.30.00	Western Michigan	1	0	Won 1	D.1.07
Arizona	1	3	Lost 1	N.14.13	Oregon	1	0	Won 1	D.2.97	Wichita State	1	0	Won 1	D.4.10
Arizona State	1	1	Lost 1	N.18.08	Pacific	1	0	Won 1	J.2.99	Wyoming	10	5	Won 7	F.11.15
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	2	0	Won 2	N.21.12	Point Loma Nazarene	2	0	Won 2	D.18.12	<b>By Conference</b> (at game time)				
Arkansas State	0	1	Lost 1	D.27.98	Pomona-Pitzer	1	0	Won 1	D.31.09	America East	2	0	Won 2	D.20.05
Bakersfield	2	0	Won 2	N.20.14	Portland	1	0	Won 1	D.31.03	Atlantic Sun	3	1	Won 1	D.12.06
Ball State	1	1	Won 1	D.20.14	Providence	0	1	Lost 1	D.31.04	Big East	0	1	Lost 1	D.31.04
Boise State	3	1	Lost 1	F.28.15	Redlands	1	0	Won 1	D.30.11	Big Sky	6	2	Won 3	D.18.13
Brigham Young	6	8	Lost 3	F.26.11	Rice	1	0	Won 1	F.21.98	Big South	1	0	Won 1	J.2.00
Bryant	1	0	Won 1	N.11.11	St. Katherine College	1	0	Won 1	D.27.13	Big 12	2	1	Won 1	J.3.04
California	2	1	Won 2	D.4.11	Sacramento State	1	0	Won 1	D.2.00	Big West	25	4	Won 18	D.22.14
Cal Poly	2	0	Won 2	D.13.10	Saint Mary's	2	1	Won 2	D.1.10	Conference USA	1	1	Won 1	J.29.02
Cal State Fullerton	2	1	Won 2	D.9.09	Sam Houston State	1	0	Won 1	D.28.07	Great West	1	0	Won 1	J.10.12
CSUN	3	0	Won 3	N.14.14	San Diego	7	2	Won 7	D.4.14	Independents	6	0	Won 6	J.2.13
Campbell	1	0	Won 1	D.12.06	San Diego Christian	5	0	Won 5	D.27.14	Ivy	1	0	Won 1	D.31.01
Chicago State	1	0	Won 1	J.10.12	San José State	3	0	Won 3	F.25.14	Mid-American	2	1	Won 2	D.20.14
Colorado State	14	2	Won 12	F.14.15	Santa Clara	1	0	Won 1	N.19.09	Mid-Eastern Athletic	4	0	Won 4	N.21.01
Columbia	1	0	Won 1	D.31.01	SMU	0	1	Lost 1	J.15.98	Missouri Valley	1	1	Lost 1	N.30.11
Creighton	0	1	Lost 1	N.30.11	South Carolina State	1	0	Won 1	D.16.99	Mountain West	90	38	Won 1	M.7.15
Eastern Washington	2	1	Won 1	D.20.03	South Dakota State	2	0	Won 2	M.3.06	Northeast	2	0	Won 2	N.11.11
Elon	1	0	Won 1	D.22.11	Southern California	1	2	Won 1	N.17.11	Pac-12	8	10	Won 2	N.18.14
Florida Atlantic	2	0	Won 2	D.28.02	Southern Utah	2	0	Won 2	D.18.13	Patriot	2	0	Won 2	D.17.07
Fresno State	5	2	Won 5	J.27.15	Stanford	0	1	Lost 1	D.16.97	Southern	1	0	Won 1	D.22.11
Hawai'i	3	0	Won 3	D.14.02	Texas A&M-CC	1	0	Won 1	J.4.01	Southland	3	0	Won 3	D.21.13
High Point	1	0	Won 1	J.2.00	TCU	7	1	Won 7	F.4.12	Southwestern Athletic	3	0	Won 3	D.3.12
Houston	1	0	Won 1	J.29.02	Texas-El Paso	0	1	Lost 1	F.6.99	Summit	1	0	Won 1	N.12.11
Iowa State	1	0	Won 1	J.3.04	Texas Southern	1	0	Won 1	D.3.12	Sun Belt	1	2	Won 1	N.21.00
IPFW	2	0	Won 2	D.30.02	Texas State	1	0	Won 1	N.26.97	West Coast	15	3	Won 10	D.4.14
Lafayette	1	0	Won 1	D.30.06	Texas Tech	0	1	Lost 1	J.6.03	Western Athletic	9	6	Won 5	N.20.14
Long Beach State	3	1	Won 3	D.10.14	Troy	0	1	Lost 1	N.30.03	Division II	9	0	Won 9	N.14.09
Loyola Marymount	4	0	Won 4	D.16.06	Tulsa	0	1	Lost 1	F.19.98	Division III	3	0	Won 3	D.30.11
McNeese State	1	0	Won 1	D.21.13	UC Davis	1	0	Won 1	N.13.11	NAIA	9	0	Won 9	D.27.14
Monmouth	1	0	Won 1	N.22.04	UC Riverside	7	0	Won 7	D.22.14	NCCAA	1	0	Won 1	D.27.13
Morgan State	1	0	Won 1	D.18.00	UC San Diego	9	0	Won 9	N.14.09	<b>By Time Zone</b>				
Navy	1	0	Won 1	D.17.07	UC Santa Barbara	6	1	Won 4	D.6.12	Eastern	20	3	Won 9	D.20.14
New Mexico	11	6	Won 3	J.6.15	UMBC	1	0	Won 1	D.20.05	Central	21	6	Won 5	D.21.13
New Mexico State	1	1	Won 1	N.21.00	UNLV	10	6	Won 2	J.17.15	Mountain	74	40	Lost 1	F.28.15
Nevada	3	1	Won 3	M.7.15	Utah	7	7	Won 6	N.18.14	Pacific	94	22	Won 19	M.7.15
Norfolk State	2	0	Won 2	N.21.01	Utah State	2	1	Won 2	J.31.15	Hawaii	3	0	Won 3	D.14.02
Northern Arizona	1	0	Won 1	N.28.09	Vanguard	2	0	Won 2	D.2.98					
Northern Colorado	0	1	Lost 1	J.9.08	Washington	1	1	Won 1	D.8.13					
					Washington State	0	1	Lost 1	D.10.05					