YOUR GIFT. YOUR IMPACT.

Thousands of generous and compassionate donors supported UC San Diego and our health system with gifts to the causes they hold closest to their hearts. Donations of any size combine to create a significant impact and we invite you to read about just some of the ways you made a difference this past year.

SMALL GIFTS FROM MANY = BIG IMPACT

9 out of 10 GIFTS THIS YEAR WERE LESS THAN $1,000

64% OF GIFTS WERE UNDER $100

GIFTS OF $1 – $24,999 from 21,038 ALUMNI, PARENTS, AND FRIENDS added up to $17,678,107

42% RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

- Medical and scientific research to save lives and our planet
- Bringing in the best and brightest with endowed chairs and fellowships

26% CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY

- Modernizing teaching, research, and patient care facilities
- Fostering community health, wellness, and engagement

32% STUDENT SUPPORT AND SUCCESS

- Financial aid and basic needs initiatives
- Well-being, recreation, and cultural engagement

At the University of California San Diego, challenging convention is our most cherished tradition. Through the Campaign for UC San Diego — our university-wide comprehensive fundraising effort concluding in 2022 — we are enhancing student support, ensuring student success, transforming our campus, connecting our community, and redefining medicine and health care on a global scale. Annual gifts from donors like you enable us to fulfill our campaign priorities.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOYAL SUPPORT.
STOCKING THE PANTRY

FOOD SECURITY FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

For Aysia Saadiq ’20, becoming an upperclassman had its challenges. “A lot of students are food insecure. When I first moved off campus during my third year, it was really hard for me because I was working extra just to pay for my food. Then I found out about the Triton Food Pantry, and that it guaranteed at least 2-3 meals per week that students can get for free. They also work really hard to put us in contact with CalFresh, which helped fund my other groceries outside of that. They work in a total circle to make sure students have meals,” said Aysia.

Not having to worry about where her next meal would come from has truly allowed Aysia to delve into campus life. She has worked as a campus ambassador, where she reached out to prospective students and their families to share her experience at UC San Diego, and also as a peer mentor through the Black Resource Center helping guide first years in their transition to college life. Aysia was even able to give back to the Triton Food Pantry through her campus job as part of the telephone outreach program helping to raise over $20,000 from donors for the pantry on #GivingTuesday. This year, Aysia graduated with a degree in Biochemistry and is pursuing a research position in the medical field. With the help of donor support, the Triton Food Pantry will open a second location on campus this summer ensuring students have even more accessibility to the resources they need. Said Aysia, “It is so important that students have a place to turn to.”

A HEAD START ON HEALTH CARE INNOVATION

EARLY SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT MAKES A BIG IMPACT

Katarina Gustin ‘21 grew up loving science, so when the opportunity came to learn from and potentially do research with experts at UC San Diego as a high school junior through the newly established Mentor Assistance Program, she signed up. Under the guidance of Dr. David and Bryony Natale, Katarina began doing placental research in the Natale Lab.

“A couple of years later when I started UC San Diego, I continued with them at the lab as a volunteer. One of the other undergrads in the lab, a third-year, was applying for the Undergraduate Research Scholarship and our lab manager encouraged me to apply too, even though I was only a first-year. I told her I don’t think I’m going to get it because I’m too young,” recalled Katarina.

She ended up being awarded the Summer URS Ledell Family Research Scholarship allowing her to commit a full summer to researching the effects of THC from cannabis on the placenta and fetus and presenting her findings at the Summer Research Conference. Her dedication to the research paid off with her findings with the Natale Lab getting published in Nature earlier this year, moving discovery in reproductive medicine forward.

“I’m passionate about women’s health and reproductive medicine, which is why I want to go into the medical field. My research was an invaluable experience that led me on my chosen career path,” said Katarina. “I don’t think I would have done the quality of work I did without having the scholarship to support me through that summer.”
When we were students at UC San Diego, we had our fair share of challenges transitioning from being teenagers into becoming adults. But, during that time, we also learned a lot, we played a lot, and we made many life-long friends. Once in the ‘real world,’ the challenges were even greater, but we persevered because UC San Diego equipped us with the proper education and the drive we needed to be successful. For that, we are truly grateful!

Now, 25 years later, we are fortunate enough to still live only a few miles away from campus and see the continued growth and success of the university. Donating to Student Support and Success funds allows us to bridge the gap between past and present. It provides meaning when we visit campus to reminisce about the ‘good ol’ days’ that we can see and know first-hand that our donations are providing the next generation of brilliant minds a similar path to success.

To our fellow alumni and friends of UC San Diego, we cannot encourage you enough to be part of the legacy and help in any way you can. No matter how large or small the amount, we can attest your contributions make a difference to those in need.

Enrico J. Bernardo is vice president of Software Quality Assurance at American Specialty Health, and Patricia Arraraz is Clinical Operations lead at Syneos Health.
At UC San Diego, we are proud of our alumni—more than 200,000 Tritons making their mark on the world. Here’s a closer look at the makeup of your Triton community.

**TOTAL ENGAGED ALUMNI**
17,778

**NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS**
1,587
38% increase (from FY19)

**TRITONS CONNECT MEMBERS**
5,786
not included in total engaged alumni

**TRITONS CONNECT MENTORS**
2,734
not included in total number of volunteers

**HIGHEST ALUMNI-ATTENDED EVENTS**
- Homecoming 2019: 2,416
- Take a Triton to Work (winter and spring): 1,074

**TOTAL EVENT ATTENDEES**
5,125
(unique attendance of 3,924)

“Anytime I witness student transformations, I am reminded of why I volunteer.”
— Hamna Khan, Warren ’18
GOLD Steering Committee

**THANKS FOR STAYING CONNECTED**

Despite a nonconventional year, there’s much to recognize for UC San Diego alumni. We send our thanks to all those Tritons who’ve kept connected with UC San Diego, both before and after we’ve had to stay apart.

**ALUMNI SNAPSHOTS**

**TOP CALIFORNIA REGIONS WHERE ALUMNI RESIDE**
1. 35% San Diego
2. 22% Bay Area
3. 20% Los Angeles
4. 9% Orange County
5. 6% Other California
6. 5% Inland Empire
7. 3% Sacramento

Top Five Regions Outside of California Where Alumni Reside:
China; New York; Washington, D.C.; Boston; Colorado

**Total Number of Living Alumni**
207,345
40% of all alumni are Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD)

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**GENERATION BREAKDOWN**
52% Millennials (1981–2000)
31% Gen Xers (1965–1980)
16% Baby Boomers (1946–1964)
1% Matures (1909–1945)

**DEGREES BY COLLEGE**
- Roosevelt College 11%
- Muir College 23%
- Warren College 21%
- Marshall College 19%
- Sixth College 8%
- Revelle College 18%
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