



STUDENT AFFAIRS

IMPACT REPORT 2022-2023

UC San Diego
STUDENT AFFAIRS



TRITONS TODAY

78% UNDERGRADUATES FROM CALIFORNIA

21% GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

36% FIRST-GENERATION UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

32% OF INCOMING STUDENTS ARE TRANSFER STUDENTS

32% UNDERGRADUATE PELL GRANT RECIPIENTS

24% FROM AN UNDERREPRESENTED MINORITY

30+ LANGUAGES SPOKEN BY STUDENTS

108 TOTAL PLACES OF STUDENT ORIGIN

*All data in this report is from the 2022-2023 academic year

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Welcome to the DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dear Colleagues and Friends,
I am proud to share the 2022-23 Student Affairs Impact Report, which showcases the creative, equity-driven work of the talented and dedicated Student Affairs professionals and paraprofessionals at UC San Diego.



As always, this iteration of the annual Impact Report highlights efforts and accomplishments in support of the goals that are outlined in our division's 2019-24 Strategic Plan, as well as our commitment to the EDI Strategic Plan for Inclusive Excellence and to university-wide strategic priorities – specifically the advancement of UC San Diego as a student-centered community.

The 2022-23 Impact Report differs from recent editions, however, in that its contents comprise our final year of the current five-year Strategic Plan before we began development in September 2023 of the 2024-29 Strategic Plan, which will guide our division's efforts for the next five years.

INTRODUCING INAUGURAL AVCs

In addition to the outstanding work detailed on the following pages, 2022-23 marked two milestone additions to the Division of Student Affairs – representing strategic contributions to Collective Impact at UC San Diego by way of our structure development.

In November 2022 and January 2023, respectively, we welcomed the inaugural Assistant Vice Chancellor for Global Initiatives, Tamara Cunningham, and the inaugural Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Dr. Piya Bose.

In her new role, AVC Cunningham will oversee a Strategic Internationalization Plan, amplifying global partnerships and engagement that will build upon the four strategic themes of UC San Diego's American Council on Education (ACE) Lab Report.

In order to further enhance the student experience at our university, AVC Bose will lead collaborations with the Undergraduate Colleges and Division of Undergraduate Education, while advancing strategic EDI initiatives to foster a sense of belonging for all Tritons.

We hope you will enjoy learning about the collective accomplishments of the UC San Diego Student Affairs team. I welcome feedback about our work, and hope it inspires additional opportunities for student-centered collaborations.

GO TRITONS!

ALYSSON M. SATTERLUND
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

STUDENT AFFAIRS OVERVIEW

BACKGROUND

Our **five-year strategic plan for 2019-2024** guides our division's efforts and ensures we focus on the most critical areas of success for current and future students. Using a **Collective Impact** framework, our plan supports the **UC San Diego Strategic Plan** and the **Strategic Plan for Inclusive Excellence** to ensure we are actively advancing our core values and are accountable for a student-centered Triton experience.

The Student Affairs strategic plan reflects the mindset of collective impact through a co-creation process with the Chancellor's Cabinet, the Executive Vice Chancellor's Cabinet, Student Affairs Unit Heads, Alumni Engagement, the Council of Deans of Student Affairs, the Council of Provosts, Directors of Residential Life, Enrollment Management, Housing, Dining, & Hospitality, Information Technology Services, the Teaching + Learning Commons, Resource Management & Planning, Associated Students, and the Graduate and Professional Student Association.

In early 2020, the Strategic Planning Committee reconvened to prioritize the elements of the strategic plan that remain relevant to the current campus community. The top priorities for the academic year were the health and well-being of our campus community, enhancing the student experience through virtual innovation and holding Student Affairs accountable in the division's efforts around anti-racism.

MISSION

To empower students to discover and achieve their dreams.

VISION

To create an inclusive and collaborative student-centered university that champions student success and well-being in our global society.

CORE VALUES

As student affairs professionals, we strive to live by the same values that we promote to our students:

INCLUSIVITY: We value a university in which every individual is affirmed and where we seek to understand, respect and celebrate our diversity as reflected in the UC San Diego Principles of Community.

PERSONAL GROWTH AND ENGAGEMENT: We strive to create a student-centered community where co-curricular experiences strengthen and broaden student learning inside and outside the classroom.

WELL-BEING: We value a community that encourages a balanced life, healthy choices and an environment that facilitates a sense of belonging for every student.

ACCOUNTABILITY: We value integrity, open communication, assessment and evaluation that demonstrates the impact of our work.

EXCELLENCE: We strive to be a division recognized as leaders in the field of student affairs, engaged in scholarship and best practices.



GOAL 1: STUDENT EXPERIENCE

» Generate a student-centered transformation to maximize our vibrant and engaging community through partnerships with the Undergraduate Colleges and the Division of Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs.

TRITON UNOLYMPICS



AMPHITHEATER MAKES ITS DEBUT

In October 2022, the curtain was officially raised on the inaugural season for the brand-new **Epstein Family Amphitheater (EFA @ UC San Diego)** — a **2,300-seat**, state-of-the-art outdoor entertainment venue in the heart of campus.

Throughout the debut season, our **Campus Performances and Events Office (CPEO)** programmed more than **55 events** at the EFA @ UC San Diego — including concerts, performances, comedy shows, and film screenings — and welcomed over **40,000 students, faculty, staff, and community members** into the venue.

CPEO's numerous campus and community partnerships this year included: the Raza Resource Centro, LGBT Resource Center, Undergraduate Colleges, UC San Diego's Music and Theatre and Dance departments, the Basement, **Associated Students Concerts and Events (ASCE)**, the Staff Association, Preuss School, Stuart Collection, San Diego Symphony, La Jolla Playhouse, San Diego Black Artist Collective, and the San Diego City Ballet, among others.

A BANNER YEAR FOR CAMPUS EVENTS

The **Campus Events** team's ethos is guided by their collective desire to build lifelong social connections and a sense of community amongst students. In this spirit, they programmed **36 events** for more than **37,000 students** in 2022-23, including festivals, concerts, and movie nights. These events were held in various venues throughout UC San Diego, including the newly renovated Sun God Lawn and EFA @ UC San Diego.

EPSTEIN FAMILY AMPHITHEATER



According to survey data:

- » **92.5%** reported that they were engaged with the wellness-oriented components of Campus Events programming
- » **97.7%** of attendees reported that Campus Events programming contributed positively to their social experience at UC San Diego

GOAL 1: STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Triton Fest

The popular **Triton Fest** event series took place in Fall 2022 and Winter 2023, with **7,814 attendees** across **six campuswide events**. These included a partnership event with the Multi-Asian Student Association (MASA) for their annual Asian Night Market, and a continuation of the "Under the Influencer" speaker series — featuring a "Hot Ones"-style interview between popular social media star Sean Evans and Associated Students (AS) President Sky Yang.



39th Annual Sun God Festival

The **Sun God Festival** — a historic campus tradition since 1983 — is the anchor event hosted by **ASCE**, featuring the creative minds of the student body expressed through a multitude of experiences within music, art, food, games, rides, and décor. This year's festival was a collaborative effort between more than **30 campus partners**, and served as the debut of **NIMBUS** — a peer-care team composed of students who help other students in distress during the festival.

The May 2023 Sun God Festival was attended by more than **11,000 students** who reported increased awareness of mental health and drug/alcohol education as a result of their attendance, and who engaged in community service by donating **hundreds of pieces of clothing** to those in need.



According to survey data:

- » **73.3%** of survey respondents indicated that they viewed this year's **Sun God Festival as a highlight of their undergraduate experience.**
- » **79.9%** believe that the **Sun God Festival lineup promoted diversity.**
- » **83.5%** believe that the **Sun God Festival is an event that builds community amongst the undergraduate student body.**
- » **91.8%** indicated that they **felt safe attending the festival.**

TRITON FEST



GOAL 1: STUDENT EXPERIENCE



BRINGING LOCAL VENDORS TO LIBRARY WALK

Occurring tri-annually in Fall, Winter, and Spring, the **UC San Diego Vendor Fair** is facilitated by the **Center for Student Involvement (CSI)** and takes place in the middle of campus on Library Walk. The Fair provides students with an opportunity to learn about and to support local businesses, while revenue from the event is used to support students through CSI programs and services, as well as salaries for student assistants.



This year's edition was the largest since the series' inception, hosting more than **40 vendors** from throughout the region, state, and beyond. Popular vendors who received the most traffic during the fair included WimsiCo. Jewelry; Dolce Monachelli's Bundt Cakes; European Market Charms and Stickers; Wild West Kettle Corn; and HappyGoods.

CRAFTS AND COMPETITION BETWEEN CLASSES

For students looking to unwind in the middle of their day, there was no better spot than The Park in Matthews Quad, wherein **University Centers** offered

weekly events and activities designed to enrich our students' co-curricular and hands-on experiences. These events included the **Art in The Park** series on Wednesdays in Spring Quarter, during which **175 students** enjoyed a variety of make-and-take crafts, like mini-fruit crochet, tie-dye tapestries, and air-dry clay sculpting. In another series, **Fun Fridays at The Park**, more than **300 students** took advantage of this grassy enclave to play some badminton, Spike Ball, and bag-tossing games.

ENGAGING OPPORTUNITIES DURING SPRING BREAK

For the third year running, the office of the **Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs** programmed more than a week's worth of unique, in-person opportunities for students to connect, grow, learn, and engage on and around campus during Spring Break 2023.

By collaborating with campus partners like **Recreation**, the **Undergraduate Research Hub**, **CSI**, the **Birch Aquarium**, and **CPEO**, we were able to offer a series of fun, educational activities to undergraduate and graduate students who remained in San Diego during the break.

379 students took part in **17 different events** throughout the week, including a Padres game; surfing and paddleboarding lessons; Disney singalongs at the **EFA @ UC San Diego**; service-learning in the local community; and conversations with prominent UC San Diego alumni.

UPLIFTING OUR NATIONAL PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

One of the largest goals in **CSI's Sorority and Fraternity Life (SFL)** office in 2022-23

was to expand UC San Diego's **National Panhellenic Council (NPHC)** — the governing council and collaborative body of the nine historically African-American sororities and fraternities — and undertake efforts dedicated to the growth of our NPHC organizations on campus.

This year, SFL did just that by adding **three** additional NPHC chapters, hosting the inaugural **NPHC Week** — a series of student-run events focusing on areas like service, scholarship, and social activities — and partnering with the Black Resource Center to recognize our university's **first official NPHC charter** at a ceremony in April 2023.

Additionally, we broke ground in March 2023 on the Student Center's forthcoming **NPHC Plaza** — a dedicated, welcoming space that celebrates our Black student experience — which is scheduled for completion in Fall Quarter 2023.

STRENGTHENING STUDENTS' COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Principal members of all student organizations are required to participate in a three-hour workshop, developed in partnership between **CSI** and the National Conflict Resolution Center.

Dubbed "**The Art of Inclusive Communication**," the workshop explores challenges and strategies for communicating and connecting in diverse groups, offering student organization leaders a focused opportunity to learn, hone, and employ communications skills while practicing conflict-resolution techniques.



CSI offered **67 workshops** in total during the 2022-23 academic year, resulting in **1,549 principal members** completing the workshop course. When asked for feedback from participants, we received comments such as:

"I found the different communication styles people have to be fairly eye opening, and [this workshop] allowed me to more easily understand where people are coming from when they don't share my same communication style."

"I feel more confident in engaging with people now, and feel like I can communicate effectively without having to compromise someone's boundaries — or even my own."

A PROFESSIONAL SPACE FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

In December 2022, the **Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA)** began a renovation of their **GPSA Lounge** in the Student Center, transforming the location into a vibrant and inclusive central hub for UC San Diego's graduate and professional students.

In alignment with the GPSA's commitment to enhancing the student experience and fostering an inclusive and supportive community, their main objective in spearheading the transformation was to better serve the diverse needs of their student community by creating a comfortable and welcoming



environment where students can relax, connect with peers, and engage in collaborative activities — incorporating elements of inclusivity, accessibility, and sustainability into the design.

GOAL 2: STUDENT SUCCESS

» Inspire students to discover meaningful connections, explore their interests, and participate in co-curricular experiences while pursuing their degrees in a timely manner.

GETTING INVOLVED LIKE NEVER BEFORE

During the 2022-23 academic year, participation in **registered student organizations** on campus surpassed pre-pandemic numbers – with **more than 625** unique student undergraduate, graduate, and combined organizations registered with the **Center for Student Involvement (CSI)** – a **44% increase** from the prior year, and the highest number on record.

CELEBRATING MENTORSHIP'S IMPACT

In January 2023, the **Online Student Experience** department successfully established a new university tradition by organizing participation in the inaugural National Mentoring Month. Occurring annually each January, **National Mentoring Month** is a time to come together in community to celebrate the supportive and meaningful mentorship relationships that facilitate student success at UC San Diego.

This month-long celebration recognizes the many ways that students can get connected to a mentor by way of one of UC San Diego's **30-plus** undergraduate and graduate mentoring programs – including peer-to-peer, faculty-to-student, and staff-to-student opportunities.



MENTORS



Registered Student Organizations:

2022-2023

By the Numbers

» **625** student organizations.

» **1,549** CSI registered principal members attended 67 in-person and virtual "Art of Inclusive Communication" workshops.

» **2,346** students registered as principal members (student organization leaders) with CSI.

» **2,466** on-campus, in-person events hosted by CSI student organizations.

Matchmaking with Mentors

Designed to build an inclusive culture of peer mentorship for first-year students, **Mentor Collective** has matched **2,336** mentors (continuing students) and mentees (first-year students) since the start of 2022-23. The initiative supported **355** mentees with referrals to campus services, including the Teaching + Learning Commons' Academic Achievement Hub, and **Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)**.

GOAL 2: STUDENT SUCCESS



DEMYSTIFYING THE HOUSING PROCESS

As part of their Spring Quarter 2023 **Housing Education** campaign — an initiative dedicated to the intricacies of off-campus housing and identity within our student communities — student and professional staff on the **Basic Needs Peer Education** team built out a series of educational materials which proved to be quite successful among students on social media and other presentation platforms, garnering upwards of **80K views** on Instagram.

As part of the six-week campaign hosted by the **Basic Needs Off-Campus Housing Office**, students were able to learn about available services, hear helpful recommendations, schedule a housing consultation to review options, receive general first-time lease signing information, and explore move-in and move-out resources.

SERVICES AND SUPPORT ON FULL DISPLAY

As part of **Triton Weeks of Welcome (TWOW)** in October 2022, **CSI** hosted the annual **Student Services & Academic Support Fair** — providing new and returning students with vital information about various campus resources and services available to them.

More than **70 campus departments** participated in the event, including: the Academic Integrity Office, APIMEDA Programs & Services, **ArtPower**, **Associated Students**, the office of the **Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Life**, Birch Aquarium, Black Resource Center, and CalTeach, among others.

COMMITTED TO FOOD SECURITY

Since its inception, the spectrum of resources available through the **Triton Food Pantry** has made a direct impact on increasing food security for UC San Diego's undergraduate and graduate students — ensuring: the availability of nutritionally adequate, culturally reflective and safe foods; the ability to acquire such foods in a dignified way; and accessibility to the resources needed to prepare meals.

NEW RESOURCES FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

February 2023 marked the grand opening of a new home for the **Triton Transfer Hub** in Pepper Canyon Hall, serving as a one-stop location for transfer students to relax, receive guidance from **Transfer Student Success** staff, utilize a fridge or microwave, or simply hang out with their peers.

Since opening, the updated space has contributed in part to a **260% increase** in student visits compared to previous quarters, and was featured in an [Inside HigherEd article on student success resources](#).

Also in Winter Quarter 2023, Transfer Student Success staff created a **research and internship program database** on the Triton Transfer website, detailing opportunities for transfer students throughout campus.

PUTTING FIRST-GEN STUDENTS FIRST

In Winter and Spring Quarters, the **Student Success Coaching Program (SSCP)** conducted a **Career Launch** program for students in SSCP cohorts — wherein Success Coaches facilitated a series of microlearning curricula geared specifically to first-generation students. The four-week identity-conscious and strengths-based course laid out a plan to create professional LinkedIn profiles in order for students to connect with UC San Diego alumni and affiliates for internships, jobs, and networking in preparation for their career.

During the 2022-23 academic year, the Triton Food Pantry saw:

- » **34,672** visits across both pantry locations.
- » **5,188** students utilize these resources.
- » A utilization increase of **86%** in Fall Quarter 2022 compared to last year.
- » Graduate students account for **61%** of pantry users.



GOAL 2: STUDENT SUCCESS

In collaboration with **Triton Firsts**, SSCP hosted Spring Quarter **drop-in hours with Success Coaches** for all first-gen students at UC San Diego, providing one-on-one support in areas including time management, major exploration, and study preparation.

The Triton Firsts team also facilitated a hybrid **First-Gen Career Readiness Conference** in April 2023 – “*Bridging Identities: From First-Gen Student to First-Gen Grad and First-Gen Professional*” – in the Price Center, featuring workshop sessions designed to connect first-generation students with career readiness tools, resources, and information.

BEST IN THE BIG WEST

UC San Diego Athletics closed out the 2022-23 season with some huge wins – on the playing field and in the classroom.

The Triton baseball team was crowned as outright **2023 Big West Champions**, finishing their conference season with a **21-9** record to earn UC San Diego's first Big West title across all membership sports – in just their third season of NCAA Division I competition.

Athletics notched another 'W' in 2023 when the Big West announced its annual list of **All-Academic Team** performers – recognizing a conference-best **105 out of 752 scholar-athletes** from UC San Diego. Go Tritons!

PAVING THE WAY FOR GLOBAL OPPORTUNITY

The objective of the **6th Annual Fulbright Day** held in March 2023

was to educate students, faculty, staff, and scholars about the high-impact international opportunities to teach, study, work, and conduct research that are available through the Fulbright Program.

As part of the day's programming, the **Office of Academic Support and Instructional Services (OASIS) Language Arts Tutorial Services (LATS)** partnered with **Global Initiatives** to offer an interactive **Fulbright Essay Writing Workshop** for **15 Fulbright applicants**, so that they could begin the writing process for this prestigious fellowship. **Twelve student participants** subsequently enrolled in Global Initiatives' Fulbright course pilot, and we have **47 applications** and counting for the 2024-25 cohort, almost triple the number from last year.



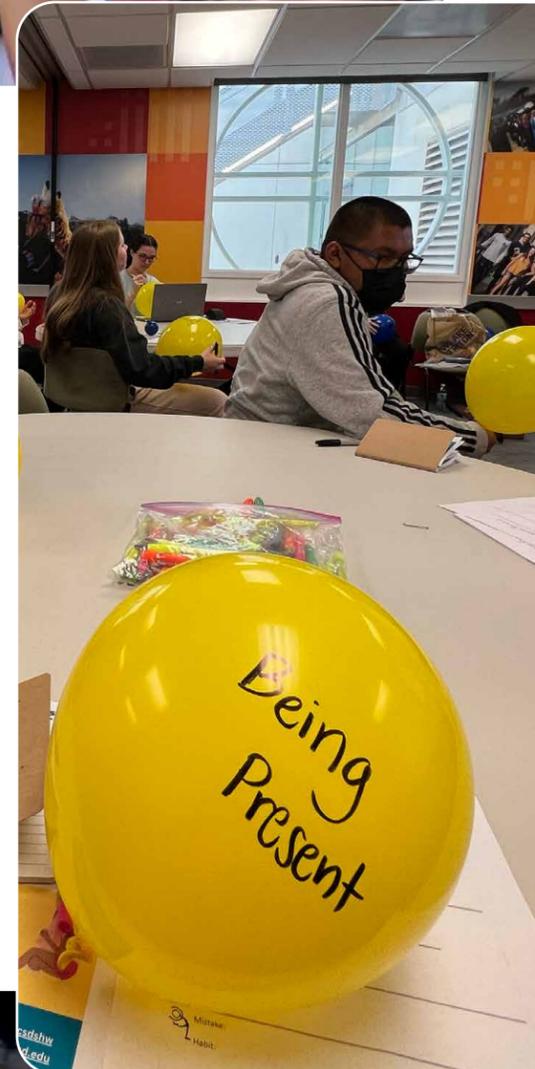
2023 BIG WEST CHAMPIONS



iLEAD BY EXAMPLE

The **CSI Communication and Leadership** team facilitated **78 iLead workshops** throughout Winter and Spring Quarters, designed to provide students with opportunities to engage in a variety of topics, connect with other students, and meet staff from multiple departments.

In collaboration with campus partners, iLead offers students the flexibility of drop-in workshops on communication and leadership topics – like facilitating EDI conversations, public speaking, community building, LGBTQIA+ communities, interpersonal relationships, social justice, and self advocacy.



2023 CHANCELLOR'S ASSOCIATES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (CASP) INDUCTION CEREMONIES

Through scholarship funding, services, and programs, the **Chancellor's Associates Scholarship Program (CASP)** recognizes and supports talented local students with financial need and great potential and motivation to academically succeed at UC San Diego.

Members from the cohort of **more than 300** newly admitted first-year and transfer CASP students were welcomed at Induction Ceremonies in April and May 2023 at the Fleet Science Center in Balboa Park.



GOAL 3: WELL-BEING

» Cultivate an environment of well-being that empowers our campus community to establish and sustain healthy practices.

Rec through



REC
POP UP

YOU 'OTTER' BE AT THE WELL FEST

The fourth annual **Student Well Fest** took place in and around Price Center on January 24-25, 2023 – featuring a variety of free activities, workshops, and resources designed to support students' mental, physical, and emotional health.

Nearly **800 students** registered to attend interactive sessions over the course of two days, including presentations/seminars that explored stress management, mindfulness, and financial well-being, as well as a number of physical activity and fitness classes offered during the festival. Attendees received a session-tallying "Passport" – courtesy of **AS Graphic Studio** – redeemable for branded giveaways adorned with the Well Fest's signature otter mascot.

Student Affairs Case Management Services (SACM) team members collaborated with **Health Promotion Services (HPS)**; the Office for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion; the Undergraduate Colleges; the Division of Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs; Housing Dining and Hospitality (HDH); **Student Affairs Communications**; the **Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA)**; and **Associated Students (AS)** to implement the 2023 Student Well Fest.

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING POPS UP EVERYWHERE

Once per quarter throughout the 2022-23 academic year, the **office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs** sponsored **health and well-being "pop-up" events** for students in collaboration with **SACM, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), HPS, Recreation**, and the **GPSA**.

Quarterly Endeavors

In Fall, students walking through the Price Center were invited to take a **"Mid-Quarter Quick Break"** with food, journals with prompts, and tutorials on how to use the free-for-students Headspace mindfulness app.

In Winter, the event popped-up outside of Geisel Library for **Tritons RISE: Yoga Under the Stars**, a Recreation-led sunset yoga session followed by a hot cocoa social hour and art activities.

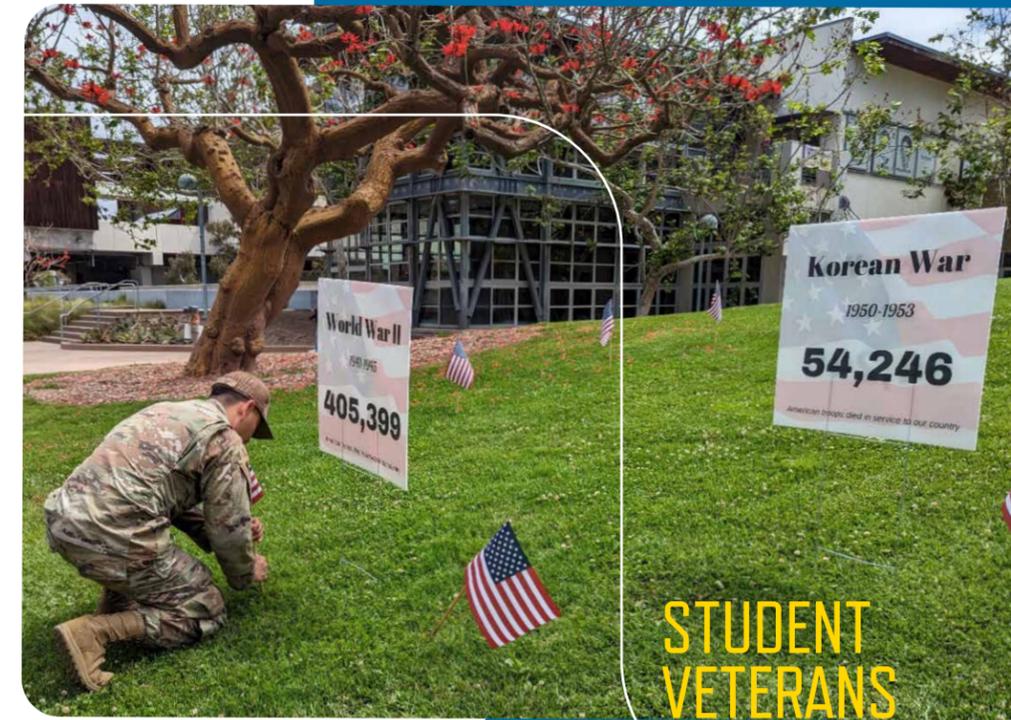
In Spring, the pop-up was held in the Price Center Plaza as part of a **Tritons Flourish** event to kick off **May is Mental Health Awareness Month (MMHAM)**. Students were able to pick up a green ribbon in honor of MMHAM, do some gratitude journaling, visit sensory stations at **The Zone**, and learn about the benefits of positive psychology.

Move for Mental Health

Also taking place in May 2023, the **Move for Mental Health** series – put on by **Recreation, CAPS, and HPS** – comprised a week's worth of daily movement-based classes highlighting the benefits of physical activity on mental well-being. Students attended a variety of designated classes like sunrise yoga, cardio kickboxing, joyful movement, mindfulness, and roller skating.

A UNITED FRONT AGAINST VETERAN SUICIDE

During the 2022-23 academic year, the **Student Veterans Resource Center (SVRC)** collaborated with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish a coalition among local higher education institutions aimed at implementing community-based interventions for suicide prevention within the veteran community.



STUDENT VETERANS

The coalition, known as **Colleges United in Fighting Veterans Suicide (CUFVS)**, is dedicated to curbing veteran suicides on university campuses by fostering an atmosphere of connection and support for student veterans. Working in conjunction with veteran centers at Mira Costa College, Palomar College, and California State University San Marcos, the SVRC helped develop innovative strategies to raise awareness about this pressing issue across our campus communities.

This Memorial Day, alongside representatives from **CAPS** and the **Student Veterans Organization**, the SVRC team engaged faculty, staff, and students in discussions about the prevalence of suicide among veterans and distributed informational material featuring the contact number for the Veterans Crisis Line – a 24/7 resource dedicated to supporting veterans in times of crisis.

Within the framework of CUFVS, the SVRC is actively developing screening tools to empower student veterans to report stressors and access essential resources related to housing, food, and mental health services.

REMOVING BARRIERS TO WELL-BEING

Acknowledging that a lack of access to proper apparel can be a barrier to participation in wellness/exercise activities, UC San Diego **Recreation** held their second annual **Thrift Store Pop-Up** in April 2023 – inviting students to 'shop' for one bag full of items at no cost to them.

To facilitate, Recreation collected and laundered gently used clothing and surplus inventory from local businesses and **Athletics** – as well as Rec's own faculty and staff – in order to create an appealing display and provide gear for more than **400 grateful students**.



BASIC NEEDS HUB TURNS 5

In June 2023, the anything-but-basic community of staff and past and present student leaders celebrated the

GOAL 3: WELL-BEING

five-year anniversary of our **Hub Basic Needs Center** while commemorating the student leadership legacy that has actively advanced equitable basic needs experiences at UC San Diego since the Center's doors opened in Winter 2018.

The celebration took place in the recently renovated **Student Center courtyard**, with tunes by the student-led DeeJays & Vinylphiles Club, culturally reflective food, interactive art, and gratitude for the Center's graduating student leaders.

SHOWCASING SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS

In April 2023, **University Centers** hosted their tenth annual **Sustainable Food Expo** in the Price Center, featuring live chef demos, local restaurants, bakeries, food producers, and farms — all with the goal of demonstrating how our daily food choices can contribute to a healthier and more sustainable future for all. More than **740 students, staff, and community members** attended the event, topping a pre-pandemic record.



PEERS SUPPORTING PEERS

In collaboration with Student Health and Well-Being, **SACM** helped to launch **Togetherall**, a safe, free, peer-to-peer mental health support community where UC San Diego students can anonymously connect online with others, 24/7. In addition to Togetherall's online community, students have access to a wealth of useful resources and can work through tailored self-help courses covering topics such as anxiety, sleep, and depression.

Since its inception in January 2023, the Togetherall platform has made an impact in traditionally hard-to-reach student communities, with **81%** of student registrants identifying as BIPOC, and **26%** reporting having considered suicide in the past six months.

PUTTING PREVENTION IN STUDENTS' POCKETS

In April 2023, Student Health and Well-Being's **HPS** department implemented an innovative **Naloxone Distribution Project**, whereby UC San Diego students are able to pick up free naloxone spray and fentanyl test strips.



The project is a foundational component of UC San Diego's harm-reduction approach to addressing drug use and misuse, as well as combating the rise of fentanyl-related overdoses in our San Diego community.

CURATED RESOURCES FOR TRITONS IMPACTED BY GLOBAL EVENTS

As we serve a diverse campus population with personal and professional connections around the world, it is important for Tritons to easily connect to support networks and tools available through UC San Diego — should they need space to process an event that directly or indirectly impacts them or their friends, family, and loved ones.

To facilitate this connection, **Global Initiatives** launched a webpage in early 2023 in order to aggregate resources for health and well-being, academic support, and more for our international and domestic students, faculty, and scholars who may be affected by events abroad.



GOAL 4: INCLUSION AND EQUITY

» Advance an inclusive culture and equitable practices and outcomes.



DEDICATED TO DELIBERATE ACTION

The third annual **Enhancing the Black Student Experience (EBSE)** Symposium – produced in partnership with the Black Student Union (BSU), Black Graduate and Professional Student Association (BGPSA), and the offices of the **Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs** and Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion – took place in April 2023, providing an intentional and needed space to explore and reimagine equity on the UC San Diego campus through the lens of decolonization.

Each daily session was curated based on students' input, offering a dedicated space where faculty and staff could hold conversations about how decolonization might enhance the Black student experience, as well as facilitate deliberate and consistent action to promote pro-Blackness at the university.

PUTTING ABROAD EXPERIENCES WITHIN REACH

Global Seminars

Summer 2023 has been record-setting for Study Abroad's **Global Seminar program**, which provides high-impact, critical study abroad access to a large percentage of first-generation, underserved, transfer, and high-need students.

This Summer, the Global Seminar program sent more than **400 students** on a **record-high 20 programs**, nine of which fulfill UC San Diego's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion course requirement.

Identity-Informed Support

In January 2023, **Study Abroad** partnered with **Transfer Student Success** to facilitate an informational video workshop aimed at transfer students throughout the University of California system who were considering studying abroad.

As part of the UC's system wide "Exploring Your Identity Abroad" series, the identity-based workshop provided highlights from transfer students who have successfully studied abroad, application tips, course-planning guidance, and financial aid considerations.

Partnering to Help Pay

Also in January, **Study Abroad** collaborated with the UC San Diego Passport Office to create the **UC San Diego Passport Office Study Abroad Scholarship** – an initiative that will both provide **\$1,000 in scholarship funding** for students experiencing high financial need and promote the important services available for students through the Passport Office.

The newly funded scholarship highlights the important relationship that exists between the Passport and Study Abroad offices, and celebrates the many UC San Diego students who benefit from the convenience of obtaining or renewing their passports right on campus.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS' HOUSING SECURITY

The **Hub Basic Needs Center** provides housing stability resource support to students who find themselves in emergency or crisis situations off campus.

ARTS EMPOWERMENT



Emergency Housing Services

During the 2022-23 academic year, **122 students** were supported via **Emergency Housing Services**, with approximately **80%** of these students able to transition into stable housing following their utilization of these programs.

Housing Assistance Grants

In Spring Quarter 2023, Basic Needs partnered with the **Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA)** and the **Student Life Business Office** to connect **573 graduate and professional students** to approximately **\$400,000** in proactive **Housing Assistance Grants**.

In partnership with the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office, approximately **\$385,000** in proactive Housing Assistance Grants were awarded to more than **600 undergraduate students** during the same period.

ART AND EMPOWERMENT

During Fall Quarter 2022, **Student Affairs Case Manager Martina Galvan** partnered with the UC San Diego Women's Center to facilitate an empowerment-focused workshop series, titled "Empowerment Through Artistic Self-Expression."

Participants in the six-week series were encouraged to connect with their authentic voice through a number of artistic activities with themes like: 'initiation and intuition,' 'earth wisdom,' and 'honoring our boundaries.'

STUDENT AMBASSADORS FOR CHANGE

Supported by the **Center for Student Involvement (CSI)** and **Changemaker Institute**, a team of **three Changemaker Student Ambassadors** was hired in 2022 to promote changemaking on campus.

Throughout the year, the first cohort of ambassadors has successfully hosted quarterly events; fostered collaborations and partnerships amongst changemaking student organizations; and facilitated numerous leadership workshops and trainings. These events include 'Connect with Changemaking' – which helps Changemaker student organizations network with one another – and Changemaker 101 workshops, designed to help students identify how they can hone their leadership skills in order to create just and equitable change.

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GOAL 5:

PARTNERSHIP AND COMMUNITY

» Develop, engage, and sustain purposeful and meaningful partnerships that reimagine student centeredness.

COLLABORATING TO PROVIDE COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE

February 2022 marked the launch of **Triton CORE** — UC San Diego's inaugural crisis response team of mental health professionals that provides compassionate mobile crisis response, mental health wellness checks, and telehealth assessment for students facing mental health challenges, substance use-related crises, and other forms of distress.



The team was aptly named (COmpassionate REsponse) by student leaders in **Associated Students** and the **Graduate and Professional Student Association**, and operates under leadership from **Counseling and Psychological Services** and **Student Affairs Case Management Services (SACM)**. It was developed in collaboration with Resource Management and Planning, the UC San Diego Police Department, UC San Diego Health, the Divisions of Undergraduate Education and Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs (GEPA), and the Office for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.

MAKING POSITIVE CHANGE IN THE COMMUNITY

Hosted by the **Changemaker Institute, College Corps at UC San Diego** is part of a statewide paid service program that engages student fellows in community-serving opportunities, while also providing them with financial compensation and other benefits.

Thanks in part to the collaborative efforts from groups across campus and in the Division of Student Affairs — including **Resource Management, Student Retention and Success**, the Undergraduate Colleges, the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office, and **Student Life** — the 2022-23 cohort of College Corps fellows has had an impressive inaugural year.

The cohort has completed more than **36,000 hours of service** to date, creating impact in the following three areas:

K-12 Education

» **6,700** local students have been tutored or mentored by **College Corps**.

Climate Change

» **2,200+** unique individuals received education or training in environmental stewardship and/or environmentally conscious practices.

Food Insecurity

» **Fellows have served more than 750 individuals (including more than 500 families) and distributed more than 155,000 lbs of food.**

FARMERS MARKET HAS A NEW HOME

The beloved-by-Tritons **Tuesday Farmers Market** returned to UC San Diego in Spring Quarter 2023, at its new location — the **Epstein Family Amphitheater (EFA @ UC San Diego)**.

Thanks to the **Campus Performances and Events Office**, the market — featuring farm-fresh produce and flowers; locally prepared, delicious international specialty foods; and more — will continue to take place every Tuesday at the EFA @ UC San Diego during forthcoming Fall, Winter, and Spring Quarters.

GLOBAL COLLABORATION, HOSTED LOCALLY

In Winter Quarter 2023, the **Global Initiatives** team secured a highly competitive grant and subsequently hosted a delegation of **23 Hubert H. Humphrey Fellows** for a weeklong enhancement workshop series at UC San Diego.

The series focused on *Bending the Curve: Climate Change Solutions™*, drawing on the deep, interdisciplinary expertise of our faculty to provide interactive training in climate change adaptation and mitigation from the unique perspective of our geographic location in the CaliBaja region. Workshop participants hailed from all over the world, with a focus on the global south.

AT THE FOREFRONT OF EDUCATION INNOVATION

In February 2023, several members of the **Student Affairs Leadership Team** participated in a series of panel discussions during a campus visit by several members of the American Council on Education (ACE) Fellows Program, hosted by the **Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor**.

Assistant Vice Chancellor (AVC) for Student Affairs **Piya Bose**; AVC for Student Life **Patty Mahaffey**; AVC for Student Retention and Success **Maruth Figueroa**; AVC for Global Initiatives **Tamara Cunningham**; International Students and Programs Office (ISPO) Director **Dulce Dorado**; Strategic Global Initiatives Senior Director **Courtney Giordano**; Athletic Director **Earl Edwards**; and Executive Senior Director of Athletics **Richard Kilwien** discussed a range of timely and relevant higher-education topics, including: internationalization innovation,



FARMERS MARKET

inclusive excellence initiatives to strengthen student leadership, and academic and cultural characteristics of scholar-athletes.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION THE TRITON WAY

The **Triton Way** partnership between the **Office of Student Conduct (OSC)** and undergraduate Residential Life Offices has become the key on-campus residential area intervention for roommate and suitemate conflicts.

Resident Advisors and House Advisors are trained by OSC and residential life staff to resolve conflicts involving residents through mediated circles and conferences as part of annual Living Space Agreements.

During the 2022-23 academic year, Resident Advisors and House Advisors held more than **50 circles and conferences**, which helped facilitate resolution to a variety of interpersonal conflicts.

A WELCOMING SCHOLARLY COMMUNITY

After a lengthy pandemic-induced hiatus, the **Mommy, Daddy, and Me (MDM)** program run by dedicated volunteers from the **International Faculty and Scholars Office (IFSO)** resumed its regular meetings in 2022-23.

The MDM program aims to ease the transition into a new country for

UC San Diego's international scholars and their families, helping them develop a social network during their stay in the U.S. by connecting monthly at a neighborhood park for games, songs, crafting activities, and spending time in community.

MDM also facilitates cross-cultural exchange and inclusivity by incorporating both American traditions and the cultural traditions of its volunteers and attendees — such as the celebration of Lunar New Year, Nowruz, and Ramadan.

ALL OF YOUR BUSINESS

In response to staff feedback and the addition/reorganization of critical service areas, **Resource Management** created the **VC Student Affairs Business Office (VCSABO)** in June 2023 to serve the Vice Chancellor's office and multiple AVC areas.

As part of the transition, the VCSABO launched a new administrative services website that includes a **ticketing system powered by ServiceNow** — the support management system used campuswide. The new ticketing system allows for better management of requests and a transparent workflow that consolidates relevant details into a central hub with real-time status updates. Implementing ServiceNow ticketing has empowered VCSABO staff members to collaborate more efficiently on resolving issues and responding to staff requests.

2022 STUDENT AFFAIRS STAFF AWARD WINNERS

The **Student Affairs Staff Awards at UC San Diego** are designed to encourage Student Affairs team members to showcase their work, celebrate each other, and recognize the creativity and student-centered innovation that emanates from our division. Winners are announced each year at the Student Affairs Fall All-Staff meeting.

The annual awards program was originally implemented during the 2020-21 academic year in order to acknowledge the exceptional work of our team members in advancing our strategic plan and to recognize our community and campus partners. Here is who took home the second round of trophies.

Goal 1: Student Experience

2022 STUDENT FIRST AWARD

- » Triton Esports Center Team, Recreation
- » Tessa Opperman, Recreation



Goal 2: Student Success

2022 STUDENT ADVOCATE AWARD

- » Study Abroad Advising Team, Global Initiatives



- » Andy Hoffman, Center for Student Involvement



Goal 3: Well-Being

2022 TRITON HEALTH AWARD

- » COVID-19 Specialist Team, Student Affairs Case Management Services
- » Kia Neri, University Centers



Goal 4: Inclusion and Equity

2022 EQUITY MATTERS AWARD

- » ART of Inclusive Communication Workgroup, Center for Student Involvement
- » Jessica Ison, VCSA Human Resources



Goal 5: Community Partnership

2022 TEAM PLAYER AWARD

- » APIMED Symposium Committee
- » Adam Weaver, University Centers



Collective Impact Award

2022 ERASING THE OPPORTUNITY GAP

- » Assessment, Evaluation, and Organizational Development, VCSA Office
- » The Hub Basic Needs Center, Student Life



RECOGNITION & SHOUTOUTS



A TRIO OF TRITON FULBRIGHTERS



Three members of the **Global Initiatives** team joined the prestigious network of Fulbright Scholars in 2023.



International Students and Programs Office (ISPO) Director **Dulce Dorado**; Global Partnerships and Programs Manager **Andra Jacques**; and Director of Outreach and Engagement **Jay Minert** were selected as grantees for the **2023 Fulbright International Education Administrators (IEA) Award** in South Korea, Japan, and France, respectively.



The IEA Award is a prestigious, fully-funded grant that presents senior higher education officials with the opportunity to engage in an intensive two-week seminar abroad — offering guided exposure to international higher education systems.

During their time in these countries, they engaged in high-level cultural diplomacy through briefings, campus visits, meetings with university and government officials, as well as networking and cultural activities.



MAKING W.A.V.E.S.

The **Widening Access, Voice, Engagement, and Service (W.A.V.E.S)** project — a collaborative effort between Director

for Student Governments, Auxiliaries, and Services **Alfredo Barcenas**; Changemaker Institute Assistant Director **Catherine Lettieri**; and CSI Community Service Program Manager **Andrew Amorao** — was selected in June 2023 to receive funding from the 2024 UC National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement's Valuing Open and Inclusive Conversation and Engagement (VOICE) Initiative.

W.A.V.E.S. will focus on civic engagement and changemaking at UC San Diego by establishing it as a driving force for students to find their voice, become educated on local and national issues, and embark on their own changemaking journey.

DEDICATED TO DEGREES

Central to the values of our Division of Student Affairs is a commitment to colleagues' educational advancement and continued learning opportunities.

A Dissert' Best-Served 'Done'

In this spirit, a weekly **dissertation-writing group** was formed in June 2023 as a peer support system for Student Affairs professionals who are currently pursuing their doctoral studies.

Additionally, **VCSA Alysson Satterlund** co-facilitated a **Triton Time** discussion in March 2023 that focused on earning additional degrees. The session covered logistics, time management, financial concerns, and program overviews from various leaders on campus who have completed — or are currently pursuing — further higher education. For a compendium of Student Affairs colleagues who have recently begun or

completed their advanced-degree journey, visit the **Student Affairs Staffirmations** website at staffirmations.ucsd.edu.

PRESENTING ON A NATIONAL STAGE



NAFSA: Association of International Educators

Undocumented Student Services Program Manager **Dayan Castañeda**



and Immigration Attorney **Andrés Lemons** presented alongside Study Abroad Advisor **Sarah Vatch** at the 2023 NAFSA national conference on "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Students and Studying Abroad with Advance Parole."



Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE)

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OASIS Academic Resource Communities Supervisor **Emme Domingo** and Humanities Lead **Maggie Thach Morshed** presented at the 2023 APAHE national conference on "More than Buzz Words: Grounded Practices in Empowering Students to Find Their Voice."



DR. MARICELA ALVARADO

Director of Online Student Experience

Dr. Alvarado was selected to represent UC San Diego as a participant in the UC Women's Initiative for Professional Development (UC WI) for 2023-24. The UC WI supports the success and advancement of mid-career, woman-identified professionals in the UC system.



DR. TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Global Initiatives

As a member of the DEI/IZN Community of Practice, Dr. Cunningham's work on the "[Intersections of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Internationalization](#)" was published in February 2023 as a Framing Guide by the American Council on Education (ACE).



DR. JACKIE DUERR

Program Manager, Transfer Student Success

Dr. Duerr received the Transfer Champion: Rising Star Award at the 2023 National Institute for the Study of Transfer Students (NISTS) conference, in recognition of her influence and efforts on improving the transfer student experience.



DR. MARUTH FIGUEROA

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Retention and Success

Dr. Figueroa graduated from the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities' (HACU) La Academia de Liderazgo / Leadership Academy at the HACU International Symposium in Guadalajara, Jalisco, México in June 2023.



ANDREW HUA

Director, Student Affairs Case Management Services

Andrew received one of the 28th Annual Inclusive Excellence Awards in April 2023 for his outstanding contributions to diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts at UC San Diego. Andrew was specifically recognized for his work as co-chair of the university's inaugural APIMED symposium, held in June 2022.



JULEANE JOHNSON

Executive Assistant to the AVC-SRS

Juleane completed the NASPA Certificate Program in Student Affairs Law and Policy in June 2023. This 23-hour, intensive residential program provides an opportunity for in-depth study to enhance student affairs professionals' knowledge and understanding of law and policy.



DR. SHANNON MILLIGAN

Director of Assessment, Evaluation, and Organizational Development

Dr. Milligan graduated from the San Diego LGBT Community Center's Young Professionals Council (YPC) Academy in June 2023. The YPC Academy aims to develop and empower the next generation of young LGBTQ people and their allies.



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