

SAN DIEGO BUSINESS JOURNAL CEO OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2020

September 30, 2020

Free Virtual Event • 2:00-3:00 pm

The ***San Diego Business Journal*** is proud to honor - the accomplishments of San Diego County's most impressive Chief Executive Officers. 2020 CEO of the Year Award categories are:
Public Company - Large - Private Company - Small
Private Company - Medium - Private Company - Large
Business Nonprofit - Nonprofit and Rising Star.
Finalists will be announced and we will unveil the winners.

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Mike Fasulo

President and COO
Sony Electronics of North America

As President and COO, Mike oversees Sony Electronics' multi-billion dollar business across North America. In 2014, with the company facing significant operational challenges, Mike led a strategic transformation, including a dramatic cultural change, successfully executing a comprehensive turnaround. These impactful changes took Sony from being "under fire" to "on fire." Mike is a firm believer in building and maintaining a diverse and inclusive work environment, and has a passion for delivering positive financial results.

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Teresa Campbell
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CEO OF THE YEAR JUDGES

2020



SAM ATTISHA

Senior Vice President/Region Manager
Cox California

As senior vice president and region manager for Cox Communications in California, Sam Attisha is responsible for leading employees and overseeing day-to-day operations in Orange County, Palos Verdes, San Diego and Santa Barbara. Attisha is also a member of Cox Communications' National Diversity Council, which focuses on supporting diversity and inclusion within the company and in the community. Attisha has been in his current role since July 2016. Prior to that, he served as vice president of business development and public affairs for Cox California. He joined Cox in 2007 as the vice president of business development and public affairs for San Diego, facilitating new business partnerships and providing leadership and strategic direction to the government, community, media, and public relations functions in San Diego.



DAVID H. CREAN

Managing Director, Ph.D., MBA
Objective Capital Partners

At Objective Capital Partners, he leads the firm's Mergers and acquisitions (M&A), corporate development, and valuation transactions with life science and healthcare companies. Dr. Crean holds FINRA Series 79 and Series 63 licenses and is a Registered Investment Banking Representative of BA Securities LLC, Member FINRA SIPC. Dr. Crean also serves on the Boards of Directors for Histogen, Inc. (Nasdaq: HSTO), California Life Sciences Association (CLSA), Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) San Diego, the Alzheimer's Association and Student Success Programs of the Charter School of San Diego.



DONNA DEBERRY

Chief Executive Officer
Central San Diego Black Chamber

She is a global leader and expert consultant strategist with 20 years of experience in the field of inclusion and diversity. She specializes in innovative tactics that include retooling business practices, implementing new technologies and pursuing advanced strategies that lead to an inclusive culture. She is well known in this field and highly regarded for her years of impact, and her innovative work around inclusive leadership, unconscious bias and global cultural training.



CHRISTINA de VACA

Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Directors Forum

Ms. de Vaca currently serves as CEO of the Corporate Directors Forum (CDF), an organization whose mission is "to help directors, and those who support them, build more effective boards through continuous education and peer-networking". Prior to this role, she was a CDF board member serving on the Executive Committee and chairing the organization's Programs Committee. Before joining CDF, she served as the Director of Corporate Relations and Business Development for the Graduate School of Business at the University of San Diego (USD), where she strengthened USD's School of Business relationships with the business community. Earlier, she was the Chief Governance Officer and Corporate Secretary for Valeant Pharmaceuticals International and was instrumental in defining the new role of the Governance Executive at a time when burgeoning changes in corporate governance began to impact boardrooms on an international scale.



DEBBIE MCKEON

President & CEO
San Diego Grantmakers

She is the former executive VP and COO for the Council of Michigan Foundations where she led the team in design and implementation of the strategic framework, suite of services, embedded DEI efforts and initiatives such as Census 2020. Prior to joining CMF, Debbie's 30 years of experience in leadership and public-private partnerships includes design and development of the NorthSky Nonprofit Network, serving as co-founding board member, managing director and CEO of the Youth Orchestra of the Americas and assistant manager of the New York Philharmonic. Debbie has worked in 40 countries across six continents and is active on several nonprofit boards.



MARK STUART

President and CEO
The San Diego Foundation

He is a fundraising and community building professional with 30 years of experience in all aspects of operations and leadership. Mark's career has been devoted to helping donors realize their hopes, dreams and aspirations. As President of The San Diego Foundation, he collaborates with the Board of Governors and is responsible for developing and managing relationships with a wide range of stakeholders to support the health of The Foundation and the San Diego community. Mark has lived in San Diego for 13 years and has a lifelong interest in leadership studies and philanthropy.

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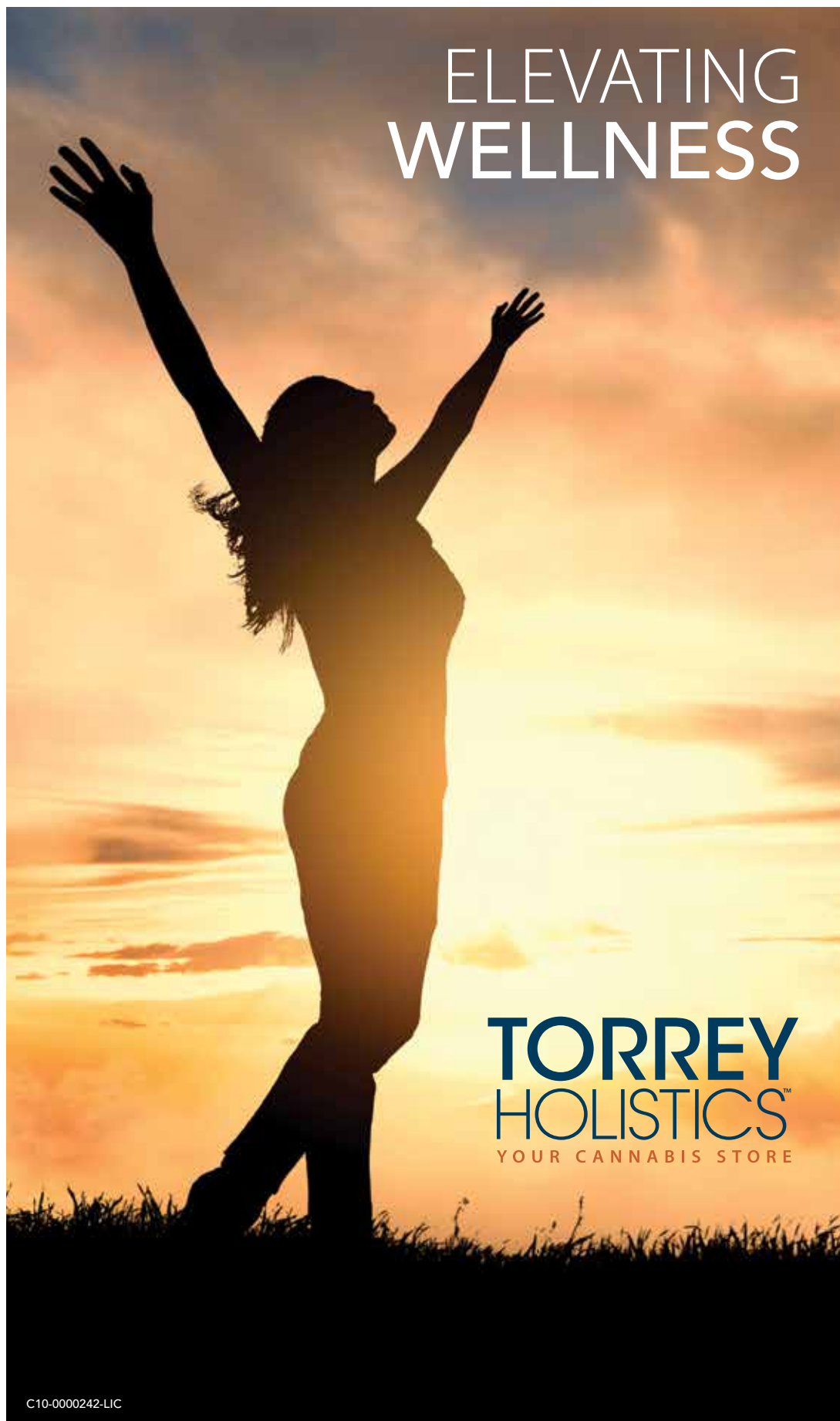
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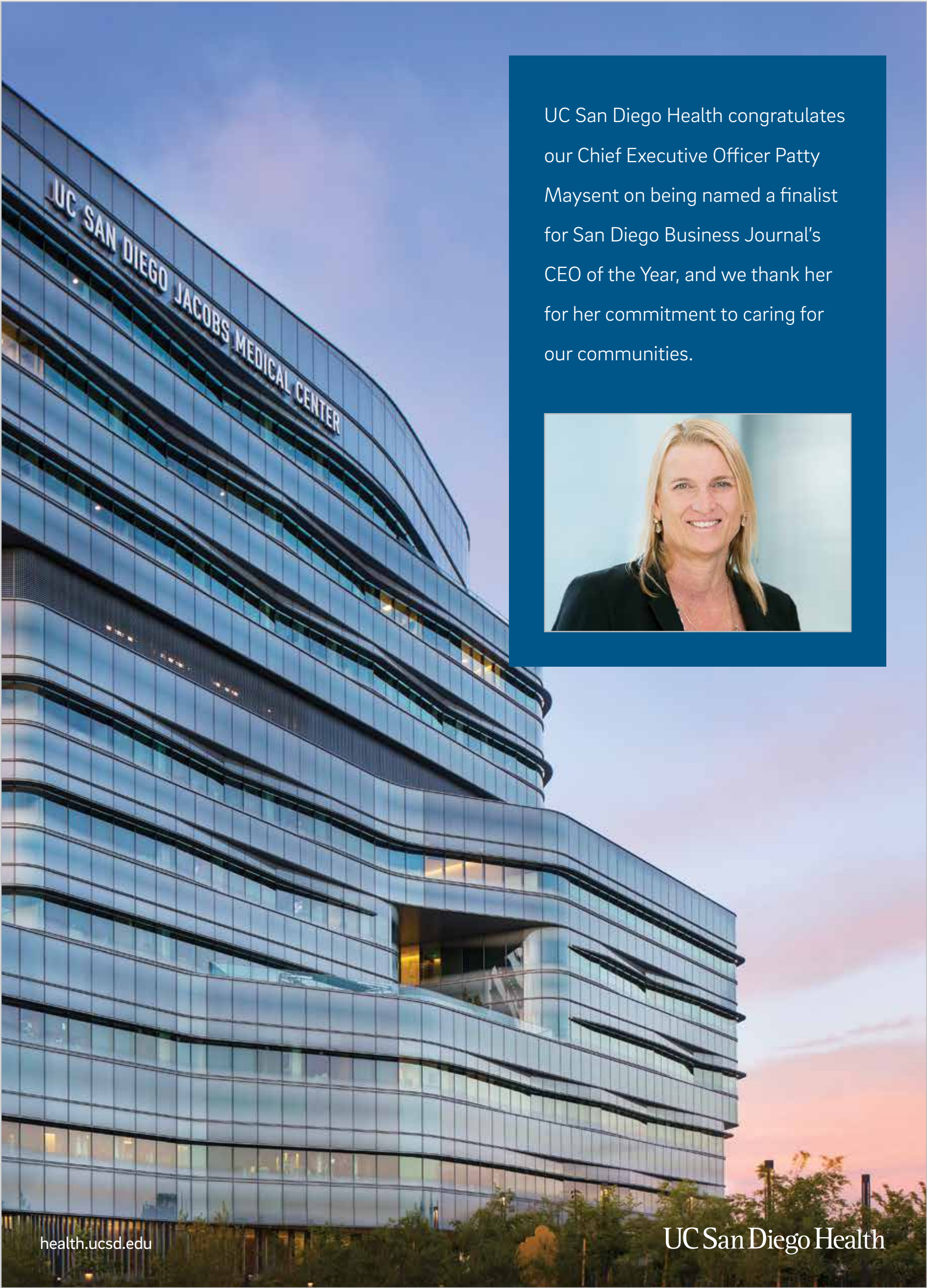
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CONGRATULATIONS

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CEO, NATHAN ROGGE, FOR BEING NAMED A 2020 CEO OF THE YEAR FINALIST.

Presented by the San Diego Business Journal, this award honors local industry leaders' great achievements within their companies and in the community. **Congratulations to Nathan and all of the finalists!**

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CONGRATULATIONS TO PROMISES2KIDS CEO TONYA TOROSIAN!

Tonya has been selected as a finalist for CEO of the Year 2020! She is committed to *creating a brighter future for foster children®* and is a leader who inspires community members to join Promises2Kids' efforts in providing hope, support and opportunities to San Diego foster children, especially during this unprecedented time.

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Tonya Torosian
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LISA PAUL-HILL

President & CEO,
Wheelhouse Credit Union

Finalist,
2020 CEO of the Year

Lisa Paul-Hill grew up in Encinitas and graduated from the University of San Diego. As a native, she has always sought to positively impact our community. In 2017, she was chosen to lead Wheelhouse Credit Union to enhance the Member experience and to help our beautiful City thrive.

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on being named a finalist for 2020 Non-Profit CEO of the Year by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

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