Jerome and Miriam Katzin: Dedicated Donors Seek to Inspire Others to Support Graduate Students

FOR more than three decades, Chancellor’s Associates donors Jerome and Miriam Katzin have maintained a strong relationship with UC San Diego, nurturing the campus’s commitment to excellence.

Most recently, the Katzins endowed a $4 million fellowship to support graduate students studying for an academic doctoral degree in any discipline. “We are proud of the stellar institution that UC San Diego has become, competing with institutions that are much richer, in both funding and tradition,” said Jerome. The Katzin Prize Endowment Fund will contribute to UC San Diego’s ability to keep pace with top institutions where more generous fellowship packages are offered.

UC San Diego fosters a growing population of 5,000 graduate students who make up 19.4 percent of the student body. These students are the upcoming leaders in their fields, and they drive discoveries to make a difference locally, nationally and around the globe. However, as state and federal government funding decreases, private support is becoming a top priority to maintain the university’s distinction and draw outstanding talent.

“We know that in order to stay competitive, the campus must increase its endowment,” explained Jerome, a retired investment banker and chair emeritus of the UC San Diego Foundation.

The Katzins hope to inspire others by example. Jerome and Miriam have ranked among UC San Diego’s most steadfast benefactors through numerous gifts and years of wise counsel. Since their first gift as Chancellor’s Associates in 1978, they have supported the Katzin Research Laboratories at the UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center; the Katzin Chair in Jewish Civilization; the Courtyard at Muir College; the Chair in Corporate Governance at the Rady School of Management; the Sulpizio Family Cardiovascular Center; and other faculty chairs and funds.

Jerome, former director of Qualcomm and of the Price Company, serves on the Rady School of Management Dean’s Advisory Council. He also served on the UC San Diego Foundation Board of Trustees, which he chaired from 1992 to 1993.
The vision of UC San Diego’s founders led us to where we are today: one of the world’s premier public research universities. Now, more than 50 years later, we are at a critical turning point. We must build on the momentum of our first five decades and ensure a bright future of dynamic leadership and transformational research and scholarship.

To achieve this, we have initiated a strategic planning process to establish shared goals and a unifying vision for our entire campus. This is the first time UC San Diego has undergone such an initiative. It is important that the development of our strategic plan is a bottom-up, inclusive and collaborative process, and that everyone—faculty, staff, students, alumni, university supporters and community friends—has an opportunity to share ideas and give input.

As Chancellor’s Associates donors, your involvement in this process is critical. Your support has helped fuel the innovation and discovery that have made UC San Diego an academic powerhouse and economic engine. Your vision will help us lay the foundation for our future.

I encourage you to visit our strategic planning website at plan.ucsd.edu to learn more, submit a comment and get involved. You will also be invited to participate in an upcoming brainstorming session Feb. 15 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. I look forward to working with you in this important journey and thank you for your continued support.

With kind regards,

Pradeep K. Khosla
Chancellor
University of California, San Diego

Message From the Chancellor

Utterance, Ritual, Expression: Why Singing Makes Us Human

Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 20, as American soprano and UC San Diego professor of music Susan Narucki presents “Utterance, Ritual, Expression: Why Singing Makes Us Human” at a very special Chancellor’s Associates Colloquium. The event, co-sponsored with Eleanor Roosevelt College, is part of The Making of the Modern World: To Be Musical lecture series. Already sold out to the general public, there are a limited number of exclusive tickets reserved for Chancellor’s Associates. Professor Narucki will treat guests to a presentation and brief performance beginning at 7 p.m. The event will be held in the Conrad Prebys Music Center and conclude at 8:30 p.m. A reception will be held immediately following the program. To RSVP, please call (858) 822-6617 or email ca@ucsd.edu. We hope you will be able to join us for this event.

From Your Chancellor’s Associates Chair

LAST September, 24 percent of our donors responded to a survey request on attitudes about Chancellor’s Associates. My thanks to all who were able to participate. We feel this large response is fairly representative of our donors. The complete results will soon be available on our website: chancellorsassociates.ucsd.edu. Meanwhile, here are a few highlights. Nearly half (47 percent) of current donors have been involved 10 years or longer. More than half (56 percent) are 65 years or older. The top two reasons given for supporting Chancellor’s Associates are “to help exceptional students attend UC San Diego regardless of their ability to pay” and “meeting people through the Chancellor’s Associates events.” The third most important reason for supporting Chancellor’s Associates is the programs and events offered to donors. More than 80 percent of respondents stated the quality of speakers, the subject matter and their overall impression of our events are very good to excellent.

These results are gratifying—they indicate a high level of satisfaction and support for current programming. But we’re not resting there; the survey results have provided us with ideas and suggestions for making your donor experience even better. We’ll be working to implement the more popular suggestions you provided. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Wayne Dernetz
Committee Seeks to Energize Young Alumni

CHANCELLOR’S ASSOCIATES YOUNG ALUMNI (CAYA) is a vital part of the UC San Diego community and has great pride in being part of the Triton family. This group of young professionals understands the importance of philanthropy and giving back to their alma mater. Under the leadership of this year’s CAYA chair, Tony Lopez ’05, the group is looking to both energize and broaden its donor base.

Inspired by this desire, Lopez formed a CAYA committee that meets quarterly to generate ideas and implement steps to strengthen CAYA. Since its inception, the committee has teamed up with the San Diego Alumni Club to offer networking happy hours and is in the early stages of outlining mentorship opportunities between young alumni and Chancellor’s Associates.

Like Chancellor’s Associates, CAYA participated in a recently conducted survey. Through the survey, we learned they are proud to support UC San Diego, like to meet people in both a professional capacity and on a social level through CAYA events, and want to help exceptional students attend UC San Diego regardless of their ability to pay.

For more information about CAYA, please visit caya.ucsd.edu.

Donor Spotlight

Michael Harabaglia ’09

MICHAEL HARABAGLIA ’09 is a young man with a full plate, and he believes in sharing. A Bay Area native, Harabaglia began giving back in high school through community projects at home and abroad. “I applied to UC San Diego and specifically to Thurgood Marshall College because of the service philosophy,” he said. As an undergraduate working on an intense degree in bioinformatics, he was fortunate to meet many people who helped him succeed at UC San Diego and well beyond.

Harabaglia is finishing his master’s degree at UC San Diego while employed full time in the Biomedical Genomics (BIOGEM) laboratory on campus. Despite his busy schedule, he still finds time for Chancellor’s Associates Young Alumni (CAYA) and has volunteered to serve on the selection committee for the 2013 Faculty Excellence Awards.

“I’m a CAYA because of the people who mentored me and gave me opportunities when I needed them. I developed a lot of relationships here at UC San Diego,” said Harabaglia. He continues to nurture such relationships in many ways, especially as a CAYA: “With my donations, I can facilitate the availability of resources so that future students may have opportunities to develop the connections that I did.”

Meet the Artist:

Susan Narucki

WE are pleased to announce that Grammy Award-winning soprano Susan Narucki will be our guest speaker at the second annual Fellow’s Circle Dinner Wednesday, Feb. 20. An internationally acclaimed singer who has presented more than 100 world premieres in opera, concert and recording, Professor Narucki will share her experiences as a professional singer and how it has influenced her work at UC San Diego. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Services Center Multipurpose Room and will precede the Chancellor’s Associates Colloquium. Invitations will be mailed.
FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARDS
Celebrating exemplary faculty has been an annual tradition at UC San Diego for the past 38 years. This year, Chancellor’s Associates will continue the tradition by honoring six distinguished faculty for excellence in teaching, research, community service and performing and visual arts. Candidates are nominated by their peers, with final selection by a Chancellor’s Associates committee. Date: March 21, 5:30–7:30 p.m. Location: Atkinson Pavilion. RSVP and info: ca@ucsd.edu.

SOCIAL SCIENCES SUPER CLUB
Psychology, like any discipline, is constantly evolving. Psychologists often disagree about the interpretation of apparently irrational behavior. In contrast to the usual approach of improving decision-making by increasing rationality, Professor Craig R. McKenzie offers a new perspective emphasizing the value of creativity in successful decision-making. Supper Club events include a wine reception and a full dinner. $40–$65.

DANCE THEATRE PERFORMANCE: BalletX will debut this February at Art1Power! with a series of awe-inspiring and innovative performances recognized worldwide. $46. Date: Feb. 28, 8–10 p.m. Location: Mandeville Center. Tickets and info: (858) 534-8497 or artpower@ucsd.edu.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE: The Julian Lage Group is back with new beats and a Grammy nomination for Best Contemporary Jazz Album. $30. Date: March 5, 8–10 p.m. Location: The Loft. Tickets and info: (858) 534-8497 or artpower@ucsd.edu.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE: Alexander Balanescu + Adu Milea: The Island is a product of a harmonious collaboration between an Eastern European violin virtuoso and a young Romanian vocalist, actress and songwriter. $30. Date: April 11, 8–10 p.m. Location: The Loft. Tickets and info: (858) 534-8497 or artpower@ucsd.edu.

FILM: A showcase of fresh, funny and raw short films by students and alumni, the Up & Coming Student Film Festival even garners the attention of PBS. Free. Dates: May 15–16, 8–10 p.m. Locations: Calit2 Auditorium, The Loft. Tickets and info: (858) 534-8497 or artpower@ucsd.edu.

For additional events and more information please visit http://calendar.ucsd.edu. For specific Chancellor’s Associates events, visit www.chancellorsassociates.ucsd.edu.