



BOB BROWER
PRESIDENT, POINT LOMA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Bob Brower was named the 14th president of Point Loma Nazarene University in 1997. Under his leadership, enrollment at the 3,200-student, private university has doubled. Dr. Brower earned his Ph.D. in organizational and interpersonal communication at the University of Kansas. Before taking the helm at PLNU, Dr. Brower was president of a publishing company in Kansas City. He is a member of the board of San Diego Regional EDC and also sits on the board of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.



SUNITA COOKE
PRESIDENT, MIRA COSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Dr. Sunita "Sunny" Cooke began her tenure as the superintendent/president of MiraCosta Community College District in 2015 and has been a recognized California community college CEO for 13 years. Cooke, an educator for over 25 years, received her Ph.D. in biology from Georgetown University. Under her leadership, MiraCosta College has implemented new degrees and certificates, including a unique biomanufacturing bachelor's degree. Graduation and transfer rates have significantly improved, and the college has received recognition as an Achieving the Dream Leader institution.



MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM
CHANCELLOR, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Dr. Michael R. Cunningham joined the National University System in 2013. With extensive experience in both the education and business sectors, Cunningham has served as dean of the College of Business Administration at SDSU and taught strategy and entrepreneurship courses at SDSU, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and New York University. He was the founder, chairman, CEO and president of Cunningham Graphics International (NASDAQ: CGII) from 1989-2000, a multinational graphics communications company that operated out of seven countries and employed approximately 2,000 employees.



ADELA DE LA TORRE
PRESIDENT, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

As the first woman and first Latina to serve as a permanently appointed president at SDSU, Dr. Adela de la Torre has focused on expanding the campus through SDSU Mission Valley, growing the university's research enterprise, expanding degree access and launching the university's new 5-year strategic plan. Dr. de la Torre came to SDSU in June 2018 after a distinguished career within the California State University system, the University of Arizona and the UC Davis. An accomplished economist, public health expert and higher education leader, de la Torre is known for her authenticity and willingness to listen to others, cornerstones of her collaborative approach to leading 35,000-student institution.



JOYCE GATTAS
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT, SDSU

One of SDSU's most generous donors among faculty and staff, Joyce Gattas served as dean of the College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts for nearly three decades and currently is a key member of SDSU President Dr. Adela de la Torre's leadership team. As dean, Gattas connected SDSU to the community through her involvement with San Diego institutions. She has served on numerous boards and committees, including the San Diego Public Library Foundation Board of Trustees, the San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture Advocacy Committee, the Balboa Park Conservancy and the San Diego Women's Foundation. Gattas has also worked with alumni and friends of SDSU donors to raise scholarship support for students whose professional internships are not funded.



CHRIS GRAHAM
PRESIDENT, WORKFORCE EDUCATION SOLUTIONS AT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

A leader in higher education with a record of success in strategic partnerships, communications, fundraising, workforce development and education and community outreach, Chris Graham joined NU in 2019 and oversees WES, the workforce development arm of National University System. In his role overseeing WES, Graham seeks to help the nation meet its need for highly skilled workers by developing educational pathways for working adults in key industries in order to advance their careers and earning power.



JAMES T. HARRIS III
PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

Dr. James T. Harris III became the University of San Diego's fourth president in 2015. With more than 9,000 students from 69 countries and 50 states, USD is the youngest independent institution on U.S. News & World Report's list of top 100 universities in the U.S. USD also has been recognized by Forbes magazine as one of America's most entrepreneurial research universities and is one of only 43 universities in the world designated as an Ashoka U Changemaker campus. Before taking the helm at USD, Dr. Harris served for 13 years as the president of Widener University, a private, independent institution educating more than 6,300 students on four campuses in two states — Pennsylvania and Delaware.



PRIYA KANNAN-NARASIMHAN
ASSOCIATE DEAN, UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Rangapriya "Priya" Kannan-Narasimhan is the founding director of the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Catalyzer at the USD School of Business, where she is also a professor of strategy, innovation and entrepreneurship. In addition, Kannan-Narasimhan is an affiliate faculty member at the USD Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies and also serves as a full professor of entrepreneurship at University of Exeter Business School, one of the UK's leading institutions. She received her PhD from UCLA's Anderson School of Management. Her primary research focuses on how entrepreneurs negotiate environmental constraints by engaging in creative resourcing to accomplish their innovations.



TIM KEANE
DEAN, UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

In 2019, Dr. Tim Keane was selected after a national search to lead the University of San Diego School of Business. Dr. Keane's career has included leadership positions as a technology entrepreneur at a global Fortune 500 firm and within academia at four universities. During his twenty years in marketing and sales at Anheuser-Busch, Dr. Keane developed innovative campaigns and launched a new department focused on data analytics. He left the company to start a Salesforce automation software venture. His many accomplishments in higher education include launching seven new research/teaching centers as well as a new college of business in Denver, Colorado.



PRADEEP KHOSLA
CHANCELLOR, UC SAN DIEGO

UCSD Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla, who has headed the UCSD campus since 2012, is an internationally renowned electrical and computer engineer recognized for his seminal contributions in secure software and intelligent robot systems. As UCSD's CEO, Khosla has positioned the 39,000-student institution to define the future of the public research university by creating the institution's first-ever strategic plan and launching the Campaign for UC San Diego, an ambitious 10-year, \$2 billion endeavor aimed at transforming the university physically, intellectually and culturally. Under Khosla's leadership, UCSD has expanded college access and affordability for underserved students.



JULIE KILPATRICK
DIRECTOR OF REAL ESTATE, ACQUISITIONS AND P3 DEVELOPMENT, UCSD

Under Julie Kilpatrick's supervision, UC San Diego has over \$4 billion in development projects underway and in the pipeline, supporting thousands of jobs and a significant economic impact for San Diego while delivering global caliber learning and research facilities. Kilpatrick coaches for San Diego Soccer Club, serves as treasurer for CREW San Diego and is a philanthropist. She came to UCSD in 2018. Previously, she was principal and owner at San Diego-based Iris Investments.



ELLEN NEUFELDT
PRESIDENT, CSU SAN MARCOS

Dr. Ellen J. Neufeldt began her tenure as California State University San Marcos' fourth president in 2019. Dr. Neufeldt's focus has centered on increasing student success and student social mobility, and she is firmly committed to ensuring that any student who dreams of earning a college degree has that opportunity. In her role as president, Dr. Neufeldt has demonstrated a commitment to engaging and building relationships with students as well as faculty, staff, alumni and community members. A champion of innovation and entrepreneurship, Dr. Neufeldt oversaw the opening in March 2020 of CSUSM's Innovation Hub.



LISA ORDONEZ
DEAN, RADY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, UC SAN DIEGO

Lisa Ordonez took the reins at UCSD's Rady School of Management in 2019. She previously served for 25 years at the University of Arizona as a research faculty member and vice dean. As the second dean of the Rady School, Ordonez is working to cement the institution's global business research prominence, outreach and impact as an innovation-focused, economic engine within the San Diego business community. Ordonez holds a Ph.D. in quantitative psychology and a Master's in marketing from the UC Berkeley.



PIERRE OUILLET
VICE CHANCELLOR AND CFO, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

As a vice chancellor at UCSD and chief financial officer for both the main campus and Health Sciences, Pierre Ouillet oversees the financial health of the School of Medicine, all academic and clinical departments, and UC San Diego Health Physician Group. Ouillet is the senior executive officer accountable for the university's annual \$5 billion budget. Prior to joining UCSD, Ouillet was VP of finance, resources and operations at University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. Earlier in his career, he served as VP of finance for Best Buy International and Best Buy Canada.



STAR RIVERA-LACEY
SUPERINTENDENT AND PRESIDENT, PALOMAR COLLEGE

Dr. Star Rivera-Lacey began her tenure as the Palomar Community College District's superintendent and president in July 2021. Earlier in her career, Rivera-Lacey served as assistant superintendent/vice president of student services at Palomar and most recently was VP of student services at the San Diego College of Continuing Education, the noncredit division of the San Diego Community College District. She is the first Latina superintendent-president in Palomar College's 75-year history. Dr. Rivera-Lacey was named as an Aspen Institute Rising Presidents Fellow in 2020 and a National Community College Hispanic Council Fellow in 2018.



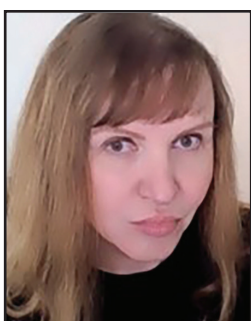
CATHY PUCHER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ZAHN INNOVATION PLATFORM LAUNCHPAD, SDSU

Cathy Pucher works with aspiring entrepreneurs at SDSU's Zahn Innovation Platform Launchpad. Pucher brings over 20 years of experience in the high-tech industry across large and startup companies to her work at the ZIP Launchpad. She helped create EvoNexus, an incubator dedicated to stimulating the growth of new high technology companies in San Diego, and served as the incubator's first executive director. Pucher earned a B.S. in electrical engineering at UCSD.



MARK SANCHEZ
SUPERINTENDENT AND PRESIDENT, SOUTHWEST COLLEGE

A passionate advocate for social justice, Dr. Mark Sanchez has been successful in the development and implementation of comprehensive race-conscious, equity-focused instruction, student services and online programs designed to increase student access. Prior to taking the helm at Southwestern College in 2020, Dr. Sanchez was an assistant superintendent/VP at Cuesta College. He also has held leadership roles at Fresno City College and San Jose Evergreen Valley College. Dr. Sanchez also has worked in developing educational and career programs at the Fresno County Workforce Development Board and career training programs funded by the San Diego Workforce Partnership.



LADA RASOCHOVA
FOUNDER & CEO, DERMALA

Dr. Lada Rasochova is the founder and CEO of DERMALA, a consumer dermatology company that leverages scientific understanding of the human microbiome and data analytics to develop novel solutions for acne and other skin conditions. Dr. Rasochova has been at the Rady School of Management since 2009. At Rady, she founded the Rady Venture Fund, built the California Institute for Innovation and Development -- an entrepreneurship hub -- and founded six StartR accelerators, including an award-winning mystartupXX that supports next-gen female founders and female-led tech startups.



DENISE WHISENHUNT
PRESIDENT, GROSSMONT COLLEGE

A veteran educator with more than two decades of experience, Denise Whisenhunt was selected in July as the new president of Grossmont College, the El Cajon-based institution with an enrollment of more than 18,000 students. Whisenhunt came to the position after serving as VP of student services at San Diego City College, where she oversaw a wide range of programs, including admissions, financial aid and services for disabled students and veterans. She also served for 14 months as interim president of San Diego City College. Earlier in her career, Whisenhunt worked as a transfer center coordinator at UC Merced and started in higher education in 1991, serving for almost three years as an outreach officer at UCSD.



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- San Diego State University President Adela de la Torre



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