



# A NEW HOME FOR ALUMNI

TRITON ALUMNI AND WELCOME CENTER

**OPENING 2026**

# Welcome Tritons!

*We will begin shortly*

UC San Diego

# Alumni Board of Directors Public Meeting

# WELCOME

Melody Gonzalez

*President, Alumni Board of Directors*

## UC San Diego Principles of Community

The Goals of the Principles include:

- Providing fair treatment for faculty, staff and students
- Encouraging a climate of fairness, cooperation and professionalism
- Fostering inclusiveness, respect, and a welcoming environment
- Promoting collaborative attitudes and actions



# AGENDA

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Campus Update
- 3 Alumni Relations Update
- 4 President's Message
- 5 Mentoring for All Presentation
- 6 Public Comments

# CAMPUS UPDATE

Ann Spira

*Vice Chancellor of Advancement*

# ALUMNI RELATIONS UPDATE

Christina J. Chase

*Associate Vice Chancellor of  
Advancement Services and Alumni Relations*

# STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

## LIFELONG ENGAGEMENT

Create relevant programs, affinity networks, and meaningful engagement opportunities for alumni at every life stage, growing and strengthening our pipeline from students to Golden Tritons.

## VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

Identify, recruit, and mentor alumni leaders to support key university initiatives and drive broad alumni engagement.

## PRIDE AND OWNERSHIP

Alumni should "own" a piece of UC San Diego. Instill a deep sense of pride and ownership among all alumni by launching the transformative Decade of Alumni initiative, establishing the first-ever Triton Alumni and Welcome Center as a physical home for our alumni community, developing innovative programs that showcase alumni achievement, and encouraging alumni to demonstrate their UC San Diego spirit and pride across the globe.



# GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

## CAMPUS COLLABORATION

Promote a unifying voice that inspires greater alumni engagement through collaborative partnerships across the university.

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Cultivate alumni leadership across the university through participation on boards, councils, and future campaign efforts.

## ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT

Create robust outreach initiatives to engage alumni across multiple platforms and opportunities, including participation in the establishment of the Triton Alumni and Welcome Center, development of regional and affinity networks, volunteer leadership roles, and meaningful campus partnerships, all designed to strengthen alumni pride and connection to the university.

## STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

Build and sustain affinity and pride for UC San Diego through consistent, compelling, and relevant communications.

# GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

## PURPOSEFUL ENGAGEMENT

Enable alumni to connect more effectively with UC San Diego and each other through innovative programming and outreach.

- Expand affinity groups to promote strategic alignment and increase participation.
- Enhance regional and global engagement initiatives.
- Provide relevant resources for professional development and networking opportunities for alumni at all life stages.
- Support and encourage a culture of alumni philanthropy.
- Increase overall alumni engagement, as measured by event attendance, volunteerism, and giving.



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Melody Gonzalez

*President, UC San Diego Alumni Board of Directors*

# FY2025 Focus Areas & Supported Programs



# MENTORING



Alumni Board Statement  
on Mentoring



Updated Board Director  
Responsibilities



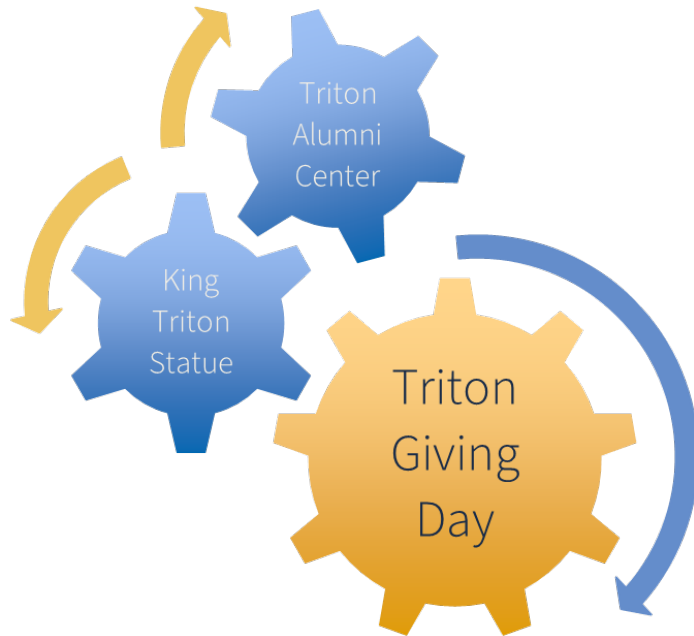
A Mentor for Every  
Triton

Next Steps:

- Tritons Connect and Mentoring for All partnerships
- Awareness Campaign

# Triton Giving Day

## April 30, 2025



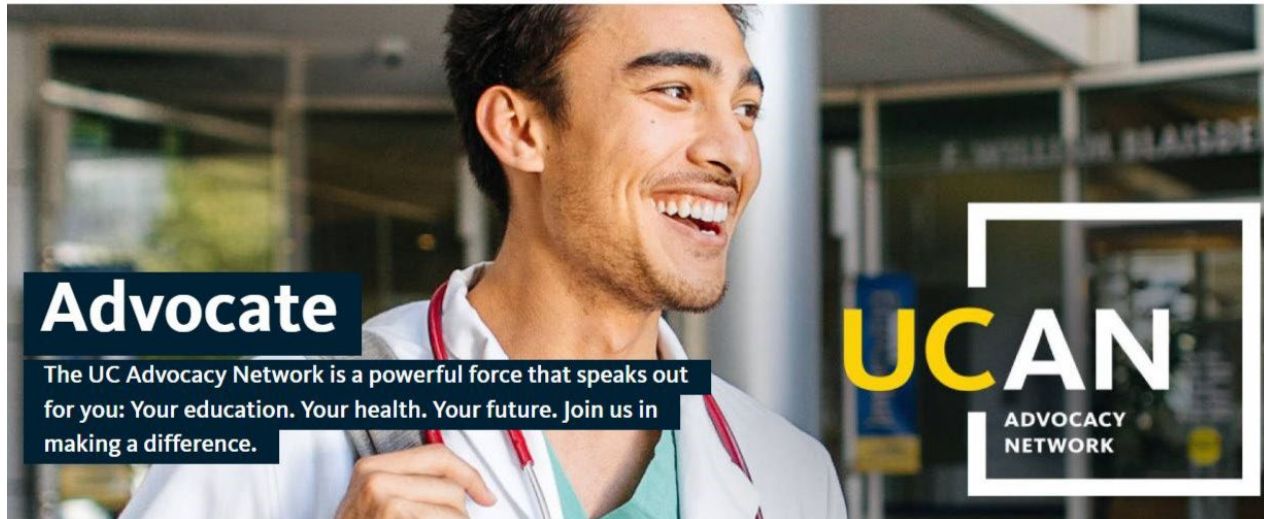
- 24 hours of support for UC San Diego
- Donations of \$5 and up
- Give to any project
- Help us spread the word
  - #TritonGivingDay
  - Tell a Triton friend

Learn how UC is closely monitoring updates from the federal government.

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Alumni Associations of  
the University of  
California (AAUC)

<https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/get-involved/advocate>



# STUDENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Gloria Corral and Janet Fisher

*Vice Presidents, UC San Diego Alumni Board of Directors*

SAY HELLO TO

# Tritons Connect

Your UC San Diego resource to engage with mentors, join specialized interest groups, network with Tritons worldwide and so much more.



MENTOR. NETWORK. ADVANCE. [TRITONSCONNECT.COM](https://tritonconnect.com)

# Tritons Connect + Mentoring

## Easy to Use

- Create an account and select the “offer mentoring” option in your profile
- Interested students and alumni find you!

Willing to help



Erikk Aldridge ·  

Alumni

LA28 Olympics & Paralympic Games, Vice President, Impact  
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, 1991, Marshall

Willing to help



Ramon Seva ·   

Alumni

RDS Consulting Group, LLC, President  
Bachelor of Science, Chemical Engineering, 1984, Marshall, No

Willing to help



Sarah (Dershteller) Montoya ·    

Alumni

Morgan Stanley, Financial Advisor - Corporate Retirement Director  
Bachelor of Arts, Economics, 2011, Roosevelt, No

Willing to help



Ping Yeh ·    

Alumni

StemoniX, CEO  
Bachelor of Science, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, 1999, Muir

# MENTORING FOR ALL

Maricela Alvarado, *Director, Online Student Experience*

Angelina Nevarez, *Coordinator, Mentoring for All*

# Online Student Experience Department

# About OSE

## Team

- Director: Dr. Maricela Alvarado
- Program Coordinator, Mentoring for All: Angie Garcia Nevarez
- Project Policy Analyst: Camille Romero

OSE is the go-to spot for online resources and mentoring program information and opportunities.

The Online Student Experience (OSE) department houses:

- Mentor Collective Program
- Mentoring for All
- Triton One Stop (coming soon).

# Mentoring for All Committee

Mentoring for All takes a collective impact approach, fostering a student-centered mentorship experience by uniting campus partners that drive forward the implementation of our strategic plan.

- Increase the visibility of programs available to students and resources to promote mentoring opportunities
- Serve as a liaison for connecting students to mentoring programs and opportunities
- Develop program evaluation tools and strategies to assess program impact on student retention and success
- Expand training resources and tools for peer mentor and mentee support



# Mentoring for All: Student Support

Serves as the central hub for connecting undergraduate students to mentorship opportunities at UC San Diego.

- Offers advising to help students identify a mentoring program that fits their goals
- Provides an up-to-date Mentorship Program inventory
- Hosts the annual National Mentoring Month Celebration
- Provides students with resources to support the mentee and peer mentor experience
- Facilitates peer-mentor training and programming events





# Collaboration Opportunities

1. Recommend potential keynotes for the National Mentoring Month Celebration
2. Host a National Mentoring Month programming event
3. Submit nominations for the annual Mentorship Awards
4. Provide Alumni Board updates and relevant information for M4All Committee members
5. Share strategic communication to invite graduating peer mentors to participate in Tritons Connect





# Thank you!

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# Q&A

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