



## President *Stephen L. Weber*

“San Diego State University is a wonderfully talented, diverse, energetic learning community dedicated to providing educational experiences, both in and out of the classroom, to develop abilities in all students. As a leading public university in California, SDSU has everything you need as you prepare for success in your career and community.

At SDSU, you’ll find a group of students, faculty, and administrators who live and learn together and share a common vision of academic excellence through teaching, research, and service.”



# Academic Excellence

***At San Diego State University, we are dedicated to preparing our students for success in today's world and for tomorrow's.***



## San Diego State University

strives for excellence in all we do: as scholars, as community members, and as participants in the quest for human advancement.

SDSU is the oldest and largest higher education institution in the San Diego region. Founded in 1897, SDSU has grown to offer bachelor's degrees in 79 areas, master's degrees in 64, and doctorates in 13. As an SDSU student, you will participate in academic curriculum distinguished by research, direct contact with professors, and an increasing international emphasis that prepares you for a global future.

Designated a "Doctoral/Research University—Intensive" by the Carnegie Foundation, SDSU is among the upper 10 percent of higher education institutions in the United States.

Last year alone, SDSU researchers secured more than \$140 million in grants and contracts, a 65 percent increase over the past five years.

SDSU is an increasingly popular campus, known for the quality of its academic programs. Students may have to meet criteria beyond those required by the California State University



system to be considered for admission. In addition, a number of SDSU's majors are in high demand and may require further criteria once students are admitted to SDSU.

The fall 2002 class of freshmen admitted to SDSU had an average high school GPA of 3.62, and SAT score of 1104. For upper division transfer students, the average GPA was 3.17.

SDSU is the first U.S. university to offer a transnational triple degree among the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

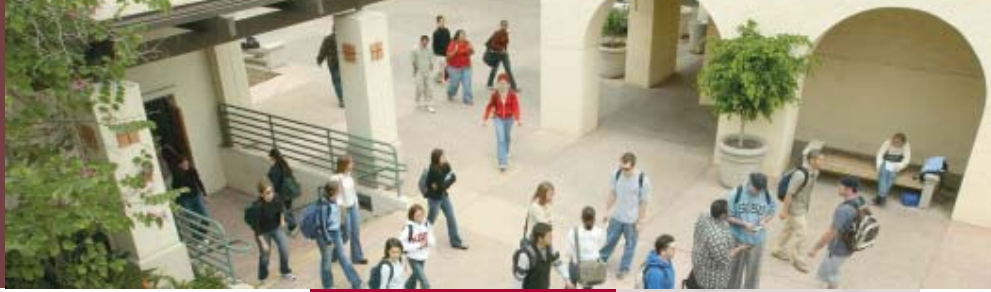


**JASON**  
Communication Major

***"SDSU has been more than an academic education for me. I've grown as a person and discovered who I am through the mentoring and support I've received. I've had unbelievable opportunities, personalized attention and a sense of focus."***



# Diversity



SDSU's urban, cosmopolitan campus reflects the healthy diversity of our region and the world beyond. Students from all walks of life and more than 92 nations contribute to SDSU's dynamic mix of ethnic, racial, and social backgrounds. More than 40 percent of our student population of more than 34,000 come from traditionally underrepresented groups.

# Value

SDSU's low cost of attendance allows your college dollars—including any financial aid or scholarship money—to go much farther. All this adds up to value: a competitive university coupled with affordable costs!

As our academic excellence continues to increase, the value of a degree from SDSU is worth more than ever before. In addition, the increasing success of our alumni carries our reputation to prospective employers, into the community, and beyond.

SDSU's 283-acre campus provides ample classrooms and laboratories, as well as on-campus housing. A state-of-the-art library, student union, recital hall, performing arts theatres, health center, modern recreation center, 12,000-seat arena, and top-quality baseball stadium all enhance student life. The campus also maintains two observatories, public broadcast radio and television stations, and seismology and weather stations. With Division I NCAA athletics and a multitude of opportunities outside the classroom, SDSU offers something for everyone.



**PRISCILLA**  
Afro-American Studies and  
Political Science Major

*"By getting involved, I've had new experiences and interacted with so many people that I never would have met otherwise. These experiences are preparing me to face challenges out in the 'real world' after I earn my degree."*



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# San Diego: An International Hub

**San Diego**, the second largest city in California, is a thriving cultural, scientific, and educational center.

Bordering the Pacific Rim and Mexico, San Diego offers a wide variety of social and cultural activities. Known for its near-perfect climate, miles of sandy beaches, the world-famous San Diego Zoo, and fun-filled waterfront activities, San Diego is also recognized globally as a growing academic and research mecca.

San Diego's geographic location and diverse regional population help make the area a dynamic international hub.

New projects that total more than \$1 billion in value are under way. This includes a 5.9-mile extension of the San Diego Trolley, scheduled to open by 2005.



**ROCKY**  
Business Major

*"Many of my business professors also work in the corporate world so they're able to give us valuable insights from personal experience. I'm also impressed with how many opportunities there are for internships at great companies here in San Diego."*

## International Education

SDSU encourages students to engage in international educational opportunities. Each year, the campus welcomes students from all parts of the globe who provide enriching cultural interaction opportunities. The University also sends many students abroad to learn first-hand about other cultures, languages, and people. For more information, contact the International Student Center at [www.sdsu.edu/isc](http://www.sdsu.edu/isc).

**International Students**—The International Student Center provides services and programs to meet the needs of international students. The American Language Institute provides English language instruction for international students and professionals.

**Study Abroad Programs**—Students in study abroad programs gain intercultural communication skills, international understanding, a broader view of the world, lifelong friendships, foreign language skills, and self-awareness.

**Academic Programs**—International academic programs include the Center for International Business Education and Research; International Security and Conflict Resolution; and the International Business major, which is the largest program of its kind in the nation.

San Diego has more Ph.D.s per capita than any other region in the country.



# Get Involved!



SDSU enjoys a well-deserved reputation for an abundance of student activities outside the classroom. Whether you want to play a sport, join a club or honor society, lead a community service project, work for the student newspaper, or run for student office, you'll find something to round out your college experience.

**Clubs and Organizations**—With nearly 300 clubs and organizations on campus, there is literally something for everyone. Clubs are organized around a variety of themes: academic, residential, cultural, political, religious, social action, honorary, and service.

**Honor Societies**—Honor societies represent the heritage of academic excellence within higher education and they symbolize this University's proud commitment to that tradition.

Students with superior scholastic ability have the opportunity to join the following University-wide honor societies to include Phi Eta Sigma (freshmen), Golden Key (juniors and seniors), Mortar Board (seniors), Phi Kappa Phi (juniors, seniors, graduates), and Phi Beta Kappa (juniors and seniors).

In addition, the University recognizes 22 discipline specific honor societies which accord recognition to students who demonstrate superior scholastic and leadership in specific academic fields.

**Leadership Programs**—Student leadership programs include the Freshman Leadership Connection, a leadership class for credit, SDSU Leadership Council, student awards, the Leadership Certificate program for non-freshman, and the annual three-day Leadership Institute Conference.

**Fraternalities and Sororities**—SDSU is home to approximately 40 Greek-letter social organizations, plus many

culturally-based organizations. Fraternalities and sororities offer opportunities for life-long friendships, social activities, community service projects, academic assistance, and development of leadership skills.

**Associated Students**—Associated Students of SDSU (A.S.) is an independent, student-run corporation that provides a wide variety of services and programs. Student government is the backbone of A.S., representing students' interests and overseeing the many services offered such as concerts, child care, and recreation programs.

**Community Service**—Do you want to volunteer in community projects? SDSU's Center for Community-Based Service Learning offers volunteer opportunities, a database of community service projects, events to promote service learning, a resource library, alternative break programs (where students provide service to communities in need in the U.S. or abroad during their spring break), and much more.

## Division 1 Sports Available at SDSU

WOMEN	MEN
Basketball	Baseball
Crew	Basketball
Cross Country	Football
Golf	Golf
Soccer	Soccer
Softball	Tennis
Swimming	
Tennis	
Track & Field	
Volleyball	
Water Polo	

## Aztec Athletics



Athletics and recreation are a big part of life at SDSU. San Diego offers the weather and SDSU offers the programs. You'll find several options for sports and recreation.

Campus activities include intramural sports, leisure classes, recreational sports, sports clubs, bowling, and games. Students interested in recreational sports should contact 619.594.6424.

Sports facilities on campus include the Student Activity Center, the 12,000-seat Cox Arena, Tony Gwynn Stadium, and Aztec Bowling. The Aztec Recreation Center provides a 76,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility including five full-size gyms, a cardiofitness center, and rock climbing wall.

For more information, call the Athletic Department directly at 619.594.5163 or go to [www.sdsu.edu/athletics](http://www.sdsu.edu/athletics).

*"I really like the environment and cultural diversity at SDSU. You're exposed to a lot of different people and things that really broaden your horizons. I had scholarship opportunities with other universities, but SDSU was my first choice."*

**J.R.**

Business Major  
Wide Receiver, Aztec Football

# What Makes San Diego State a Great University?

At San Diego State University, learning is our highest value and has been for more than a century. We are committed to creating educational opportunities that not only contribute to human intellectual development, but also equip our students to succeed in an increasingly technological and global society.

Our academic programs offer more than 200 fields of study. Students benefit both from excellent classroom instruction and from hands-on research opportunities as they work alongside faculty mentors at field sites and in classes, studios and laboratories. This past year alone, SDSU researchers secured over \$140 million in funding, bringing both cutting-edge equipment and the excitement of discovery into laboratories and classrooms.

Operating at a global level, in 2002 our international business program was named the best study-abroad program in the nation by the New York-based Institute of International Education. International opportunities at SDSU—including a pioneering triple-degree program offered with Canadian and Mexican universities—give students a competitive advantage as they step into professional careers or pursue graduate studies.

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## New Challenges, New Programs

San Diego State University also embraces a key role as community resource and problem-solver. In the inner-city community of City Heights, we direct the City Heights Educational Collaborative, a six-year, \$18 million program designed to improve student achievement and teacher preparation. Through the National Center for the 21st Century Schoolhouse, located on our main campus, we serve as a nationwide resource on K–12 school design.

Responding to local economic needs, SDSU has launched an undergraduate degree program in hospitality and tourism management and is currently developing a curriculum in construction engineering and management designed to meet the demands of Southern California's contractors. We have also partnered with area hospitals to create Nurses Now, a program to

In May 2002, SDSU awarded more than 9,100 degrees—the largest number ever in the history of the CSU system.



**TANISHA**  
Engineering Major

*“SDSU has so many resources—use them! The faculty want you to succeed; they become your biggest fans. I've met so many that are ready and willing to help you out.”*



**NEREMIAH**  
Nursing Major

*“Health and Human Services at SDSU has some of the best programs in the nation. Our courses are rigorous and challenging, and they prepare us to apply our knowledge first-hand in clinical settings.”*



alleviate the region’s critical shortage of nurses by expanding our nursing faculty and, in turn, the number of nursing graduates.

## Campus Growth

A tangible mark of San Diego State University’s vitality is the current pace of campus construction. Projects recently completed or under way total more than \$1 billion in value. These facilities include the new Chemistry Sciences Laboratory, parking structures, dining and residence halls, a fraternity complex and the new Aztec Athletics Center. The construction work also encompasses a 5.9-mile extension of the San Diego Trolley, as well as redevelopment of the adjacent College Area neighborhood. These important projects promise to support academic and athletic programs and to enhance the learning and living environment of the campus community.

No one could have predicted this phenomenal growth in 1897 when San Diego Normal School opened its downtown doors to seven faculty and 91 students. Today’s main campus on Montezuma Mesa, founded in 1931, covers 283 acres. In addition, the University offers classes at our Imperial Valley Campus in Calexico and at satellite facilities in National City and Miramar. SDSU also operates the renowned Mount Laguna Observatory and manages four biological field stations totaling more than 9,000 acres.

Throughout the years and the changes, San Diego State University’s commitment to academic excellence and community involvement has never wavered. As we move ahead into a new century, a degree from San Diego State University remains highly sought after, highly regarded, and highly prized.



**SARAH**  
Credential Program Candidate

*“I knew I wanted to become a teacher after taking courses in the College of Education at SDSU. The classes are small and I receive personal attention from my professors. There’s a lot of opportunity for hands-on experience in the elementary classroom as well.”*



# Mission of the University



**VICTOR**  
Chemistry Major

*“When I first came to SDSU, I attended a Summer Bridge program that helped me adjust to college life. Now, as a junior, I’m tutoring other new first-generation college freshmen in the Student Services Support Program for the College of Sciences.”*

The mission of San Diego State University is to provide well balanced, high quality education for undergraduate and graduate students, and to contribute to knowledge and the solution of problems through excellence and distinction in teaching, research, and service.

The University serves to impart an appreciation and broad understanding of human experience throughout the world and the ages. This education extends to diverse cultural legacies; accomplishments in many areas, such as the arts and technology; the advancement of human thought including philosophy and science; the development of economic, political, and social institutions; and the physical and biological evolution of humans and their environment. San Diego State University accomplishes this through its many and diverse departments and interdisciplinary programs in the creative and performing arts, the humanities, the sciences, and the social and behavioral sciences.

## Academic Goals

SDSU has adopted the following academic goals to sustain and strengthen our position as a leading university:

- To encourage the intellectual and creative development of a diverse group of students by helping them learn about themselves and others, their own and other cultural and social heritages, and their environment;
- To foster development of critical thinking, reading, oral communication, quantitative and qualitative analysis as well as a commitment to lifelong learning and international perspectives needed to contribute to communities and chosen fields of endeavor;
- To provide the basis for informed citizenship in a democracy;

- To offer advanced undergraduate and graduate students professional training and preparation for further study in a broad range of disciplines, with a special emphasis on the preparation of teachers;
- To support faculty in developing specialized contributions to knowledge, including innovative curriculum and pedagogy responsive to intellectual and professional needs of undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral students;
- To support faculty in their professionally related community activities and informed exchanges with diverse professional and lay communities that strengthen the University’s courses and scholarship;
- To encourage scholarship, including creative and performing arts, by students, faculty, and administrators from all areas of the University; and
- To continue our commitment to research, including the expansion of externally funded projects and doctoral programs where appropriate.

San Diego State University pursues its mission and goals through shared vision, a community-wide conversation out of which five goals were identified by a broad cross section of faculty, staff, students, administrators, alumni, parents, and community leaders:

- Academic excellence in all SDSU’s programs and offerings;
- Educational opportunities for the whole person, both inside and outside the classroom;
- The appreciation of diversity in its many manifestations and social justice within the University community;
- The wise use of our precious human and fiscal resources; and
- An international institution where pupils become global citizens.

The vision that first motivated our founders continues to energize us. We are a community of learners, of all ages and levels of experience, engaged in a continuous journey of invention, creation and discovery.

