UCSD Alumni Association and its Leadership

About the UC San Diego Alumni Association
The UC San Diego Alumni Association, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization was formed by a small group of early graduates and now represents more than 160,000 alumni at the forefront of the sciences, business, research, the arts, social innovation and political service in California, throughout the nation and around the world.

Board of Directors Overview
The Association’s Board of Directors was formed by a group of UC San Diego alumni. The Original Bylaws were signed June 3, 1974 and the official date of incorporation was endorsed by and filed with the Secretary of State on October 17, 1977. Today, the Board includes alumni representing various industries, backgrounds and from five decades of graduating classes. Each of the 60 members may serve unlimited, three-year terms and are selected based on their strengths, area of professional expertise, University involvement, philanthropic capacity and leadership.

The Board serves as the primary advisors to UC San Diego’s Chief Alumni Officer, and together, oversees the strategic development of UCSD Alumni programs and initiatives that advance UC San Diego in communities around the world. The primary philanthropic objective of the Board is to raise scholarships for ambitious and motivated UC San Diego students.

Directors are responsible for the business affairs of the Association, and oversee corporate powers exercised by, or under, their direction. Fiscally, the Board provides oversight in regards to income generated through donations, Triton advertising and royalties, signature event attendance and Association managed investments.

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The UC San Diego Alumni Association has made it its mission to help graduates remain on the forefront of their professional, intellectual and personal pursuits. By helping alumni build meaningful, valuable relationships, we foster a deeper affinity among our alumni, between alumni and the university, and between the university and the world. Our programs, events and communications are designed to ensure that you—and UC San Diego—always remain world class.

Core Objectives
1. To advise and support the Chief Alumni Officer of the University of California, San Diego
2. To organize the alumni of UC San Diego, and develop and encourage their interest in the welfare, benefit and betterment of UC San Diego and its faculty, students, former students and graduates
3. To create, foster, develop and encourage individual and community interest and participation in UC San Diego and higher education
4. To attract to UC San Diego exceptionally capable students
5. To render, directly or indirectly, through its membership and otherwise, financial and other aid and assistance to UC San Diego.
Roles and Responsibilities
Directors are asked to serve in the following ways:

Board Meeting Attendance:
The Board meets quarterly in September, February and June, typically on a Friday at 8:00 a.m. These meetings are part of a comprehensive series of engagement activities that may include special signature events and campus tours. Board meetings present opportunities for Directors to learn about University and Association priorities, network with fellow alumni and connect with campus leadership. Directors are expected to actively participate in scheduled meetings during their term and their attendance is encouraged at the supplemental events.

Directors who travel on behalf of UC San Diego Alumni and the University to attend board meetings should pay for their personal travel expenses. Non-reimbursed travel expenses, such as the cost of meals and/or lodging, necessarily incurred while away from home in the course of performing donated services to UC San Diego may be deductible on individual federal income tax returns.

Board Service through Committee Participation:
Executive Committee
The Executive committee is responsible for the overall executive and operating management of the Association. In this capacity, the committee meets monthly to review strategic objective and annual goals, as well as ensure the broader Board is actively engaged in all facets of the Association and University endeavors.

Awards and Nominations Committee
The Nominating Committee oversees the annual nomination and election of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and ex-officio appointments to the Board. In this capacity, the committee maintains the strategic framework to ensure diversity, inclusion and representation that strengthens alumni engagement, advocacy and philanthropy at UC San Diego.

In addition, the committee advises on the annual selection the outstanding alumni for exceptional leadership, notable accomplishments and service. Honorees are recognized annually at the Alumni Celebration held during June’s Alumni Weekend.

Board Governance:
Directors shall become familiar with Board Governance basics, such as the Association’s mission, bylaws, key programs and services, and business and financial operations. Directors should actively engage in organization initiatives and support the strategic goals set forth in the business plan.

Volunteer Service:
Board members serve as our most inspired volunteer ambassadors. The following programs are designed to create meaningful experiences for alumni and the communities we serve.

San Diego Promise
Shine your Triton pride toward our local educational community by sharing your unique talents and expertise with our local schools. Represent UC San Diego at college recruitment fairs, present in classrooms or help re-vitalize school facilities.

The Triton Network
Guide our graduates on a path toward upward mobility by sharing your professional wisdom and industry knowledge and connections. Consider opening an internship to a UC San Diego student or hiring from your
Triton family. Volunteer to read college applications and participate in the Alumni Calling Campaign for newly admitted students. Become a mentor; host a networking event, present as a panelist, or serve as an advisor on the Alumni Advisor Network.

**Life-Long Learning**
Inspire your intellectual curiosity by attending one or more of the diverse lectures featuring the faculty who are not only on the cutting-edge of research but are challenging boundaries and positively impacting the lives of millions.

**The Power of Community**
Be active and join the conversation by attending one or many of our numerous and imaginative programs that resonates with your personal Triton journey. Ignite the Triton spirit around the world. Invite friends to join you at local club events and consider hosting receptions in your region to recruit, welcome and connect all members of the Triton family.

**Philanthropic Investment:**
Philanthropic commitment in support of UC San Diego is vital. Each Director’s annual and long-term commitment of at least $5,000/annually signals confidence in our mission and inspires broader alumni community support. As directors plan their annual and lifetime philanthropy, the following provides options that are aligned with the mission of the Association as well as the priorities of the campus.

**Alumni Benefactor: $500**
Your annual gift to the Alumni Benefactor Endowment fund will benefit the student scholarship endowment, providing scholarships to UC San Diego students in perpetuity.

**Chancellor’s Associates: $2,500 or more**
Chancellor’s Associates gifts provide unrestricted support, which gives the Chancellor the flexibility to respond to the University’s most urgent needs and critical priorities. In recognition of their generosity, they receive unparalleled access and donor privileges.

**Alumni Celebration Support: $2,000 or more**
The annual Alumni Celebration dinner honors shining members of the Triton family who exemplify a commitment to leadership, advocacy, philanthropy and service to UC San Diego. All proceeds benefit student scholarships.

**Lifetime Giving Opportunities**
There are multiple options to consider in realizing your vision of the future and your unique philanthropic, financial and estate planning goals. In addition, endowed gifts provide enduring impacts and celebrate your legacy in perpetuity. To learn more about your options, our team can facilitate the conversations with you and your family.

**Corporate Matching Gifts**
What’s better than a private gift to UC San Diego? A private gift with even more impact! You can double or triple your impact to campus — at no extra cost to you.
Board Officers

Board Officers meet monthly to discuss current issues and news pertaining to the Association and the alumni community. The following Officers serve one to two-year terms, commencing on July 1; see bylaws for specific details.

President provides overall leadership to the organization and presides at Board meetings.

Vice President assists the President with management responsibilities. The Vice President also serves as President in the absence or disability of the President. This role has a one-year term followed by one-year as the President-Elect. The President-Elect will automatically become President at the end of the term.

Treasurer reviews and offers advice on all matters related to the financial affairs of the organization.

Secretary records minutes and actions taken at all meetings.

Officers-at-Large attend executive committee and general meetings and complete assignments designated by the President.

Non-Voting Directors/Advisers to the Board advise the Board of Directors based on the University, legislative and legal matters.

Past Presidents