San Diego State University Literacy Center
Sharan A. Gibson, Director

The SDSU Literacy Center supports collaborative partnerships that serve a variety of diverse literacy needs in our community including assessment and tutoring in reading and writing for children, adolescents, and adults; workshops for parents to promote family literacy; professional education for teachers through coursework and institutes; and, research to inform teaching practice and effect systemic change in literacy education. The center houses the Community Reading Clinic and the Reading Recovery® Program. Credentialled teachers enrolled in graduate reading, certificate, and credential programs as well as professional staff conduct the tutoring and assessments. Professional development for reading recovery teacher leaders occurs at the center, and institutes are planned for reading recovery and elementary teachers in the community. Literacy center faculty members engage in research on effective instruction in reading and writing, teacher practices, and early intervention. The SDSU Literacy Center is located in City Heights in the Dede Alpert Center for Community Engagement, San Diego State University, 4283 El Cajon Blvd., Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92105. For more information, visit http://edweb.sdsu.edu/literacy.

National Center for Urban School Transformation
Joseph F. Johnson, Jr., Executive Director

The National Center for Urban School Transformation (NCUST) helps school districts transform urban schools into places where all students achieve academic proficiency, evidence a love of learning, and graduate prepared to succeed in post-secondary education, the workplace, and their communities. The center pursues this mission through the following strategies:

- Strategy 1: Identify, celebrate, and study urban schools and districts that are transforming teaching and learning, as evidenced by excellent learning results for all students;
- Strategy 2: Engage in focused, long-term partnerships that support urban school districts as they endeavor to create model, high-performing schools;
- Strategy 3: Disseminate useful information about effective strategies to transform urban schools.

NCUST staff members develop articles, reports, book chapters, and books that feature information learned through both Strategies 1 and 2. The center supports SDSU doctoral students in educational leadership and SDSU faculty as they pursue research designed to deepen the knowledge base concerning high-performing urban schools. The NCUST Web site (www.ncust.org) is a nationally known source of information about effective strategies for transforming urban schools.

Pre-College Institute (PCI)
Cynthia D. Park, Executive Director

The faculty and staff of the Pre-College Institute (PCI), an institute to promote the advancement of pre-college education, implements programs to enhance teaching and learning in multicultural settings and studies their outcomes. The institute, operating from the University’s historic strength in teacher education and its proximity to Mexico, delivers services geared towards promoting educational advancement among pre-college students from low-income families. The institute also supports continuous professional enhancement of teachers from all cultural backgrounds and conducts systematic research and evaluation of the programs that deliver these services.

The institute offers services through five federally funded TRIO programs and partnerships with the Colleges of Science, Engineering, and Health and Human Services, as well as the Division of Undergraduate Studies and the Sweetwater Gear Up partnership with Compact for Success. The institute’s international branch offers exchange opportunities for university faculty and students to visit and study in other countries. To learn more, visit the Web site at http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/dept/sdsutrpo/.

QUALCOMM Institute for Innovation and Educational Success
Ric A. Hovda and David T. Hayhurst, Co-Directors

The QUALCOMM Institute for Innovation and Educational Success is a partnership between QUALCOMM/SDSU. This partnership was formed to accomplish the following objectives:

- Significantly increase the technology skills of SDSU graduates, thereby generating a more qualified workforce and a better-informed citizenry.
- Develop an educational system that values, encourages, and rewards creative methods of delivering education, from kindergarten through college graduation.
- Establish the institutional infrastructure at SDSU to support large-scale change and transformation of the education system through innovation, evaluation, and dissemination of effective educational methods.
- Dramatically shift the way education is delivered, from kindergarten through college, with an emphasis on improving technology skills and knowledge.
- Develop cross-curriculum synergies among SDSU academic programs that help teach technology skills to students in all courses of study.
- Develop an effective, sleeves-rolled-up dialogue among QUALCOMM, SDSU, and the greater San Diego business and corporate community, with the goal of addressing challenges, identifying opportunities, and generating responsive action.

The institute has the following four components:

- **Improving Student Achievement in Mathematics Program** to increase student mathematics performance in public schools.
- **Project Lead the Way** to increase the number and diversity of qualified students entering the College of Engineering.
- **People, Information, Communication, and Technology Program** to increase the integration of technology with undergraduate students.
- **National Center for Urban Schools Transformation** will assist urban public schools to dramatically improve the level of student achievement.

Center for Social Equity Technical Assistance
Ruben W. Espinosa and Alberto M. Ochoa, Co-Directors

The center conducts training and research on issues of social equity and bilingual/multicultural policy, and provides technical assistance to districts throughout southern California. The center conducts research in public equity and school finance. The center houses projects funded by federal, state, and private sources. Current projects include the Parent Leadership and the Social Equity project. The center functions within the Department of Policy Studies in Language and Cross-Cultural Education at San Diego State University.

Center for the Study of International Education
Laura J. Hall and Minjuan Wang, Co-Directors

The Center for the Study of International Education is a unit of the College of Education. It promotes faculty and graduate student research, explores study abroad and exchange possibilities for faculty and students, and disseminates information about international education to interested persons in the San Diego area. It also seeks to complement regular course offerings through sponsorship of lectures, conferences, and the development of bibliographic resources. The center seeks to foster not only a network of interested faculty within the College of Education, but also encourages faculty involvement from other colleges on campus as well as from other organizations and universities in the San Diego area.