



Happy Summer! Keep an eye out for upcoming events with Student Life staff.

☐ Sunshine Committee



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What brought you to UCSD initially and what do you enjoy most about working here? I originally came to UC San Diego in 1995 joining Muir College as the Coordinator of Student Activities. I had previously worked in Residential Life at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. Hands down the most enjoyable aspect of working at UC San Diego are the students as well as the staff. We have the privilege of working with some very talented and bright students, and alongside some very dedicated staff. I don't believe I have ever taken this experience for granted.

What is your proudest moment at UCSD? I have been fortunate to have had a lot of proud moments—usually connected to a student's achievement or student-led project. The proudest moment, I believe, for me would be when we opened the Triton Food Pantry. That project reflects a truly student-led, staff-supported effort that directly and positively impacts our students. The effort has broadened to include housing insecurity and now a Basic Needs Center on campus. It was exciting to see how this effort came together.

What has been your favorite project at UCSD? One of my favorite projects, and this is no surprise to those who know me, is the Muir Musical. This production is the only musical theater opportunity available to students and it is student directed, designed, orchestrated, and produced. It is a labor of love that brings together undergraduates from all across campus and various majors to showcase the creativity and talent of UC San Diego's students.

What are you looking forward to the most about Student Life? First, I appreciated all the notes the Sunshine Committee collected from the various areas of Student Life. I read all of them, though not in one sitting. I am excited to be joining this team and learning about the traditions and the culture of Student Life. The impact this cluster has on the student experience is enormous and I am excited to see how we can continue to build on such great energies. I know there will be a lot I'll be learning in the days, weeks, months ahead and I've been on this campus nearly 22 years, long enough to know there is a lot I don't know.

Do you have any interesting hobbies or activities that you enjoy? I am a big swimmer, so you'll find me at the pool most mornings with UC San Diego Masters. I also enjoy most anything outside, paddle boarding, hiking, gardening, etc.

**Tell us three things most people don't know about you.** Here are some random fun facts....I grew up in Illinois, was one of the first girls in my town to play on the Little League Baseball Team, and a couple of years ago I kayaked alongside a swimmer in the middle of the night from Catalina to Long Beach!



#### ArtPower

After completing the 16-17 season, ArtPower's new season went live on June 11. The season was kicked off with an announcement in the [Union Tribune](#). We are thrilled that the paper drove home the message that ArtPower is about student audiences as much as it about the public. Be sure and check out the season—subscriptions went on sale on June 12 and individual tickets go on sale July 17. Don't forget staff get a 15% discount, so be certain to use it to see world-renowned artists like multiple Grammy Award winner La Santa Cecilia, the always hilarious David Sedaris, or the sublime Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Chamber Ensemble, or try something new like a slice of American Routes from Liz Vice, Ranky Tanky, or the New Breed Brass Band.

#### Associated Students

Associated Students wrapped up the year with some great finals week programming. AS hosted it's quarterly Triton Dine, serving a late night meal to over 1200 students! While SPACES hosted all night study jams though out the week, providing a space for students to study (and eat) in community. As we head in to summer, we're looking forward to SPACES Summer Summit, AS Staff Retreat, Strategic Planning, hiring a new full time graphic artist, hosting the System-wide Student Government Directors Summit and the more!

#### Student Life Business Office

The Student Life Business Office has been busy preparing for fiscal year-end close. We're looking

forward to creating new office procedures and other projects over the summer! We are also excited to announce that our very own Susana Barajas will be joining the Staff Association Executive Board. Congratulations Susana!

#### Center for Student Involvement

CSI has finished recruiting for two positions in Community Service. We are happy to welcome Casey Simon coming to us from Loyola University Chicago as our new Community Service Programs Coordinator & Student Organizations Advisor, and Emily Loui coming from Alumni Relations as our new National & International Community Service Programs Coordinator. We're very excited to have them on board!

#### Student Legal Services

The 2016–17 academic year was a busy one for Student Legal Services. We surpassed our annual goals for the number of students seen in counseling sessions and the number of students who completed this year's Discover the Law program. A huge thanks to Mary and Melanie for all of their hard work and efforts over the past year!

Mary is back from leave and so we are once again at full staff as we head into summer. We expect to see many students in the coming weeks inquiring into how to get their security deposits back!

#### University Centers

University Centers is proud to announce that two new vendors have signed agreements to be a part of the UC San Diego community. Seed + Sprout will be occupying the space next to the Sunshine Market in the Price Center. Soda and Swine will be occupying the newly renovated Pub facility in the Student Center. Both vendors will provide some new food options for our Campus. Seed + Sprout is a healthy food concept focusing on "macrobowls". Soda and Swine has a focus on meatballs (even veggie meatballs) along with other delicious foods.

#### University Events Office

After nearly eight years with the University Events Office, Alex Kushner departed UCSD to pursue new opportunities to work on events outside of the university. Alex served as the Director of UEO since 2013 and was previously the Campus Events Manager beginning in 2009. Throughout his time at UCSD, Alex has worked on 15 different Sun God Festival and countless other student events. We wish him the best as he starts a new chapter in his career. In his absence, Anthony Tran will be serving as the Interim Director of the University Events Office.

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