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LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER



Welcome to the 2022 edition of the SD 500. This annual issue of the San Diego Business Journal, published near the close of the year, focuses on San Diego County's most influential business leaders. They are the people who make such a significant impact on our business community and the community at large.

Each year our editorial team researches and updates this list. Paging through this issue, you will find people representing the diverse array of businesses that defines our great city. We feel it is important to highlight the great work that leaders are doing to keep our Community of Business healthy, strong and together.

Many of the executives we have named you will already know, but you will also be introduced to some new faces. We are confident the SD 500 edition will inspire, intrigue and spark conversations.

This issue is the culmination of a sizable group effort. I want to thank the entire San Diego Business Journal team for all of their hard work in producing this edition.

Congratulations to each member of this year's SD 500. Thank you for all you do for our region and a special thank you goes out to all of the businesses who continue to support the San Diego Business Journal.

Best Regards,

Barb Chodos
President and Publisher

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ALFREDO ANGELES

CEO, TIJUANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Alfredo Angeles' involvement with the Tijuana EDC goes back to 2015 when he served as innovation manufacturing executive. After brief stints in leadership roles at ICON Aircraft and Bolt Media Internacional, he returned to the Tijuana EDC in 2018 as a foreign trade specialist and in July of this year took the helm as CEO. Angeles is an enthusiastic economic development and investment agent of Baja California, focused on executing strategies for diverse projects and sizes.



KAREN BURGES

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NAIOP SAN DIEGO

Karen Burges leads the San Diego chapter of the NAIOP Commercial Real Estate Development Association, where she has been since 1987. NAIOP represents the real estate industry with legislative representation, networking opportunities, educational programs and mixers. The San Diego chapter has more than 750 local members including owners, developers, investors, managers, consultants and brokers. Burges is known in the industry as a trusted, proactive and informed advisor is always striving to give back to the community.



GARY ACOSTA

CO-FOUNDER & CEO, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HISPANIC REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS

Gary Acosta is co-founder and CEO of The National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals, the largest Latino business organization in the nation. Acosta is also co-founder of L'ATTITUDE, a major event he produces with international business executive Sol Trujillo, former United Airlines CEO Oscar Munoz and music superstar Emilio Estefan. Acosta is an entrepreneur, public policy advocate and investor. He is also a general partner of L'ATTITUDE Ventures, the nation's largest venture capital fund exclusively focused on Latino-led start-ups.



MARK CAFFERTY

PRESIDENT & CEO, SAN DIEGO REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mark Cafferty has spent more than 20 years working to advance economic opportunities for American workers. As CEO of the EDC, he sits at the epicenter of a collaboration of business, trade, community and education leaders who have redefined the San Diego's economic development strategy and cemented the region as a global economy powerhouse. Under his leadership, the EDC transformed into a privately funded, data-driven organization providing direct assistance to more than 300 companies annually.



SCOTT ASHTON

CEO, OCEANSIDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Scott Ashton is the leader of the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce, one of the most politically influential business associations in San Diego County. Ashton works to ensure the Oceanside Chamber has an active voice on policy issues impacting the Oceanside business community. The chamber has successfully supported development projects that will bring needed workforce housing to Oceanside. He has been instrumental in creating the Oceanside Chamber's workforce development initiative and moving it forward to serve the talent pipeline needs of local businesses. He is a leader in the SOCIAL workforce collaboration with Tri-City Medical Center, San Diego North EDC, and the Carlsbad and Vista chambers of commerce.



JULIE COKER

PRESIDENT & CEO, SAN DIEGO TOURISM AUTHORITY

Julie Coker has been president and CEO of San Diego Tourism Authority since 2020. Coker oversees SDTA's efforts to promote San Diego as a top spot for meetings, conventions and visitors. Coker serves on several boards including California Travel Association, the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, the San Diego Regional EDC and the Downtown San Diego Partnership. She was previously president and CEO of the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau for nearly a decade and was with the Hyatt corporation for 21 years. She is a magna cum laude graduate of Johnson & Wales University in hospitality management.



BETSY BRENNAN

PRESIDENT & CEO, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO PARTNERSHIP

Betsy Brennan heads the Downtown San Diego Partnership, a privately funded and member-based nonprofit that promotes and supports downtown's business community. Brennan previously worked as a council and policy representative and later chief of staff for then-council member Scott Peters. A graduate of the University of San Diego School of Law, she has held executive-level positions at the Coastal Community Foundation of South Carolina, Tahoe Forest Health System, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and San Diego State University. She serves on the boards of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation and USD School of Law Board of Visitors.



DONNA DeBERRY

CEO, CENTRAL SAN DIEGO BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Donna DeBerry is CEO of the County of San Diego Black Chamber of Commerce. DeBerry was previously Director of Inclusion at Indeed, the online job site, and was responsible for leading, developing and embedding innovative global inclusion strategies throughout the organization. DeBerry was also formerly vice president of global diversity/consultant for Nike, consulted for Starbucks in the areas of global inclusion and diversity, and was executive vice president of global diversity and assistant to the chairman of the board at Wyndham Worldwide based in Dallas-Fort Worth.



W. ERIK BRUVOLD

CEO, SAN DIEGO NORTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Erik Bruvold is CEO of the San Diego North Economic Development Council and has responsibility for all council operations, including programming, economic development services, and regional economic research and analysis. He previously was the Chief Economist with the National University System and the President of the National University System Institute for Policy Research. He was also formerly vice president for public policy and research for the San Diego Regional EDC. He has taught at college level courses in political science, urban economic development, urban planning and international relations and holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Denver and a master's from UCSD.



LISA EASTERLY

PRESIDENT & CEO, SAN DIEGO CYBER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Lisa Easterly is president and CEO as well as chief operating officer and strategic advisor at San Diego Cyber Center of Excellence, where has been since 2014. Easterly was a founding member of the board of directors and chair of education and outreach committee for Cleantech San Diego. She was vice president of marketing and senior advisor with the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation and previously spent more than seven years as business development manager for Lathan & Watkins. She is a University of Florida alumna, with a B.S. in business administration, finance and economics and an MBA in entrepreneurship, marketing, corporate finance and operations.

Congratulations, Jason Paguio!



First Citizens Bank congratulates Jason Paguio on his selection as one of The San Diego Business Journal's Top 500 Most Influential People of 2022. We are proud of his dedication in serving our region's small businesses as President and CEO of the Asian Business Association San Diego.

JENI BURGESS

Senior Vice President

Manager of Business Banking & Chair
Asian Business Association San Diego



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MATTHEW FEHLING
PRESIDENT & CEO, THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU
SERVING THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST

Matthew Fehling has been president and CEO at the Better Business Bureaus Serving the Pacific Southwest since 2006. Fehling previously was executive vice president of the BBB of Central/Northern Arizona and vice president of operations at the Denver/Boulder BBB. He started with the Council of Better Business Bureaus, Inc. in 1995. Fehling has been a board member of the Arizona Coyotes Foundation since 2014 and is a past president of the Kiwanis Club of Valley of the Sun Phoenix. He has a degree in mass communications from Virginia Commonwealth University.



HASAN IKHRATA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SANDAG

Hasan Ikhata leads the San Diego Association of Governments, developing public policy initiatives for elected officials from each of the region's 19 local governments. He is considered one of the nation's foremost experts in transportation planning and prior to joining SANDAG in 2018, brought more than 30 years of experience with organizations like the Southern California Association of Governments, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and South Coast Air Quality Management District.



CARLOS HIGUERA ESPIRITU
PRESIDENT, TIJUANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION

Carlos Higuera Espiritu is CEO of Trevé Corporativo in Mexico as well as president of the Tijuana EDC (DEITAC) since 2018. DEITAC promotes business opportunities in Mexico and the investment in Tijuana. As CEO of Trevé Corporativo, he oversees the company's three divisions; Feebak (IT development and consulting); Qinfix (aerospace contract manufacturing); and HAATS (talent and human resource services for the manufacturing industry). He is also administrative advisor at Trevé Corporativo, providing financial and fiscal advising as well as talent acquisition and executive services and business intelligence for advanced IT services.



MIKE KRENN
PRESIDENT & CEO, CONNECT W/SAN DIEGO VENTURE
GROUP

Mike Krenn has been president and CEO of Connect w/San Diego Venture Group since 2019. Connect was founded in 1986 as one of the nation's first startup accelerators, born out of UC San Diego. The group has transformed San Diego's research capabilities into a powerful innovation economy. Connect merged in 2019 with SD Venture Group to help connect companies to capital. From 2014-19, Krenn was president and CEO of San Diego Venture Group. Previously, he was president and CEO at The Beachhead for almost six years. He is a SDSU graduate with a B.S. in business administration and master's in mass communication/marketing.



ABDUR-RAHIM HAMEED
CEO, NATIONAL BLACK CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

Abdur-Rahim Hameed was the lead carpenter on the construction of Bayview Baptist Church. Hameed was the framing contractor at Christian Fellow and also worked on St. Paul's United Methodist Church at 30th and Clay streets. Inspired by Malcom X and Muhammad Ali, at the age of 16, he joined the Nation of Islam and ultimately changed his name from his birth name of Donald Ware. Hameed has 10 children, five of whom are in the construction trades. Four of his sons are carpenters and a daughter is a construction manager and architect.



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MATTHEW FEHLING

President & CEO of
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MIKE MERCURIO
CEO, GREATER SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

Mike Mercurio has led the Greater San Diego Association of REALTORS (GSDAR) since 2006. GSDAR has served the region's realtors for over 100 years and today is one of the largest realtor associations in California and the United States with 20,000 members. The GSDAR adheres to a code of ethics and professional standards above and beyond the norm and supports its members with a variety of tools and programs to help them succeed.



MIGUEL MOTTA
VICE PRESIDENT, STRATEGIC OPERATIONS & SAN DIEGO HEAD, BIOCOM CALIFORNIA

As vice president of strategic operations and San Diego head, Miguel Motta is responsible for customizing and delivering the Biocom California benefits to its San Diego members, including policy issues, as well as supporting the implementation of the organization's strategic plans across California. Prior to joining Biocom California, Motta held executive positions in Fortune 500 companies, and has been chairman, president, chief executive officer, chief financial officer or chief operating officer of growth-stage, venture capital-backed companies.



MARK NEVILLE
CEO, SAN DIEGO BOWL GAME ASSOCIATION

Mark Neville has been with the San Diego Bowl Game Association for more than 30 years, starting as an intern in 1991 and now as CEO since 2015. He recently led the association through a series of significant changes to ensure that the bowl game continues to benefit the San Diego region, including negotiating the largest media rights contract in the association's history and solidifying conference contracts with the Pac-12 and ACC that extend through 2025.



JASON PAGUIO
CEO & PRESIDENT, ASIAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION SAN DIEGO

Jason Paguio has been president and CEO of Asian Business Association San Diego and Asian Business Association Foundation since 2019. Paguio is also a commissioner with the California Commission on Asian Pacific Islander American Affairs, appointed by Gov. Gavin Newsom. He was also appointed to the city of San Diego's Small Business Advisory Board and the Asian Pacific Islander Advisory Group by San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria. Paguio has helped grow the SDABA to its largest membership in more than 30 years and tripled the group's office size, providing free cultural coworking hubs to local Asian and Pacific Islander nonprofits. He is also political director of the California Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce.



DEBRA ROSEN
CEO, NORTH SAN DIEGO BUSINESS CHAMBER

Debra Rosen has been president and CEO of the North San Diego Business Chamber for 13 years, lobbying for businesses and community members while also focusing on job growth, retention, expansion, equity in the workplace and military transition. She was previously CEO of the Downtown Business Association of San Diego. Rosen is credited with turning around two underperforming nonprofit organizations with strategic revenue strategies that restored program profitability and gained market share in competitive regions. She has a B.A. in public administration with an emphasis in business and marketing from San Diego State University.



BRET SCHANZENBACH
CEO, CARLSBAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Bret Schanzenbach has been CEO at the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce, the largest chamber in North San Diego County, since 2019. He is also executive in residence at Cal State San Marcos in the school's college of Business Administration's Business Professional Development Program, which brings real-world applications to help student develop skills and tools for their future. Schanzenbach is a founding member of San Diego Tech Hub and was CEO with the Vista Chamber of Commerce for nine years. He has master's degrees in Theology and Theological Studies from the University of Dallas.

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BRET SCHANZENBACH
President & CEO | Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce

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On behalf of the San Diego Regional East County Chamber of Commerce, "Congratulations" to President & CEO, Rick Wilson

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JAMES SLY
CEO, SAN DIEGO EAST COUNTY EDC

James Sly has been with the San Diego East County Economic Development Council since 2012. He has been president and CEO of the group since 2020 and was previously vice president and chief operations officer for eight years. As head of the ECEDC, Sly implements the group's project portfolio, including education, industry, workforce and government and also leads many of the organization's strategic partnership and business development efforts. Sly previously worked as a management consultant, helping startups and midsize businesses in the private sector. He has a B.S. in business management from San Diego State University and a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt certification from UCSD as well as a leadership certification from Harvard Business School.



RICARDO VILLA
PRESIDENT, SAN DIEGO COUNTY IMPERIAL VALLEY HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Ricardo Villa has been president and chairman of the board at the San Diego County Imperial Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce since 2021. The group was formerly the San Diego Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and Villa recently connected with colleagues in the Imperial Valley to merge organizations. Villa is also president and CEO of SimpleTime, a payroll company he founded after years working as a general manager in the hotel industry, then moving to human resources and payroll. He worked as director consultant for BNI San Diego for three years previously. Villa has a B.S. in accounting from the University of San Diego.



HOLLY SMITHSON
CEO, ATHENA

Holly Smithson has been CEO of Athena since 2017. Smithson is a women's leadership advocate, fast tracking women in STEM through leadership development. She supports global STEM companies with the development of their female leaders and in the advocacy of gender equality. She has led the launch, merger and financial turnaround of three member-based California companies in the cleantech, biotech and STEM sectors. Previously in Washington, D.C., she was appointed by President George W. Bush to advance his legislative agenda inside the EPA and State Department. She holds a B.S. in broadcast communications from East Carolina University and is a graduate of the leadership for senior executives program, business administration and management at Harvard Business School.



RICK WILSON
PRESIDENT & CEO, SAN DIEGO EAST COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Rick Wilson is community leader with 26 years of experience in leadership, supervision, fiscal management, fundraising, philanthropy, program development and operations. He has led the San Diego East county Chamber of Commerce since 2019. Prior to that, Wilson served as executive director of the Liberty Station Community Association and has also held leadership roles at the YMCA and the National Football League.



JEREMY WILSON
PRESIDENT & CEO, SAN DIEGO EQUALITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Since 2019, Jeremy Wilson has been president and CEO of the San Diego Equality Business Association, which was founded in 1979 as the Greater San Diego Business Association. The group is the second oldest LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce in the U.S. The group advocates for and supports LGBTQ-owned businesses throughout the region and empowers its members through workforce equality, business ownership, supporting equality, diversity and inclusion. Wilson was former vice president and branch manager at Banner Bank in downtown San Diego and spent 18 years with Union Bank as vice president and cluster branch manager.




**CONGRATULATIONS
JERRY SANDERS**

On being recognized as one of this year's SD500! Thank you for your leadership and dedication to making the San Diego region the best place to live and work.

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SBCS President & CEO
Kathryn Lembo

SBCS has been transforming communities to support the well-being and prosperity of San Diego children, youth and families since 1971.




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JASON ANDERSON
CEO, CLEANTECH SAN DIEGO

Jason Anderson has led Cleantech San Diego since 2010. With more than 120 stakeholders, the nonprofit seeks to position San Diego and Imperial counties as a leader in the cleantech economy. In 2022 the group worked with other organizations on a pilot program that put electric school buses to work serving San Diego's Lincoln High School and its feeder schools.



TAMARA CRAVER
PRESIDENT & CEO, REALITY CHANGERS

Tamara Craver has been president and CEO of Reality Changers since 2019. Reality Changers prepares youth to become first-generation college graduates and agents of change in the community. An executive with a history of working in the education management industry, she was director of The Posse Foundation in Los Angeles for nearly 13 years. Previously Craver was director of development and communications for the YMCA of the USA and director of development and social markets for the American Heart Association in the greater Los Angeles area. Craver has a history degree from UCLA.



STEPHANIE BROWN
CEO & FOUNDER, THE ROSIE NETWORK

Stephanie Brown is the CEO of the Rosie Network, which she founded in 2011. The Rosie Network empowers and advocates on behalf of veteran and military spouse business owners and budding entrepreneurs. Brown was also co-founder of the California Veterans Chamber of Commerce, is CEO and founder of Rosie's List, the nation's largest free search tool featuring veteran and military spouse-owned businesses. She is editor and publisher of Military Entrepreneur Magazine and is a member of the advisory boards of the State of California and Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise.



CAROL DEDRICH
CEO, GIRL SCOUTS SAN DIEGO

Carol Dedrich has been CEO for Girl Scouts San Diego for six years. Dedrich is responsible for the vision and direction of the council in partnership with a board of directors. The group oversees 23,000 girls in San Diego and Imperial counties as well as 12,000 volunteers, 120 full-time employees, 150 season staff members and a \$12 million budget. She was previously chief external relations officer for Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles. Dedrich was also vice president of development at the John Wayne Cancer Institute. She also served as a captain, air defense artillery in the U.S. Army and has an MBA from the University of Arizona.



PETER CALLSTROM
CEO, SAN DIEGO WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP

Peter Callstrom is a nationally recognized leader in workforce and economic development and has led San Diego Workforce Partnership since 2012. A sought-after speaker and thought leader, Callstrom leads efforts to transform the public workforce system with innovative programs and services, bold thinking, action and results. He has helped SDWP build a diverse budget of public, private and philanthropy to deliver programs to empower job seekers of all ages. SDWP manages a countywide network of full-service career centers, emphasizing underserved populations but available to all job seekers and reaching thousands annually. He has led nonprofits in San Diego County since 1986.



STEVE DINKIN
PRESIDENT, NATIONAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION CENTER

Steve Dinkin has been the president of the National Conflict Resolution Center since 2003. He has secured federal contracts with the U.S. departments of Homeland Security, Navy and Treasury. He has also expanded the organization's programming outside the USA to Europe, Asia and Latin America. Before arriving at NCRC, Dinkin was Program Director at the Center for Dispute Settlement in Washington, D.C. where he designed a mediation program with the U.S. Attorney's Office as well as mediated workplace and employment cases under contract with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Federal Reserve System.



CASEY CASTILLO
CEO, JACOBS & CUSHMAN SAN DIEGO FOOD BANK

Casey Castillo has been with the Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank since 2008 and was named CEO in April 2022 after 14 years as vice president of finance and administration. Castillo has provided oversight for the Food Bank's financial, administrative, human resources and information technology operations for 15 years. He previously served on several nonprofit boards including the board of directors for the El Futuro Credit Union. A graduate of BYU with an MBA from Cal State San Bernardino, Castillo is also a graduate of LEAD San Diego's Impact Program and the Fieldstone Foundation's Emerging Leaders Program.



PAUL DOWNEY
PRESIDENT AND CEO, SERVING SENIORS

Since being appointed to the top job in 1995, Paul Downey has guided Serving Seniors' efforts to provide supportive services focused on keeping low-income seniors healthy and independent. Under his leadership, Serving Seniors has grown to serve 1.5 million nutritious congregate and home delivered meals annually. The agency owns/operates 412 units of affordable senior housing with more on the way.



SHARON CLOWARD
PRESIDENT, SAN DIEGO WORKING WATERFRONT

Sharon Cloward runs San Diego Working Waterfront, renamed in spring 2022 and formerly known as the San Diego Port Tenants Association. The group was formed in 1989 and represents major port tenants, including shipbuilders, manufacturers and hospitality businesses. Cloward, whose introduction to the waterfront was a job washing boats, has run the organization since 2004.



LISETTE ISLAS
CHIEF IMPACT OFFICER, MAAC

Lisette Islas has been executive vice president and chief impact officer at MAAC (MAAC Project) since 2014. MAAC has been providing programs and advocacy in health, education, housing and workforce development throughout the county. She was previously director of learning and programs at San Diego Grantmakers and for 14 years was vice president of civic engagement and programs at Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation. Recognized by other for her ability to build strategies and develop innovative programs, Islas works on engaging hard-to-reach populations and driving organizational change. Islas has a bachelor's degree in sociology from Berkeley and an master's in city planning from UCLA.



DARRAH DIGIORGIO JOHNSON
CEO, PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST

Darrah Johnson has been president and CEO at Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest for nearly 17 years. Since 1963, Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest has provided confidential medical services in San Diego, Riverside and Imperial counties. Johnson earlier this year was awarded “Woman of the Year” by California Sen. Toni Atkins for the 39th Senate District and later stated, “In the face of pandemic-related challenges and unrelenting political attacks, we have been able to stay true to our mission and our work to ensure that everyone has access to the care they need – no matter who they are or where they live.”



LARRY KESSLIN
CHIEF CONNECTOR & CONFERENCE DIRECTOR, CAUSE SAN DIEGO

Larry Kessler is an author, entrepreneur and business development expert who now directs the annual San Diego Cause Conference, which focuses on connecting area nonprofits and socially conscious projects with corporate supporters. As Chief Connector at Cause San Diego, Kessler is focused on making San Diego a better place to live, work and play. He is also Chief Connector at SPIRE, a community of purpose-driven business leaders.



RUDOLPH JOHNSON
CEO, NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE ASSOCIATION

Rudolph Johnson has been president and CEO of Neighborhood House Association for nearly 17 years. NHA was established in 1914 as a settlement house assisting immigrants transitioning into San Diego. The group supports individuals and families with social services. During his tenure, Johnson has helped the \$80 million agency in managing operations, programs, resources and systems, overseeing 800 employees and many outreach and services programs. Johnson was previously general manager of the San Diego Convention Center Corporation and was an assistant project director with the City of San Diego, assigned to the Convention Center.



CHERYL KILMER
CEO, TERI, INC.

Cheryl Kilmer has been CEO of Training Education & Resource Institute (TERI) since September 1980. TERI works to improve quality of life for children, adults and seniors with autism, developmental challenges and learning disabilities through support, advocacy, dedication, innovation and resolve. Kilmer, who graduated from the University of Michigan and holds a master’s degree in counseling psychology, said she established TERI to raise the quality of life and supports available to people with significant disabilities. Kilmer said that since she was 17, she has committed herself to making a positive difference in the lives of those with developmental disabilities.



REGINALD JONES
PRESIDENT & CEO, JACOBS FAMILY FOUNDATION & JACOBS CENTER FOR NEIGHBORHOOD INNOVATION

Reginald Jones has been the president and CEO for the Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation and the Jacobs Family Foundation since 2012. Jones is responsible for overseeing policies, budget and strategic direction of philanthropic efforts in southeastern San Diego. Jones guides work that engages the community stakeholders, informs neighborhood development and addresses community quality in education, jobs and overall livability. He was previously the president and former executive director of the Steans Family Foundation and program officer for The Joyce Foundation (both in Chicago).



KATHRYN LEMBO
PRESIDENT AND CEO, SBCS

During three decades at the helm of SBCS (formerly South Bay Community Services), Kathryn Lembo has transformed the agency from a tiny drop-in center for at-risk youth into one of the largest social service agencies in the county, one that serves 50,000 people annually. 2021 was a milestone year. Under Lembo’s leadership, SBCS and partner agencies served more than 3,000 unaccompanied migrant youth at the San Diego Convention Center.

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FERNANDO Z. LOPEZ
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SAN DIEGO PRIDE

Fernando Z. López has been executive director of San Diego Pride for nearly five years and was the organization's director of operations for seven years prior. An LGBTQ advocate, López is responsible for the successful leadership and day-to-day operations of the organization according to the strategic direction set by its board of directors, seeking to ensure program and fiscal sustainability and accountability. They work and support the board in defining organizational priorities; and they work to develop strong, collaborating relationships with San Diego's widely diverse lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities while maintaining San Diego Pride's grassroots spirit.



ARNULFO MANRIQUEZ
PRESIDENT AND CEO, MAAC

Arnulfo Manriquez is president and CEO of MAAC, a nonprofit with more than 500 employees that provides an expanding number of programs, including leadership development, advocacy and affordable housing. A first-generation immigrant, Manriquez has worked in the nonprofit field, including real estate development, for three decades. MAAC's projects include a 22-story housing tower in National City tentatively scheduled for completion by 2025.



ANNE MARBARGER
CEO, CUREBOUND

Anne Marbarger has been CEO at Curebound for nearly two years and was previously executive director of Curebound's predecessor Padres Pedal the Cause-San Diego for five years. She was formerly a senior consultant in human capital practice for Deloitte Consulting in the metro area of Washington, D.C. Marbarger, who graduated from The George Washington University School of Business with an MBA and also has a B.A. in government-international relations from Dartmouth College, was also an intelligence analyst with the U.S. Treasury Department. She is a member of Athena, which empowers and seeks to advance professional women in the STEM workforce.



MICHAEL McHALE
CEO, ST. PAUL'S SENIOR SERVICES

Michael McHale became president and CEO at St. Paul's Senior Services in April 2022, taking over for longtime president and CEO Cheryl Wilson, who retired after 32 years of service. McHale started his senior career at St. Paul's in 1999 in senior care administration at St. Paul's Nursing & Rehab Center, then served in leadership roles for various senior living and hospice organizations throughout the nation. McHale collaborates with the board of directors and leadership team to ensure continued growth and refinement of services. He is responsible for strategic development and growth activities that increase the scope, scale and profitability of St. Paul's.



DREW MOSER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LUCKY DUCK FOUNDATION

Drew Moser has been executive director at Lucky Duck Foundation for nearly four years. Lucky Duck Foundation collaborates with others to coordinate and focus on local efforts to fund high-impact programs that address homelessness. Moser was previously president of San Diego Sports Association and was executive director at the San Diego Hall of Champions. He was with the Hall of Champions for eight years and was with the University of San Diego, working with the men's basketball team for nearly three years in operations and as video coordinator. Moser, originally from Washington state, graduated from the University of Redlands with a business degree and also played basketball for the Bulldogs.



CATHRYN NACARIO
CEO, NAMI SAN DIEGO

Cathryn Nacario has been CEO at the National Alliance on Mental Illness in San Diego since 2017. NAMI is San Diego's voice on mental illness and is part of a grass-roots national NAMI organization that was founded in 1979 by family members of people with mental illnesses. Nacario was previously division vice president of business development in the west region for Kindred Healthcare and was also CEO of Kindred Healthcare/Kindred Hospital in San Diego in 2013-14. Nacario has a BSN in Registered Nursing from Cal State San Bernardino and a master's degree from UC San Diego. She is a board member of the American Lung Association.

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GRANT OLIPHANT
CEO, THE CONRAD PREBYS FOUNDATION

Grant Oliphant joined the Conrad Prebys Foundation as the organization's new leader in March. He previously was president of the prestigious Heinz Endowments family foundation in Pittsburgh for nearly a decade. In its inaugural year of grant making in 2021, The Conrad Prebys Foundation awarded more than \$90 million to a variety of local organizations and Oliphant, who has assembled a top executive team in San Diego, says that he is deeply committed to community programming that delivers "real and lasting impact."



LIZ RAMIREZ
CEO, CHICANO FEDERATION OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

When Liz Ramirez took the lead role at the Chicano Federation of San Diego County in March of this year, she brought with her over a decade of business experience in the nonprofit sector, and the life experience of growing up on both sides of the border. She is a committed advocate of serving and improving the lives of children, youth, and families in San Diego County and leading movements that support equity and justice for marginalized communities.



TAD PARZEN
PRESIDENT AND CEO, BURNHAM CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT

Tad Seth Parzen has dedicated 30 years of his career to partnerships and innovation across a broad range of public and private sectors. In 2021, he became the founding president and CEO of the Burnham Center for Community Advancement, a "think-and-do tank" founded by philanthropist Malin Burnham. An attorney, Parzen previously served with organizations including Price Philanthropies and the San Diego Unified School District.



NANCY SASAKI
CEO, UNITED WAY OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Nancy Sasaki has been CEO at United Way of San Diego County since 2018. In her role with the United Way, Sasaki works to spark breakthrough community action that elevates every child and family toward a brighter future. She has more than 35 years in the nonprofit sector, working to profoundly affect the lives of the underserved – the poor, the working poor, children and those experiencing homelessness. Sasaki was previously executive director of Alliance Healthcare Foundation in San Diego, executive vice president of Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest and executive director of the ACLU of San Diego and Imperial counties.



CHÉRI PIERRE
CEO, COMPUTERS2KIDS

Chéri Pierre has been CEO, organization management and sustainability consultant at Computers2Kids for more than 15 years. Computers2Kids assists qualified children and their families in obtaining computers, software, training and support. Pierre helped grow the group by 200% during the pandemic, helping provide more than 95,000 computers to kids being taught remotely. Pierre also owns Pierre and Associates, a consulting firm specializing in helping under-resourced nonprofits, small businesses and entrepreneurs find sustainable solutions. She is a LEAD San Diego Graduate and serves as board treasurer for Lamp of Learning, a charitable entity of the University Club atop Symphony Towers.



ELIZABETH SCHOTT
CEO, ACCESSITY

Elizabeth Schott has been CEO at Accessity for nearly nine years and was previously its executive director for five years as well as director of operations and onsite leader, operations coordinator and marketing coordinator. Accessity, formerly known as Accion serving Southern California, is a group that provides access to capital up to \$100,000 as well as a community of support resources to Southern California entrepreneurs. Schott has a bachelor's in communication and Spanish from the College of Charleston, is a graduate of LEAD San Diego Influence Program. She is a board member and volunteer with Friends of Franking Foundation, supporting STEAM learning at Franklin Elementary School.

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CHRIS SICHEL
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Chris Sichel has been president and CEO of the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation since 2021. For more than 37 years, the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation has been a community partner in philanthropy, offering individuals, families and organizations simple and effective ways for charitable giving. Sichel was previously president and CEO of Make-A-Wish Foundation of San Diego for 16 years. He has a bachelor's degree in recreation administration from Cal Poly SLO and attended the Harvard Business School. He has been a committee member since 2005 with the San Diego Bowl Game Association, was president of the Rotary Club of San Diego and was a board member at the Better Business Bureau of San Diego.



MARK STUART
PRESIDENT & CEO, SAN DIEGO FOUNDATION

Mark Stuart has been president and CEO of San Diego Foundation since 2019. Stuart leads the group which since 1975 has partnered with donors, nonprofits and civic and community leaders, managing and investing charitable funds for individuals, business and agencies. Stuart was previously chief development and membership officer with the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance and its foundation president for 13 years. He was also associate dean, development and alumni relations for University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Stuart has a B.A. in English and political science from Albion College and an M.S. in education administration from McDaniel College.



BETH SIRULL
PRESIDENT & CEO, JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SAN DIEGO

Beth Sirull has been president and CEO of the Jewish Community Foundation of San Diego for nearly six years. The Jewish Community Foundation of San Diego works with clients to leverage philanthropy and investments to make a difference in the region. Sirull has more than doubled the assets under management at the JCF during her tenure. She previously served as president and CEO of Pacific Community Ventures, a hybrid for-profit/nonprofit organization that drives investment in underserved communities. Sirull earned a B.A. in politics and women's studies at Brandeis University and a master's in public policy at Berkeley as well as her MBA in marketing management at Boston University.



AKILAH TEMPLETON
PRESIDENT & CEO, VETERANS VILLAGE OF SAN DIEGO

Akilah Templeton has been president and CEO of Veterans Village of San Diego since 2020. Veterans Village in 2021 helped nearly 800 families remain housed. Veteran homelessness is down 30% in San Diego in part because of the financial assistance, rent payments, childcare payments, and supportive services provided by Veterans Village and other service providers. Templeton was previously the director of U.S.VETS Initiative in Inglewood. She was recognized by U.S. Vets as Executive Director of the Year in 2018. Templeton earned B.A. in sociology from Cal State East Bay, a Master of Public Administration from Cal State Northridge and a master's in social work from USC.



SEAN SPEAR
PRESIDENT & CEO, COMMUNITY HOUSINGWORKS

Since 2020, Sean Spear has been president and CEO of Community HousingWorks, an organization that develops affordable housing communities, and provides resident services to low-income working families, seniors and those with disabilities in San Diego County and throughout California. Spear was previously assistant GM for housing development at the City of Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department. He has a B.S. in science, urban and regional affairs from Cornell University, with a minor in architecture with course work in urban design and quantitative methods. He earned a master's in regional planning at Cornell.



TONY TERAVAINEN
CEO & CO-FOUNDER, SUPPORT THE ENLISTED PROJECT (STEP)

Tony Teravainen is Support the Enlisted Project's CEO and co-founder, launching the group in 2014. STEP provides junior military and recent veteran families financial grants in times of crisis and works with those in need to help them achieve financial self-sufficiency. Teravainen was previously a lead associate with Booz Allen Hamilton for five years and was president of Restoration Supply Company for more than seven years. He has a B.S. in business management from the University of Phoenix, a master's in executive leadership from USD and is studying for a Ph.D. in public policy at Liberty University.

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MEGAN THOMAS

PRESIDENT & CEO, CATALYST OF SAN DIEGO & IMPERIAL COUNTIES

Megan Thomas has been with Catalyst of San Diego and Imperial Counties for seven years, the last 1½ years as president and CEO. Thomas is charged with guiding Catalyst toward a vision of a social change ecosystem that improves the lives of all San Diego and Imperial county residents. She guides the \$7 million organization that once was known as San Diego Grantmakers. The group works to increase equity-driven, impactful solutions to regional issues. Thomas was previously with San Diego Coastkeeper for nearly seven years, the last 3½ as its executive director. Thomas earned bachelor degrees in international business and Spanish at Georgetown University and has an MBA in nonprofit management from the Yale School of Management.



SIMONA VALANCIUTE

PRESIDENT AND CEO, SAN DIEGO OASIS

Simona Valanciute has led San Diego Oasis since 2012. San Diego Oasis is a nonprofit organization focusing on lifelong learning, healthy living and volunteer community service. It enriches the lives of older adults by keeping them active and engaged to prevent social isolation and sedentary behavior. Offering classes in La Mesa and Escondido, the organization plans to expand into Rancho Bernardo in 2023.



CHRIS THORNE

CHAPTER PRESIDENT, GARY SINESE FOUNDATION SAN DIEGO

Chris Thorne has been president of the local chapter of the Gary Sinese Foundation for nearly two years. The Gary Sinese Foundation helps amplify the actor's mission of helping military veterans and their families. Thorne is also owner and president at Chris Thorne Consulting, which provides human resources solutions to industry helping businesses maximize veteran and military family engagement and retention processes and other needs. He is a member of the board of directors for SDMAC Foundation, a nonprofit that supports and empowers San Diego military and veteran communities.



DEACON JIM VARGAS

PRESIDENT & CEO, FATHER JOE'S VILLAGES

Deacon Jim Vargas has been president and CEO of Father Joe's Villages since 2015. Founded in 1950, the agency is considered the largest homeless services provider in Southern California. He previously oversaw human resource operations for 5,000 employees across a chain of newspapers across the U.S. and into Mexico. Vargas also previously worked for Citicorp/Citibank in various director and vice president positions of human resources within its bank card, private bank, real estate information systems and investment systems. He is also past board chairman of the Rady's Children's Hospital of San Diego Foundation. He serves as a deacon at Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic church in La Jolla.



TONYA TOROSIAN

CEO, PROMISES2KIDS

Tonya Torosian has been CEO at Promises2Kids for 11 years. She was previously executive director of the Commission on Children, Youth and Families. Promises2Kids was founded more than 40 years ago as the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation of San Diego County. Since 1981, it has responded to the needs of foster children and provides support to children removed from their homes. She has been a board member with LEAD San Diego for nearly three years and is on the board of directors for The San Diego Women's Foundation. Torosian earned a B.A. in social welfare from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and has a master's in administration from Arizona State University.



SIDD VIVEK

PRESIDENT & CEO, JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Sidd Vivek has been president and CEO of Junior Achievement of San Diego County since January 2019. Established in 1950 in San Diego, Junior Achievement seeks to empower youths to achieve future economic success. Vivek was named the San Diego Business Journal CEO of the Year in 2022. He is a member of the board of directors for the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation and The Public Good Projects. Vivek was formerly with the YMCA of San Diego County for 11 years. Vivek earned a bachelor's in political science from George Washington University and this past July finished executive education, strategic perspectives in nonprofit management from Harvard Business School.



GREGG WARD

FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE CENTER FOR RESPECTFUL LEADERSHIP

Award-winning author, speaker and executive coach Gregg Ward founded The Center For Respectful Leadership in 2019 with a vision of building a better workplace through the development of respectful organizational cultures. The Center for Respectful Leadership is an educational organization committed to supporting leadership and organizational transformation through active research, public dialogues, development programs and executive coaching. Ward is also CEO of the Gregg Ward Group which specializes in using live, experiential learning as training and development tools.



BETZY WEINBLATT-LYNCH

CEO, Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center

Betzy Weinblatt-Lynch has been CEO at the Lawrence Family JCC (Jacobs Family Campus) and the San Diego Center for Jewish Culture for five years. The mission of the center is to connect the community to Jewish heritage, identity, experiences and values to ensure the continuity and vibrancy of the Jewish community. She was previously executive director of the Levite Jewish Community Center in Birmingham, Alabama. Weinblatt-Lynch was the San Diego Business Journal Businesswoman of the Year in 2019. She studied exercise science at Indiana State University and earned a bachelor's of business administration from Goucher College.



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BOB BROWER
PRESIDENT, POINT LOMA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

Bob Brower is the 14th president of Point Loma Nazarene University, elected in October 1997. Dr. Brower has held faculty and administrative positions at two universities and also been president of a publishing company in Kansas City. Brower is a member of the board of San Diego Regional EDC and is a member of the board of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce. An advocate for independent, nonprofit higher education, he earned his Ph.D. in organizational and interpersonal communication at the University of Kansas.



JAMES T. HARRIS
PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

James Harris became USD's fourth president in 2015. Throughout his academic career, Dr. Harris has worked closely with cross-discipline teams to spearhead civic and community engagements, connecting academic environments with issues faced by society. Harris previously served for 13 years as the president of Widener University where he initiated and oversaw the establishment of the Chester Higher Education Council, a consortium dedicated to improving access to higher education for students from underserved populations.



BENNETT CHERRY
PROFESSOR, COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION,
CAL STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN MARCOS

Bennett Cherry has been a professor of management and entrepreneurship in the College of Business Administration at Cal State San Marcos for 22 years. Cherry has also been faculty program director at Cal State San Marcos-Temecula for the BSBA degree program for eight years and has been the faculty athletics representative at CSUSM for nearly 19 years. He was interim dean of the College of Business Administration from July 2021 through June 2022. He is currently a visiting professor at the University of Applied Sciences at Worms in Germany.



CATRIONA JAMIESON
DIRECTOR, UCSD SANFORD STEM CELL INSTITUTE

Dr. Catriona Jamieson, MD, Ph.D., is the ideal director for the new UCSD Sanford Stem Cell Institute due to her years of experience in clinical trials and cancer stem cell research. Prior to leading the Stem Cell Institute, launched this year, Dr. Jamieson was the deputy director of the Sanford Center from 2014 to 2018. In her new role, she endeavors to develop programs that will accelerate the translation of stem cell-related discoveries.



SUNITA COOKE
PRESIDENT, MIRACOSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT

Sunita "Sunny" Cooke has been an educator for nearly 30 years and began her tenure as the superintendent/president of MiraCosta Community College District in 2015. She has been a California Community College CEO for 15 years. Under her leadership, MiraCosta College has implemented new degrees and certificates including a biomanufacturing bachelor's degree – and the college's academic and student equity programs have been recognized by the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. Cooke was recognized in 2016 as San Diego Business Journal's Women Who Mean Business and the NAACP Salute to Women of Color. She earned her Ph.D. in Biology from Georgetown University.



PRIYA KANNAN-NARASIMHAN
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Priya Kannan-Narasimhan is worldwide leader in business education. She is the associate dean of faculty & accreditation and the founding director of the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Catalyzer at the University of San Diego's Knauss School of Business. In addition, she 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.



CARLOS CORTEZ
CHANCELLOR, SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT

Carlos Cortez, Ph.D., became SDCCD chancellor in July 2021 and in that role has continued a legacy deeply rooted in equity, inclusion and social justice. SDCCD includes San Diego City College, San Diego Mesa College, San Diego Miramar College and the San Diego College of Continuing Education, the SDCCD's noncredit college. SDCCD is one of the largest community college districts in California, and it is San Diego's largest provider of workforce training and education.



TIMOTHY KEANE
DEAN, KNAUSS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, UNIVERSITY OF
SAN DIEGO

Timothy Keane is Dean of the Knauss School of Business at USD. 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 20 years in marketing and sales at Anheuser-Busch, Keane developed innovative marketing campaigns for high-volume markets and launched a new department focused on data analytics. He left the company to start a Salesforce automation software venture. When the company was acquired in 2003, Dr. Keane entered academia full-time.



ADELA de la TORRE
PRESIDENT, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

Adela de la Torre has served as the ninth president of San Diego State University since 2018. She is the first woman to serve in the role. Previously she was a professor at Cal State Long Beach and at the University of Arizona, where she was director of the Mexican-American Studies Center. De la Torre also served as professor and chair of the Department of Chicana/o studies, director of the Center for Transnational Health and vice chancellor for student affairs at UC Davis. She is a founding member and former President of the American Society of Hispanic Economists and holds a Ph.D. in Agricultural and Resource Economics from Cal.



PRADEEP KHOSLA
CHANCELLOR, UC SAN DIEGO

Pradeep Khosla was appointed chancellor of UCSD in 2012. A native of Mumbai, India, he was previously an electrical engineering professor and Dean of the Carnegie Mellon College of Engineering and was also the Philip and Marsha Dowd University Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Robotics at Carnegie Mellon. Khosla was elected a member of the National Academy of Engineering in 2006 for contributions to design and sensor-based control in robotic systems for the assembly of high-precision electronics and for leadership in engineering education.



ASHANTI HANDS
PRESIDENT, SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

Ashanti Hands has been president at San Diego Mesa College since June 2022 and was previously vice president of student services. Hands was also dean of student affairs at UC San Diego for nearly nine years. She is a member of the Association of California Community College administrators and has served as a faculty member on several institutes within the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. She received her Ph.D. in educational leadership and administration at San Diego State University.



MARK DAVID MILLIRON
PRESIDENT & CEO, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Mark David Milliron became president and CEO of National University in October. He is also currently the vice chair on the board of trustees at Bennett College. Milliron is also an author, speaker and consultant who works with universities, community colleges, K-12 schools, foundations, corporations, associations and government agencies around the world. He also holds an appointment as a Professor of Practice in The University of Texas at Austin's College of Education, teaching in the education leadership doctoral program. He earned his Ph.D. in educational leadership at the University of Texas at Austin.



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DEAN, FOWLER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

Dan Moshavi joined San Diego State as the Thomas and Evelyn Page Dean of the Fowler College of Business in August 2022. Moshavi previously served as professor of management and dean of the business schools at San Jose State and Montana State University. With extensive higher education administrative experience, he has consulted for a variety of organizations, including health care institutions, universities and municipalities. Moshavi has been a faculty member at the University of Lugano in Switzerland and earned a Ph.D. in management from the University of Oregon.



ALFRED NTOKO
PROFESSOR OF FINANCE, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Alfred Ntoko joined National University in 2017. Previously, he served as provost and vice president of Academic Affairs at Empire State College of State University of New York. He also served as a dean at the School of Business and Information Systems at City University of New York in New York City; the College of Business and Public Administration at Kean University in Union, New Jersey; and the College of Business at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. Ntoko holds a Ph.D. and a Master of Arts in Economics from State University of New York at Binghamton.



ELLEN NEUFELDT
PRESIDENT, CAL STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN MARCOS

Ellen Neufeldt was named Cal State San Marcos's fourth president in 2019. A champion of innovation and entrepreneurship, Neufeldt oversaw the opening of CSUSM's Innovation Hub, an on-campus home for meeting societal needs. In October 2022, CSUSM received the Freedom Fighter of the Year award from the North San Diego County branch of the NAACP. She also won the San Diego Business Journal CEO of the Year Award in 2022. Neufeldt earned her doctorate in educational administration and policy at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.



LISA ORDÓÑEZ
DEAN, RADY SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT, UC SAN DIEGO

Lisa Ordóñez has been dean of the University of California San Diego's Rady School of Management since 2019. Ordóñez previously was vice dean of academic programs at University of Arizona's Eller School of Management for nearly five years and was a professor at U of A for nearly 26 years, where she co-chaired a campuswide process that created the school's 2019 Strategic Plan. She has been on several national editorial boards and is a member of the Academy of Management and Phi Beta Kappa. Ordóñez earned her Doctor of Philosophy degree in mathematical psychology at Cal.



LYNN NEAULT
CHANCELLOR, GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Lynn Neault began serving as chancellor of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District in January 2020 where she brought her extensive experience and knowledge in community college administration and knowledge of statewide issues affecting community colleges. Dr. Neault previously worked for 25 years as vice chancellor of student services at the San Diego Community College District where she had worked since 1983. From 2013-14, she served as interim president of San Diego City College.



STAR RIVERA-LACEY
SUPERINTENDENT & PRESIDENT, PALOMAR COLLEGE

Star Rivera-Lacey has been superintendent and president at Palomar College since 2021. She was previously vice president of student services at San Diego Continuing Education for nearly two years and was an adjunct professor in counseling courses with the San Diego Community College District for more than 23 years. Rivera-Lacey's community college experience also includes serving as a dean of counseling and director of student support services. A former tenured associate professor and counselor, her Ph.D. dissertation focused on exploring the relationship between low-income, first-generation, Latinx community college students and their guidance counselors.



CONGRATULATIONS DR. ELLEN NEUFELDT

Congratulations to Dr. Ellen Neufeldt, president of California State University San Marcos, on being named one of the most influential leaders in the San Diego region!

A visionary leader, each day Dr. Neufeldt works toward making CSUSM a national model for student success while also meeting the diverse

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Under Dr. Neufeldt's leadership, CSUSM recently launched a new strategic plan - The Power of CSUSM - and emerged as a national leader of student success and social mobility. CSUSM recently ranked No. 1 in the nation on the 2022 Social Mobility Index by the online publication CollegeNET.



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NANCY ROHLAND-HEINRICH
VICE CHANCELLOR, COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Nancy Rohland-Heinrich, Ed.D., has been an administrator in the National University System since 1979. She has dedicated her professional career to encouraging educational opportunities for diverse populations of students with a focus on increasing access and services to all learners. She is involved in the local education community, civic activities, schools and charitable organizations.



RICKY SHABAZZ
PRESIDENT AND CEO, SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE

As San Diego City College's president and CEO, Shabazz provides executive leadership at one of the most innovative and socially active community colleges in the nation. He is active on numerous boards in the community. Shabazz earned an Ed.D. in educational leadership and a master's degree in educational administration from CSU San Bernardino, and a bachelor's degree from UCD.



MARK SANCHEZ
SUPERINTENDENT & PRESIDENT, SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE

Mark Sanchez has been the superintendent and president at Southwestern College since 2020. With more than 20 years of experience in community college leadership, teaching and instruction, and workforce development, Sanchez has a passion for social justice and 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 and success, student outreach and student personal development. He has a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Fresno State.



DENISE WHISENHUNT
PRESIDENT, GROSSMONT COLLEGE

Denise Whisenhunt, J.D., was named Grossmont College's president in 2021. Whisenhunt, an innovative leader with nearly 20 years of administrative and leadership experience in the community college system, was previously vice president of student services at San Diego City College. She began working for City College in 2001. She was also interim president of San Diego City College for 14 months. She started her career in higher education in 1991, serving for almost three years as an Outreach Officer at UCSD. Whisenhunt earned her juris doctorate degree at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.



SEAN M. SCOTT
DEAN AND PRESIDENT, CALIFORNIA WESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW

Sean M. Scott joined California Western School of Law as dean and president in 2020 following a long tenure at Loyola Law School. She has charted a new strategic vision in collaboration with various stakeholders, resulting in a modernized institution with a deep commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. In June 2022, Dean Scott stewarded the largest gift in California Western history, of \$3 million.



CONGRATULATIONS

Cal State San Marcos congratulates President Emerita Karen S. Haynes on being recognized as one of the most influential leaders in the San Diego region!

Dr. Haynes boldly led CSUSM for over 15 years (2004-19), overseeing tremendous growth of the physical campus, its programs and student enrollment. Her legacy lives on.




CONGRATULATIONS

Cal State San Marcos congratulates Dr. Bennett Cherry, professor of management and entrepreneurship, on being named one of the most influential leaders in the San Diego region!

Dr. Cherry brings an unwavering commitment to our students' success in and out of the classroom, and across our region in partnership with our business community.





ESHEL BAR-ADON

EXECUTIVE VP, AXOS FINANCIAL INC. AND AXOS BANK

Eshel Bar-Adon has been executive vice president and chief legal officer at Axos Bank and Axos Financial Inc. for nearly 12 years. Bar-Adon was named to the SD 500 Most Influential People in San Diego by the San Diego Business Journal in 2020 and 2021. He received a "Power of Attorneys" award from The Daily Transcript in 2014. In 2021 he became a member of the Board of Advisors at Design Thinking at UC Riverside Extension Professional Studies.



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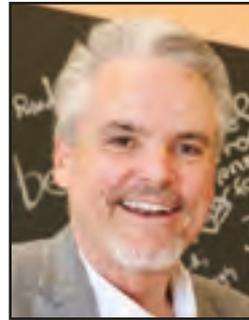
Kelli Burger has been a Wealth Management Advisor and Partner at Weatherly Asset Management for nearly 12 years, joining the Weatherly Asset Management team in 2011; the partnership in 2018. Burger works primarily with high-net-worth families on planning initiatives and with a team to build custom portfolios tailored to individual needs and goals. Her expertise is in complex estate and tax planning. She also oversees the firm's marketing initiatives, is a member of the Investment Committee and provides education and mentorship to the company's team and clients.



PAUL BARBER

CHAIRMAN, JMI EQUITY

Paul Barber is Chairman of JMI Equity, a private equity firm managing \$7 billion investing in growth software businesses. He has been with the company since 1998. He has served on more than two dozen private, public and nonprofit boards. He has been a board member at Applied Systems for nearly 10 years and a board member of Ultimate Kronos Group for nearly 16 years. A graduate of Stanford University and Harvard Business School, he served on the Stanford Board of Trustees from 2000 to 2005.



DAVID BROOKE

PRESIDENT/CEO, MYPPOINT CREDIT UNION

David Brooke has been with MyPoint Credit Union (formerly Point Loma Credit Union) for 21 years, including nearly eight years as president/CEO and EVP of operations/COO for nearly 14 years. Brooke is responsible for the management of MyPoint Credit Union's more than \$600 million in assets and 30,000 members in San Diego and Riverside counties. He is only the fifth President/CEO for the credit union in its more than 70-year history. Brooke started his career as an internal auditor and later became branch manager for Pacific Marine Credit Union.



RICK BENITO

**SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, NATIONAL SBA LENDING,
BANK OF AMERICA**

Rick Benito is a senior vice president and business banking market executive and leads the West Region Small Business Administration real estate sales team for Bank of America. Benito joined Bank of America in 1995 serving in a variety of assignments. Before joining Bank of America, he spent six years at Wells Fargo as vice president and manager in the mortgage loan center and as a consumer branch manager. He was previously sales and operations for Xerox Corporation and served in the U.S. Navy.



TERESA CAMPBELL

PRESIDENT AND CEO, SAN DIEGO COUNTY CREDIT UNION

Teresa Campbell has been at SDCCU since 2010. Under her leadership, SDCCU's customer base has more than doubled, reaching more than 427,000 members and assets have grown from just under \$5 billion to \$10.9 billion. She serves on the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation CU Advisory Committee. She served a two-year term, 2018-20, on the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Credit Union Advisory Council. She also serves as a Board Member of the National Credit Union Foundation.



BILL BIRNIE

PRESIDENT/CEO, FRONTWAVE CREDIT UNION

Bill Birnie has more than 30 years of work for credit unions, starting as a volunteer on the Supervisory Committee at Pacific Marine Credit Union in 1988. Birnie has logged decades of service to local and military communities through the Defense Credit Union Council, Armed Forces Financial Network, Oceanside Chamber of Commerce, Camp Pendleton Historical Society and Moonlight Cultural Foundation. He holds an MBA with an emphasis in International Business from National University. Birnie retired from the U.S. Marine Corps as a sergeant major in 1997.



BAMBOS CHARALAMBOUS

MANAGING DIRECTOR, JPMORGAN CHASE

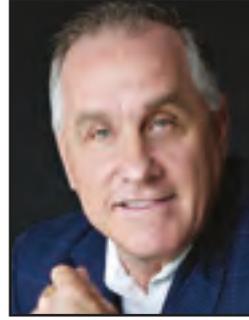
Bambos Charalambous has been with J.P. Morgan for nearly 20 years. He was executive director for 16 years and is currently Managing Director and the Wealth Management Team Lead for J.P. Morgan Private Bank in San Diego. A native of England, Charalambous headed west in 2007 to help the bank build its presence in Southern California with a goal of opening a wealth management office in San Diego. He began his career at the Private Bank in the Europe, Middle East and Africa Strategy Team.



GORDON BOERNER

**SVP AND WESTERN REGIONAL PRIVATE BANKING
MANAGER, U.S. BANK**

Gordon Boerner, a USD High School and SDSU alum, has been Western U.S. Private Wealth Banking Manager at U.S. Bank since 2015 and Private Wealth Regional Banking Manager Western U.S. Region for U.S. Bank for nearly 13 years. He has a 30-year local banking career at First Interstate and San Diego National Bank. Boerner is chairman of the board at ACCESSITY and at the San Diego Kiwanis Club Foundation and is on the board of Just in Time for Foster Youth and SD Local Initiatives Support Corporation.



DAVID CREAN

**MANAGING DIRECTOR, INVESTMENT BANKING, COAST
BIOVENTURES; MANAGING GENERAL PARTNER,
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David Crean is a venture investor, investment banker and board leader, helping healthcare and life sciences entrepreneurs build companies and achieve their goals. He is the founder and managing partner of FINRA boutique Investment Bank, a mergers and acquisitions and strategic advisory firm focused exclusively on the healthcare and life sciences sectors. Crean is chair of ACG San Diego CEO Circle/Life Sciences-Medtech. He is also the lead independent director/audit and scientific committees with Histogen as well as an independent member of the board of directors for Paracrine, Inc.



RICK BREGMAN

MARKET PRESIDENT, SAN DIEGO, BANK OF AMERICA

Rick Bregman has served as Bank of America Market President in San Diego since 2008. Bregman coordinates the efforts of executives running businesses to maximize business, civic and philanthropic impact. Past chairman of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce and currently on the boards of BIOCUM and the National Conflict Resolution Center, he was a member of the San Diego Chairman's Competitiveness Council and served on the boards of CONNECT, the Zoological Society of San Diego, the YMCA of San Diego and the United Way.



DINO D'AURIA

**SVP, CALIFORNIA REGIONAL PRESIDENT-HOMESTREET
BANK**

Dino D'Auria, currently SVP California Regional President, has been with HomeStreet Bank for nearly four years. D'Auria is in charge of driving growth in all markets including San Diego, Orange and Los Angeles counties, the Inland Empire and Northern California. His past experiences include building successful banking teams at several community banks, including Silvergate, Opus, Pacific Western and US Bank/San Diego National Bank. He is a board member of Junior Achievement of San Diego County. D'Auria has an MBA in corporate finance from USC.



DAVID DIAMOND

MANAGING DIRECTOR, CBIZ

David Diamond has been the national life sciences and technology practice leader for Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. as well as managing director for CBIZ for nearly 18 years. Diamond has more than 40 years of experience in public accounting and industry, with an expertise in assisting in financing, strategic business planning and implementation. He is a CPA certified in California, Connecticut and Israel, as well as a chartered accountant in South Africa. Diamond was one of the founders of the UCSD Connect Technology Financial Forum.



JUSTIN FRAME

MARKET DIRECTOR, MARKET HEAD, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES

Justin Frame has been managing director, market head in Southern California for UBS since June 2020. He was previously a financial advisor for 14 years and focuses on wealth management, advisor practice management, advisor productivity, change management and social media marketing. Frame was senior VP and branch manager at Morgan Stanley in Orange County and was with Morgan Stanley in West Los Angeles as complex manager; and was in the Mountain States Region as regional COO and branch manager at the downtown Denver site.



ERIC ELLINGSEN

PRESIDENT & COO, CALIFORNIA BANK & TRUST

Eric Ellingsen has been CEO at California Bank & Trust for nearly 11 years, overseeing the growth of the firm across the state, including direct oversight of its commercial banking division. Ellingsen holds a seat on the Zions Bancorporation executive committee. He was previously president and COO for five years and before that CFO for four years at California Bank & Trust. He has served as chairman of the board for the Western Bankers Association. Ellingsen earned an MBA in general finance from the UCLA Anderson School of Management.



STEPHEN GAMP

DIRECTOR, BANC OF CALIFORNIA

Stephen Gamp has been with Banc of California for nearly five years, the last year-plus as the director. He was previously a VP and branch manager. Gamp has also worked for Citibank, as VP/branch manager for nearly eight years and was an innovation catalyst with Citi Ventures during his time at Citibank. A Store Manager II with Wells Fargo Financial for eight years, he also is a board member with the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce and is treasurer of the board of directors for the La Jolla Music Society.



DEBBIE ESCOBEDO

PRESIDENT & CEO, BALBOA THRIFT & LOAN

Debbie Escobedo has been Balboa Thrift and Loan president and CEO for 32 years. She was the first female Latina named as president and CEO since the company was founded in 1981. Escobedo was one of 11 employees who joined Balboa Thrift and Loan in 1990. Under her leadership, the company has grown to about 120 employees across four locations in California – its headquarters in Chula Vista and branches in Claremont, La Quinta and Fresno.



DELANEY GALLAGHER

MANAGING DIRECTOR, NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL

Delaney Gallagher has been managing director at Northwestern Mutual for three years and a financial advisor at the firm for nearly six years. Gallagher oversees the recruiting, training and development of financial representatives and creates systems to enhance, track and measure results of recruiting and development. He coaches financial representatives on running a personal practice. He was previously director of corporate relations for FOX Sports in L.A. and was director of football operations at UC Berkeley. He was also project manager for nearly six years at Berkeley Cement, Inc.



STEVE ESPINO

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, DIVISION MANAGER, BANNER BANK

Steve Espino has been senior VP and division manager for Banner Bank in greater San Diego for nearly seven years. Espino was previously senior VP, commercial market manager at AmericanWest Bank for 10 years and was executive VP and senior lending officer at Security Business Bank for 10 years. In 2002, Espino and other veteran bankers formed a community bank that eventually merged into Banner. Espino, who organized his first band when he was 13, has been playing the guitar for more than 50 years.



GREGORY GARRABRANTS

PRESIDENT & CEO, AXOS FINANCIAL

Greg Garrabrants has been CEO at Axos Bank for 15 years. Before joining Axos in 2007, Garrabrants was a senior vice president and the head of corporate business development at the nation's seventh largest thrift, focusing on entry into new business segments, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and strategic alliances. He was also an investment banker at Goldman Sachs, specializing in advising management and directors on strategic planning, capital and liquidity management, balance sheet management, asset and liability management and enhancement of shareholder value.



KIM FOLSOM

CEO, FOUNDERS FIRST CAPITAL PARTNERS

Kim Folsom is founder of Founders First Community Development Corporation and founder and CEO of Founders First Capital Partners, the largest minority- and women-owned direct investor of revenue-based funding and advisory support. Folsom also founded FUJUSE.CMNTY.com, the first online community for fueling underserved small business expansion. She has raised more than \$30 million in institutional venture financing. She was an adjunct professor at National University for six years, teaching graduate MBA level courses in strategic business management, global marketing strategy, operational management and financial management.



ERIC GASSER

FOUNDING PARTNER, SEED SAN DIEGO

Eric Gasser in 2015 was a founding partner in SEED San Diego, which invests in early-stage companies with disruptive technology that need capital and additional business insight. He is currently a private investor who works with portfolio companies, looking for new opportunities to help in early-stage businesses. He also assisted in forming Ad Astra Ventures, supporting female founders. He was previously director of sales for Tarsadia Hotels in Los Angeles and San Mateo for nearly eight years and was a national account executive for GRSNetworks.



STEPHEN FRIEDMAN

REGIONAL PRESIDENT, PACIFIC PREMIER BANK

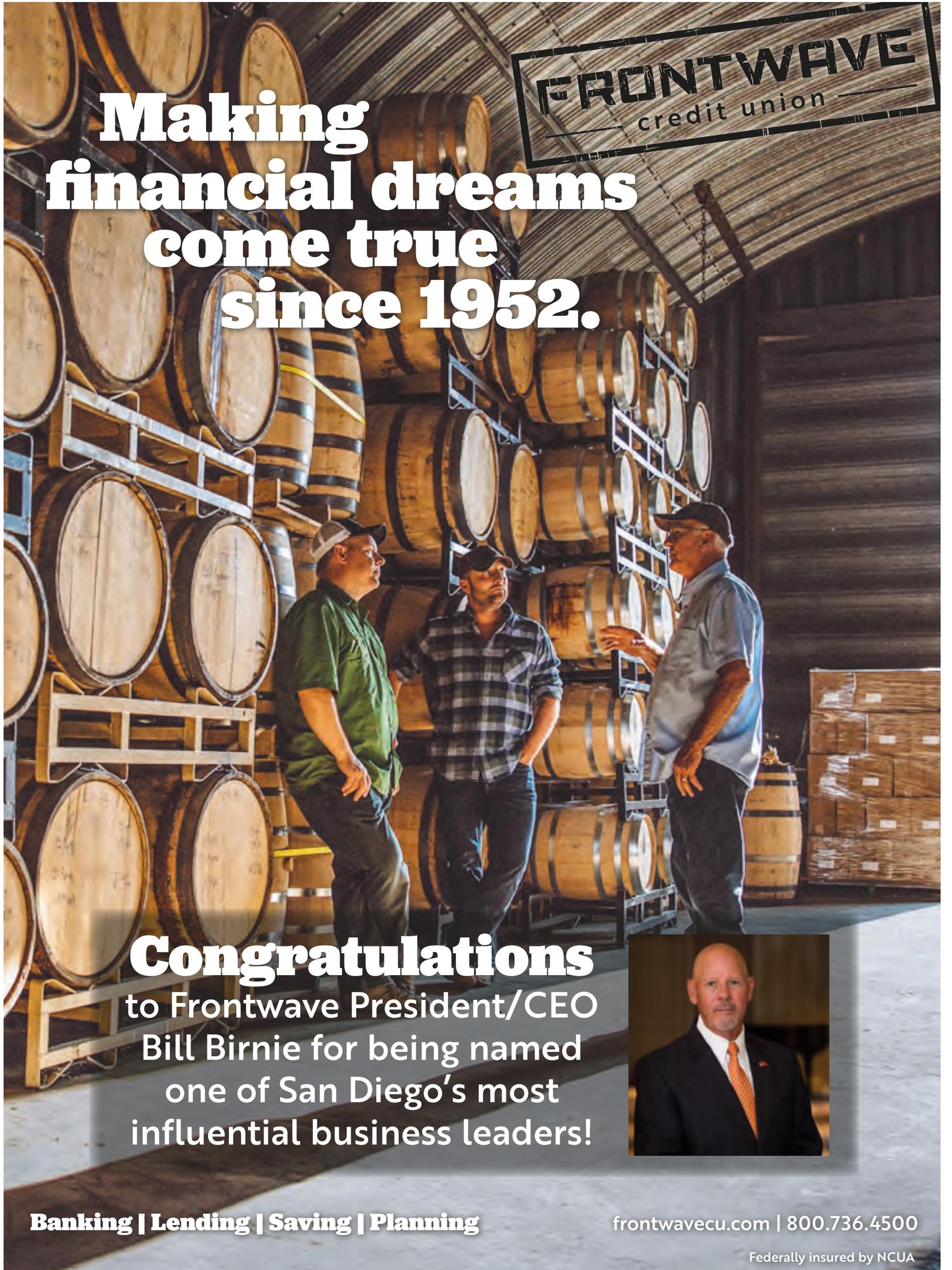
Stephen Friedman has been regional president for Pacific Premier Bank for four years. He was previously regional president and executive vice president at Regents Bank as well as senior VP at both CommerceWest Bank and Discovery Bank. He was also president and owner for five years of Jody's Baking Company, a wholesale bakery providing baked goods across San Diego County. He is on the board of directors at the nonprofit ACCESSITY. Friedman earned an MBA in finance from Boston College Carroll School of Management.



SALLIE GIBLIN

PRESIDENT, LOCKTON SAN DIEGO AND IRVINE

Sallie Giblin has been with Lockton Companies for 16 years and has been president for more than four years. She also served nearly 12 years as executive VP. Giblin was previously director of membership development at the San Diego HR Forum and also held positions at USI and Barney & Barney. Giblin was named in Business Insurance's "Women to Watch" in 2011. She also was recognized by Employee Benefit Advisor among the Most Influential Women in Benefit Advising and Risk & Insurance named her an Employee Benefits Power Broker.



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FOUNDER & CEO, NATIONAL FUNDING

Dave Gilbert is the Founder and CEO of National Funding. For nearly 24 years, he has provided strategic direction and championed small business owners. When National Funding purchased QuickBridge in 2018, Gilbert's foresight in combining the robust technology of the leading alternative financial services firm with National Funding's leading sales and customer service created a complimentary, powerhouse lending operation. He is an Executive Level member of the USC Marshall Partners.



KAREN HARRISON
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, COMMUNITY BANKING DIRECTOR, BANNER BANK

Karen Harrison has been senior VP, community banking director at Banner Bank since March. She was previously Senior VP, national SBA executive, national SB credit products and partners executive, SB regional manager for Bank of America for more than 10 years. Harrison was also executive VP, chief retail banking and marketing officer for USE Credit Union and was senior VP, marketing at Scripps Bank/US Bank. She also worked in product management for Home Federal Savings & Loan and was regional marketing officer at The Crocker Bank.



KRISHNA GOPINATHAN
CEO, APPLIED DATA FINANCE

Krishna Gopinathan co-founded and has been CEO of Applied Data Finance for more than eight years. He has over 25 years of experience in machine learning and data science, and is the author of 10 patents, including seminal patents in transaction-based predictive models for fraud detection and risk management. ADF focuses on consumer segments that are not well served by existing banks and non-bank lenders. Prior to Applied Data Finance, Gopinathan was the founder-CEO of fintech company Global Analytics.



PETER HEALD
CEO, SIGNATURE ANALYTICS

Peter Heald has been CEO at Signature Analytics for six years. Heald has more than 20 years of experience in developing leadership teams, driving profitable revenue and growing companies, working with industry-leading companies to drive profitable growth, implement and improve culture, and create service brands that stand for quality and professional integrity. He was previously president of the Cumming Corporation for eight years and was managing director for CBRA Group, Inc. He holds an MBA in entrepreneurship from USC Marshall School of Business.



MARK GRESCOVICH
PRESIDENT & CEO, BANNER BANK

Mark Grescovich has been president and CEO of Banner Corporation and Banner Bank for nearly 13 years. Grescovich is responsible for all operations of Banner Corporation, a \$10 billion multi-bank holding company. He was the Executive VP and Chief Corporate Banking Officer for FirstMerit Corporation and FirstMerit Bank N.A. He assumed the role for FirstMerit's commercial and regional line of business in 2007, previously serving starting in 1994 in various commercial and corporate banking positions, including that of Chief Credit Officer.



KRISTIAN ILKOV
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, UMPQUA BANK

Kristian Ilkov has been executive VP, southwest regional director at Umpqua Bank for nearly four years. Ilkov is a corporate banking executive focusing on midcap companies with specialty verticals in tribal/gaming, acquisition and development, and healthcare, providing financing solutions and growing the company's geographical footprint in the southwest. He was previously managing director/senior VP/regional manager at Bank of the West for nearly 15 years and was also a VP at US Bank.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & CO-FUND MANAGER, NUFUND VENTURE GROUP

As executive director of NuFund Venture Group, Ashok Kamal oversees one of the largest, most active and most successful early-stage investor groups over the past 20-plus years. This year, Kamal oversaw the rebranding of NuFund from its previous iteration of Tech Coast Angels – San Diego. NuFund has more than 350 active accredited investors from across the country and last year invested \$15 million into tech and life science startups.



ALAN LANE
CEO, SILVERGATE BANK

Alan Lane has been with Silvergate Bank since 2008 and is also CEO of Silvergate Capital Corporation. With more than 40 years of corporate and financial institution leadership experience, Lane formerly was director, president and COO of Southwest Community Bancorp; Vice Chairman and CEO of Financial Data Solutions, Inc.; and Director and CEO of Business Bank of California. Lane has served as president and CEO or CFO at a number of manufacturing and retail companies. He earned his B.A. in Economics from SDSU.



JASON KRUGER
PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER, SIGNATURE ANALYTICS

Jason Kruger is president of Signature Analytics, which he founded in 2008. Signature Analytics is an accounting firm that specializes in bookkeeping, financial consulting services and outsourced accounting. Kruger started Signature Analytics with the vision of taking the benefits and expertise of large company financial and accounting tools and processes and making them accessible to small and medium-sized businesses. Signature is an Inc. 5000 firm with offices throughout Southern California. Kruger was previously audit senior manager at Deloitte & Touche for six years.



QUINN LI
SENIOR VP AND GLOBAL HEAD, QUALCOMM VENTURES

Quinn Li has been Senior Vice President, Global Head of Qualcomm Ventures since 2018 and with Qualcomm Ventures for nearly 18 years. Li started with the company in 2005 as senior manager/director. He is a board observer for Cohesity and RetailNext and was a former board member at Airspan Networks, OneWeb and PowerCloud Systems. Li was also a product manager at IBM, a senior staff scientist for Broadcom Inc.; and a member of the tech staff for Lucent Technologies.



TODD LANE
PRESIDENT AND CEO, CALIFORNIA COAST CREDIT UNION

Todd Lane has been president and CEO at California Coast Credit Union for nearly nine years; he was previously SFO for five years. Lane also served as president and CEO at Executive Compensation Solutions, LLC, and was Executive VP/CFO at WesCorp for 22 years. He is a member of the board of directors for Neighborhood House Association and is also on the advisory board of SDSU Alumni Board of Directors as well as on the board of directors for Cal Coast Cares Foundation.



DAVID LOSEKE
MANAGING DIRECTOR, PRIVATE BANKING, FIRST REPUBLIC BANK

David Loseke has been managing director at First Republic Bank for more than 11 years. His team provides private banking services including lending, cash management and wealth planning, specializing in nonprofits, startups, tech and life science companies, real estate investors and professional firms. He leads the San Diego chapter of the Nonprofits Financial Executives Alliance affinity group. He was previously client manager, commercial banking for Bank of America Merrill Lynch, finance and acquisitions senior executive for Crown RV Group and was GM of Freedom Capital.

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SHAUN LUCAS

PRESIDENT AND CEO, MONTEREY FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, LLC/MONTEREY FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC

Shaun Lucas has been president and CEO at Monterey Financial Services, LLC, for four years and has been with the company for nearly 24 years. He was previously the VP of Operations and executive VP. Founded in 1993 and based in Oceanside, Monterey Financial Services LLC's mission is to empower businesses with the ability to optimize sales and cash recovery. It is also invested in aiding and empowering their local community organizations to thrive. Lucas earned a B.S. in biochemistry at Idaho State.



SILVIA MAH

FUND MANAGER, STELLA IMPACT CAPITAL FUND

Silvia Mah, Ph.D., is managing partner at Stella Impact Capital, a seed-stage venture fund, investing in diverse women founders building startups at the intersection of deep tech and impact. Mah serves as the Director of Innovation at Biola University. Mah has invested in more than 130 startups with six exits and one IPO. She is an Investment Committee member of Next Wave Impact, a social impact venture fund. She produces a globally recognized podcast, "She Invests!" She is on the board of directors of the Angel Capital Association.



JOHN MAGUIRE

DIVISION CEO, TORREY PINES BANK

John Maguire is division CEO of Torrey Pines Bank and one of the founding officers when the bank launched in 2003. Maguire became executive VP of Torrey Pines Bank in 2007, and previously managed the bank's La Mesa office. Maguire has been involved with the YMCA for more than 25 years and is a former chairman of the board for the YMCA of San Diego County. Torrey Pines Bank is part of top-performing Western Alliance Bancorporation, with more than \$65 billion in assets.



MARY ANN MCGARRY

CEO, GUILD MORTGAGE

Mary Ann McGarry has been president and CEO of Guild Mortgage for 38 years, and has been a member of its board of directors since 1988. Under her leadership, Guild has grown to become one of the largest and most experienced independent mortgage lenders in the U.S. with close to 4,000 employees and 205 retail branches in 33 states. McGarry has received multiple awards and accolades for her leadership and Guild is often recognized for its positive contributions to the community, commitment to customer service and collegial workplace culture.



ASHISH MASIH

PRESIDENT AND CEO, ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP

Ashish Masih has been president and CEO of Encore Capital Group for 13 years. Masih was previously at Capital One for nearly eight years, where he was VP of Collections, VP of Recoveries and Director/Business Unit CFO. He was also an associate principal at McKinsey & Company for five years. Masih earned an M.S. in manufacturing systems engineering at Lehigh University and an MBA in finance from The Wharton School. He was previously a member of the U.S. delegation of the U.S. India CEO Forum.



DAVID MICHAEL

MANAGING PARTNER, ANZU PARTNERS

David Michael is managing partner at Anzu Partners, a venture capital firm that focuses on technologies of tomorrow, with a specific focus on breakthrough technologies in life sciences. Michael led the development of Anzu's three investment funds with more than \$1 billion assets under management. Michael is a board director at e-Zinc, InterVenn Biosciences, ImmunoScape, BioSkrbyb Corp., Terapore Technologies, Inc., Pivotal Systems and NUBURU Inc. He is a professor of practice at UCSD and was part of the Boston Consulting Group for almost 30 years.



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STEVE O'CONNELL

PRESIDENT AND CEO, CALIFORNIA CREDIT UNION

Steve O'Connell has been president and CEO at California Credit Union since 2017 and was previously president/CEO of North Island Credit Union for more than four years. O'Connell was COO at California Credit Union for 10 years before his tenure at NICU. He was also senior VP financial reporting for Countrywide Home Loans Inc. in Calabasas and was a senior associate at Grant Thornton LLP in Los Angeles.



TERRY MOORE

MANAGING PARTNER, MOORE VENTURE PARTNERS AND MVP FUNDS

Terry Moore has been a managing partner at Moore Venture Partners, LP, for nearly 13 years. He is chairman and founder of The VC Roundtable, which started in 2002. The VC Roundtable provides a private forum for regular interaction between investors and attendees include venture capitalists, corporate investors and angels based in California. Moore was previously executive director at Morrison & Foerster Venture Network. He holds an MBA in venture management and marketing from USD.



MICHELLE OROSHAKOFF

CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER, LPL FINANCIAL

Michelle Oroschakoff has been Chief Legal Officer with LPL Financial for five years and previously was LPL's Chief Legal and Risk Officer and Chief Risk Officer. She has been with the company for nine years. She leads a more than 850-person Compliance, Legal & Risk team for LPL Financial, the nation's leading independent broker-dealer that offers services to more than 16,000 financial professionals and nearly 700 financial institutions. Oroschakoff was previously with Morgan Stanley in New York City, San Francisco and London.



A.J. MOYER

PRESIDENT AND CEO, C3BANK

A.J. Moyer has been president and CEO of C3bank for nine years. He was previously VP of business development and strategy at Behr Process Corporation and also was a senior auditor at KPMG U.S., both based in Orange County. Moyer is a CPA with more than 13 years of experience in financial planning and analysis. Founded in 1981, C3bank is a premier business and commercial real estate bank in Encinitas with offices in Lake San Marcos and Riverside along with a strong online presence.



CHIP F. PARKER

PRESIDENT AND CEO, LABX VENTURES

Chip F. Parker has been president and CEO of Labx Ventures for four years. He was previously with Leading BioSciences, Inc., which he co-founded in 2005, as well as co-founder and general partner of Leading Ventures LLC, and was founder and managing director of InLab Ventures. He was an angel investor with Angel Club for nearly seven years and was also founder and CEO of Tech Coast, Moviegoers.com and REALM Internet. He was a reservist with the U.S. Coast Guard.



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SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, REGION EXECUTIVE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST BUSINESS BANKING, BANK OF AMERICA
 Julian Parra has been SVP and regional commercial banking executive at Bank of America Merrill Lynch for seven years. Parra has been with BofA for more than 23 years and was also a commercial banking market executive and commercial credit product manager for the company. He is immediate past chairman on the board of directors for the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation and was director at the Center for Advancing Global Business at SDSU. He earned an MBA in finance/marketing at The University of Chicago.



GREGORY RICHARDSON
LEAD ADVISOR, PRINCIPAL, DOWLING & YAHNKE, LLC
 Gregory Richardson has been with Dowling & Yahnke, LLC for more than eight years and has been lead advisor and principal for three years. Richardson advises clients in investment management and financial planning, guiding them through wealth accumulation, distribution and preservation. He began his career in 2002 in the investment advisory field at Lindsay & Brownell, LLP and then Cullington Hill Advisors. He has an M.S. in personal financial planning. Richardson is also on the board of directors of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation.



JACK PERKINS
FOUNDER AND CEO, CFO HUB
 Jack Perkins is founder and CEO of CFO Hub, established in 2017, a group of CFOs, controllers and accountants that work to manage companies' in-house financial operations. Perkins is also managing director at GovCFO, which provides government contractors with tailored services. He was previously CFO of Tourmaline Labs and Red Hill Realty Investors and also was controller at Pollen and Events.com. He began his career in public accounting and is a licensed CPA in the state of California.



MANUEL RODRIGUEZ
MARKET PRESIDENT, U.S. BANK
 Manuel Rodriguez has been with U.S. Bank for nearly seven years. He has been market president – San Diego Commercial Banking for four years and was VP, Relationship Manager, Gaming Division, for nearly three years. Rodriguez is a board member of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation, the Downtown San Diego Partnership and Junior Achievement of San Diego County. He was VP, Interest Rate Derivative Sales with Wells Fargo for seven of the nearly 13 years he was with the company.



ALAN PROHASKA
SAN DIEGO MARKET REGIONAL PRESIDENT, PNC BANK
 Alan Prohaska has been Regional President and Head of Corporate Banking at PNC Bank since 2020, coordinating PNC's efforts throughout San Diego County. Prohaska was previously with Wells Fargo for more than eight years, most recently Region Manager Middle Market Bank. He was also West Region Business Risk Manager, Senior Vice President, with Wells Fargo. Prohaska is on the board of directors for the San Diego Symphony, San Diego YMCA and the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation.



ALEX RODRIGUEZ
SVP/RELATIONSHIP MANAGER, ENTERPRISE BANK & TRUST
 Alex Rodriguez has been Senior VP/Relationship Manager with Enterprise Bank & Trust for 13 years. He is a member of the board of directors for ACCESSITY. Rodriguez has a long history of working in the banking industry and is skilled in commercial lending, risk management, management banking and credit analysis. He earned an MBA in business, management, marketing and related support services from National University and has a graduate banking degree from Pacific Coast Banking School at the University of Washington.



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NATHAN ROGGE
PRESIDENT & CEO, FRIENDLY HILLS BANK

Nathan Rogge has been president and CEO at Friendly Hills Bank for nearly a year. Friendly Hills Bank is a community bank focused on serving businesses in southern California. He was previously president of the Bank of Southern California for 13 years. He was also EVP and COO at First Business Bank and senior VP, business banking at First Republic Bank, Senior VP, business banking at First National Bank of San Diego, and VP at Wells Fargo Bank.



AARON RYAN
REGION MANAGER, COMMERCIAL BANKING,
JPMORGAN CHASE & CO.

Aaron Ryan, a graduate of Vista High, has been managing director/region head/San Diego Middle Market Banking at JPMorgan Chase for three years. Ryan previously worked as SVP/relationship manager for six years in Irvine at Wells Fargo, the company where he was employed for nearly 20 years. Ryan was also VP Area Manager in Orange County and VP Senior Relationship Manager in Long Beach for Wells Fargo.



DANIEL SCHROEDER
MANAGING DIRECTOR, FIRST REPUBLIC BANK

Daniel Schroeder has been managing director at First Republic Bank for seven years. He is on the board of advisors for Life Science Cares San Diego, hosts a Biotech and Breweries podcast and is a former member of Girls Inc. of San Diego County. Schroeder was vice president at VA Compass in La Jolla, worked for Bank of America for nearly three years and at Wells Fargo for nearly seven years. He has worked in the banking industry since 2002.



DEBRA SCHWARTZ
CEO, MISSION FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Debra Schwartz has been CEO of Mission Federal Credit Union for over 15 years. Schwartz has been a board member of NAFCU for nearly 11 years and is a board member on the executive committee at Junior Achievement of San Diego County. She was previously CFO at First Future Credit Union and EVP at San Diego County Credit Union. She is a graduate of State University of New York at Fredonia and earned an MBA in finance from USC Marshall School of Business.



STEVEN SEFTON
PRESIDENT, ENDEAVOR BANK

Steven D. Sefton has been president of Endeavor Bank for more than five years and was previously president and CEO of Regents Bank and SVP/manager of the Inland Empire Commercial Banking Group. He served as regional VP of Mellon First Business Bank in the Inland Empire for nearly 15 years. Sefton is on the advisory board and finance committee for The Salvation Army and is a former board member of California Bankers Association and San Diego Foundation. He was a founding member of Inland Empire's City of Hope.



JASON SHIDLER
DEPUTY REGIONAL MANAGING DIRECTOR, FIRST REPUBLIC BANK

Jason Shidler has been senior managing director at First Republic for nearly two decades and also has been deputy regional banking managing director at First Republic for the past four years. He was previously VP Senior Commercial Lender at First National Bank of San Diego and was VP Senior Commercial Lender at Wells Fargo for eight years. Shidler was a trustee at the San Diego Natural History Museum and at Second Chance.



ADAM STETTNER
FOUNDER AND CEO, FUNDCANNA

Adam Stettner is CEO and founder of FundCanna, which since September 2021 has provided flexible capital solutions for the cannabis industry. Stettner and his team bring more than 20 years and \$20 billion in funding experience. He previously was CEO and founder in 2008 of Reliant Funding, was president/CMO and co-founder of National Lending Associates and was senior VP for CIT Group/Student Loan Xpress. He is an advisor at Dingman Center for Entrepreneurship and was a volunteer with the San Diego Food Bank.



PAUL THIEL
REGION PRESIDENT, NORTHERN TRUST WEALTH MANAGEMENT

Paul Thiel has been president of Northern Trust Wealth Management in the San Diego Region for nearly five years. Thiel also works part time as an angel investor for NuFund Venture Group, is on the board of directors and chairman of finance for the La Jolla Institute for Immunology and an advisory board member for Second Chance Beer Co. He is a member of the board of directors for the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation and is major and planned gifts chair with the Challenged Athletes Foundation.



PETER N. TOWNSHEND
MANAGING PARTNER, TOWNSHEND VENTURE ADVISORS LLP

Peter N. Townshend has been managing partner at Townshend Venture Advisors, LLP, for nearly six years. Townshend is CFO of Shop My Porch and managing partner at Ambix Venture Capital, which invests in medical device and other types of life science startups. He is a board member of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation and Family Proud Inc. He earned an MBA from Berkeley's Haas School of Business and a JD from Berkeley School of Law.



CAITLIN WEGE
PRESIDENT, NUFUND VENTURE GROUP

Caitlin Wege is managing partner at MooDoos Investments, a private family-owned investment fund that invests in early-stage companies throughout the U.S. and Canada. Wege also is the first president at NuFund Venture Group (formerly Tech Coast Angels' San Diego chapter). She is also chair of the Wege Foundation, an environmentally focused family foundation based in Grand Rapids, Michigan; vice chair of Startup San Diego; and a board member of The Zahn Innovation Center at SDSU.



MARK WERNIG
LEAD ADVISOR, PRINCIPAL, DOWLING & YAHNKE WEALTH ADVISORS

Mark Wernig has been with Dowling & Yahnke Wealth Advisors for nearly eight years. He has been co-CEO since March 2022 and was previously principal, lead advisor and associate advisor at the firm. Wernig was a surface warfare officer with the U.S. Navy for 11 years and is currently a U.S. Navy reservist. He is an ambassador on the workforce development advisory group CFPBoard and a board member of the San Diego Military Advisory Council, Cancer for College and Armed Services YMCA Camp Pendleton.



VANESSA WIELICZKO
CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER & PARTNER,
HOYLECOHEN, LLC

Vanessa Wieliczko has been with HoyleCohen, LLC for 14 years and has been Chief Investment Officer (partner) for nearly two years. She oversees \$2.74 billion in assets under management and leads more than 50 employees. She was previously the company's director of investments, investment analyst and client relationship manager. Wieliczko is director and past president (sponsorship chair) at CFA Society San Diego and is also a mentor with the group. She is a society leader representative with Collaborative WIM Initiative, a global alliance furthering inclusion and diversity.



DALE YAHNKE
CEO, DOWLING & YAHNKE LLC

Dale Yahnke is CEO and founding principal at Dowling & Yahnke, LLC. The company started in 1991 and is an independent, fee-only registered investment advisor that manages nearly \$4 billion for more than 1,000 clients, primarily individuals, families and nonprofit organizations, providing customized solutions in investment management, retirement planning and charitable giving. Yahnke, who started his career as a financial analyst with DLA Piper US LLP in 1985, holds the Chartered Financial Analyst, Certified Financial Planner designations. Yahnke earned an MBA in finance from SDSU.



DAN YATES
CO-FOUNDER & CEO, ENDEAVOR BANK

Dan Yates co-founded and has been CEO of Endeavor Bank since 2017. Yates helped start Endeavor Bank, a publicly traded, community-focused business bank, to serve needs of privately held businesses and the personal banking needs for executives with those companies. Yates was previously president and CEO of Neighborhood Bancorp, was a member of the board of directors of National Technical Systems, was president of Grandpoint Bank and was president/CEO and founder of Regents Bank (2001). Yates is president and a board member with The Conrad Prebys Foundation.

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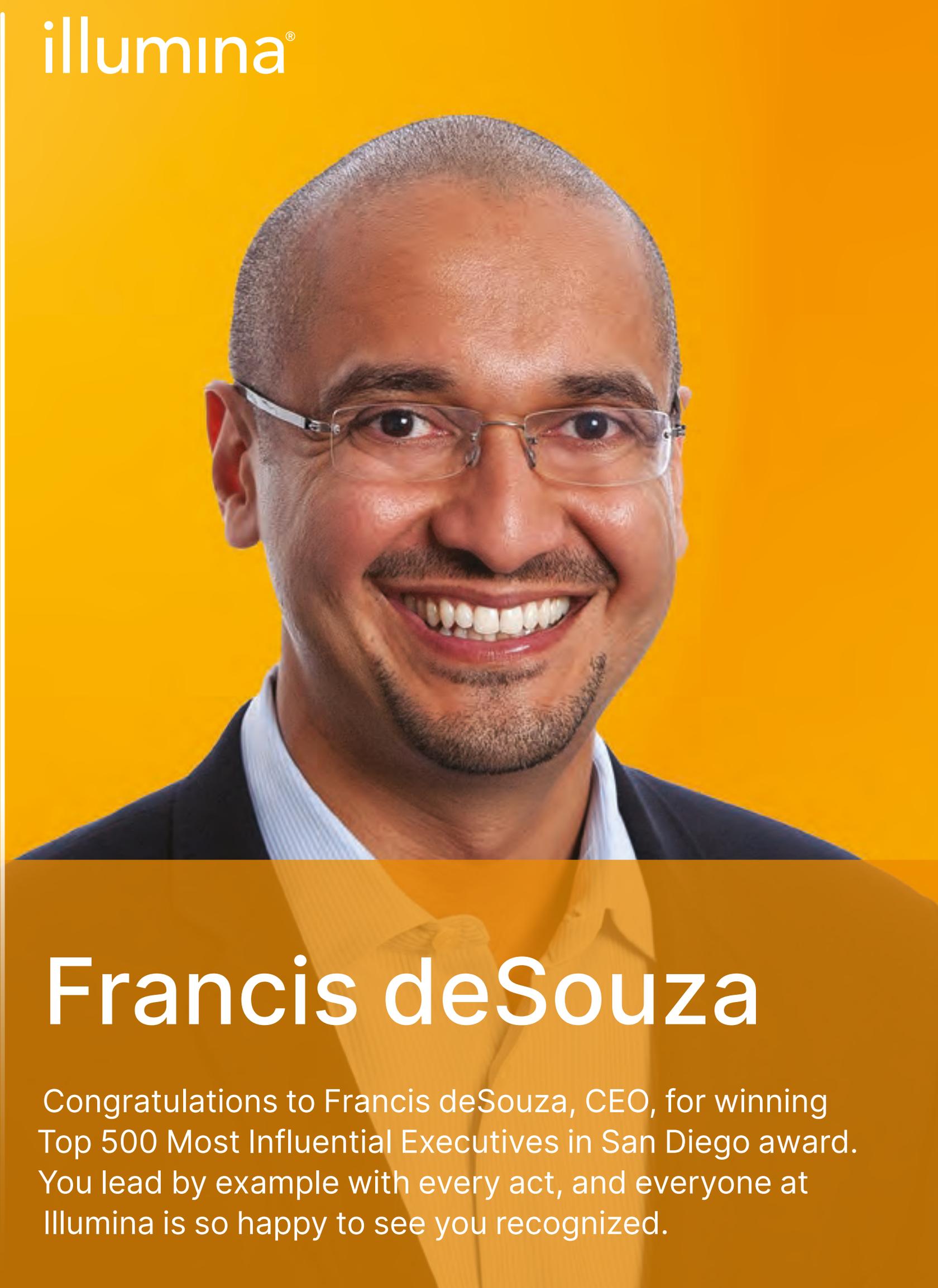


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FOUNDER & CEO
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A portrait of Francis deSouza, CEO of Illumina, smiling and wearing glasses and a suit. The background is a solid orange color.

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Francis deSouza

Congratulations to Francis deSouza, CEO, for winning Top 500 Most Influential Executives in San Diego award. You lead by example with every act, and everyone at Illumina is so happy to see you recognized.

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A portrait of Sharon Vidal, a woman with long, wavy blonde hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a dark blazer over a light-colored collared shirt. The background is a solid orange color.

Sharon Vidal

Sharon Vidal, Sr. Director, Head of Corporate Responsibility, has been honored with this award. Your teammates at Illumina could not be more proud of you.



DAWN BARRY

PRESIDENT & CO-FOUNDER, LUNADNA

Dawn Barry is a longtime leader in genomics. Before co-founding LunaDNA, Barry was the vice president of Applied Genomics at Illumina building pioneering teams from health screening to nutritional security. LunaDNA is a Public Benefit Corporation that connects individuals and communities of people with shared conditions with researchers to better understand health and drive new breakthroughs together.



DAVID BRENNER, M.D.

PRESIDENT & CEO, SANFORD BURNHAM PREBYS

David Brenner, M.D. has a long history of leading, founding and collaborating top research institutes in San Diego. This year, Brenner stepped into a new role in the San Diego research ecosystem as president and CEO of Sanford Burnham Prebys. Prior to taking the lead at SBP, he served as vice chancellor for Health Services at UC San Diego for the last 15 years, guiding nearly \$2 billion in expansions.



CHRIS BARRY

CEO, NUVASIVE

Chris Barry has extensive experience leading healthcare and medical device companies. Before taking the leadership role at NuVasive, he served as senior vice president and president of surgical innovations at Medtronic and was president of Advanced Surgical Technologies at Covidien before it was acquired by Medtronic. He has led NuVasive to over \$1 billion in revenue, operations in 50 countries and over 3,000 employees.



DOUGLAS BRYANT

CEO, QUIDEL CORPORATION

Douglas Bryant leads Quidel Corporation, a leading diagnostic healthcare provider headquartered in San Diego with commercial and manufacturing operations around the world. For the last few years under Bryant's leadership, Quidel has been a leading provider of at-home COVID-19 test kits. Before taking the leading role at Quidel in 2009, Bryant held leadership roles at Luminex Corporation and Abbott.



LUKE BERGMAN

DIRECTOR, SAN DIEGO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

Luke Bergman has almost two decades of experience in public health, much of it leading or working in departments in some of the nation's largest metro areas. As director of the county's Behavioral Health Services, Bergman is in charge of nine county-operated programs, over 300 contracts, and 800 individual fee-for-service providers serving around 111,000 residents with mental health or substance abuse disorders.



AARON BYZAK

CHIEF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICER, TRI-CITY MEDICAL CENTER

Aaron Byzak leads marketing, communications, government affairs and community engagement at Tri-City Medical Center. In 2022, Byzak secured approval for the Tri-City Psychiatric Health Facility project and served as chair of the San Diego North Economic Development Council. He was recognized as Outstanding Social Responsibility Executive of the Year by the SDBJ and his team earned 23 Finest Awards from the Healthcare Communicators of Southern California. He is a graduate of UC Irvine's Paul Merage School of Business.



KIM BLICKENSTAFF

EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, TANDEM DIABETES CARE INC.

Kim Blickenstaff has been a leader of Tandem Diabetes Care in one form or another since 2007, first serving as president and CEO until 2019, then as executive chair until 2020 before transitioning to his current role. Before leading Tandem, he led Biosite Inc. as CEO and held leadership positions at Medivation, Inc., which was acquired by Pfizer, and Dexcom, Inc.



JAMES CALLAGHAN, JR.

PRESIDENT & CEO, MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS

James Callaghan, Jr. leads Mental Health Systems, a company which employs 950 people throughout California with annual revenue of \$120 million that provides behavioral health, substance abuse, criminal justice, housing and veteran services. Callaghan is an expert in multiple industries including social services, technology, real estate acquisitions and lease negotiations. He has 10 years of nonprofit governance experience, over 20 years of development and entitlement experience, and 20 years of construction experience.



KATE BRODERICK

SENIOR VP, TRI-LINK BIOTECHNOLOGIES

Kate Broderick has extensive experience leading multi-disciplinary groups from discovery and R&D to engineering and clinical teams. She has expertise in gene delivery, medical devices, gene therapies for the treatment of various infectious diseases, immuno-oncology and vaccine development. Before joining Tri-Link, she led R&D at Inovio Pharmaceuticals. She was a post-doctoral research scholar at UC San Diego and holds a Ph.D. from the University of Glasgow.



CARIN CANALE-THEAKSTON

FOUNDER & CEO, EVOKE CANALE

As leader of Evoke Canale (previously Canale Communications), Carin Canale-Theakston works closely with client teams, having provided senior level strategy to more than 500 life science companies of all shapes and sizes ranging from pre-series A financing to billion-dollar public companies such as Amgen and Johnson & Johnson. Throughout her career, she advised a diverse range of firms in biotechnology, biopharmaceuticals, medical devices, diagnostics, research and providers of enabling technologies.



JOE BURNETT

PRESIDENT & CEO, CLEARPOINT NEURO, INC.

Joe Burnett has extensive experienced leading therapy-enabling platform companies. Before taking the helm at ClearPointNeuro in 2017, he held leadership roles at Philips and prior to that at Volcano before that company was acquired by Phillips. Under Burnett's leadership, ClearPoint successfully rebranded from MRI Interventions, Inc. to better represent the company's latest direction into delivery of biologics, gene and stem cell therapies to the brain.



DEVON CAYER

CO-FOUNDER & CEO, 1859, INC.

Devon Cayer co-founded 1859, Inc. in 2018 to build a platform that will lower cost and reduce time for researchers in drug discovery. Before leading 1859, Cayer co-founded MYi Diagnostics and Discovery in 2015. He was a principal investigator at Singular Genomics, a senior scientist at Omniome and a scientist at The Scripps Research Institute working with Weian Zhao of UC Irvine to develop novel microfluidic detection technologies – the basis for 1859, Inc.'s platform.

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LOU COOPERHOUSE

FOUNDER, PRESIDENT & CEO, BLUENALU

Lou Cooperhouse, a leading global authority in food business innovation and technology commercialization, leads BlueNalu in its mission to be a global leader in cell-cultured seafood. This year, BlueNalu secured partnerships with global food companies and expanded into a 40,000-square-foot innovation center. During his more than three-decade long career in the food industry, Cooperhouse has led cross-functional teams at multinational corporations, foodservice and retail operations, new business startups and university entrepreneurship and innovation centers.



ERIC DUBE

PRESIDENT & CEO, TRAVERE THERAPEUTICS

Eric Dube leads Traverre Therapeutics – a company focused on rare disease – with a passion born of his own experience battling two diagnoses of two rare cancers. Prior to joining Traverre, Dube was head of ViiV North America and also held various leadership roles at GlaxoSmithKline. In addition to leading Traverre, Dube is also an independent director at Reneo Pharmaceuticals and is a recognized leader in the LGBTQ community.



STEPHEN DAVIS

PRESIDENT & CEO, ACADIA PHARMACEUTICALS

Stephen Davis has extensive experience leading life science companies, going all the way back to 1994 when he was president and CEO of Neurogen Corporation. Today he leads ACADIA, a pharma company that has developed and commercialized the first and only approved therapy for hallucinations and delusions associated with Parkinson's disease. Previously, Davis served as executive vice president and chief operating officer at Heron Therapeutics, Inc., where he still serves as a board member today.



MICHAEL DUGAN

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT & CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, BIOCEPT, INC.

As CMO at Biocept, Michael Dugan leads clinical strategic development and oversees the company's College of American Pathologists accredited CLIA clinical laboratory. Biocept is a leading commercial provider of blood and liquid biopsies for solid tumors, as well as COVID-19 testing. In addition to his work at Biocept, Dugan for the last 13 years has held various committee and leadership roles at College of American Pathologists.



FRANCIS deSOUZA

CEO, ILLUMINA, INC.

Francis deSouza leads Illumina, Inc. – the leading provider of genomic sequencing services worldwide. DeSouza shepherded the company during the COVID-19 pandemic as the need for genomic testing and surveying grew across the globe. Under his leadership, Illumina has developed new technologies that have lowered cost of sequencing while also increasing the company's revenue, which reached over \$4.5 billion in 2021. In addition to leading Illumina, deSouza is also an Audit Committee member for the Walt Disney Company.



MICK FARRELL

CEO, RESMED

Mick Farrell is chief executive of ResMed – the global leader in the development, manufacturing and marketing of medical products and digital health solutions for the treatment and management of respiratory disorders. Prior to taking the chief executive job in 2013, Farrell was president of ResMed Americas, where he ran ResMed's commercial operations for the U.S., Canada and Latin America. He also was previously senior vice president of the global sleep apnea business for ResMed, including diagnostic and therapeutic products and solutions.



STEVE DIETLIN

PRESIDENT AND CEO, TRI-CITY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

Steve Dietlin has helmed Tri-City Healthcare District since 2016 after joining the organization three years earlier as CFO. With over three decades of experience, Dietlin leads one of the area's largest healthcare organizations, which is consistently recognized for clinical excellence and positive community impact. In 2021, Dietlin received CEO of the Year honors from the SDBJ and proudly serves on a number of influential nonprofit boards including the California Hospital Association, The Hospital Association of San Diego & Imperial Counties - Immediate Past Chair, The District Hospital Leadership Forum - Board Executive Committee and the Boys and Girls Club of Oceanside.



JANE FINLEY

SR. VICE PRESIDENT & AREA MANAGER, KAISER PERMANENTE

Jane Finley is senior vice president and area manager for all the Kaiser Permanente facilities in San Diego, including its hospitals and 24 medical offices and its more than 7,700 employees and 1,100 physicians who care for nearly 600,000 patients throughout the county. Finley's responsibilities include oversight of all health care delivery, financial operations, business strategy, health plan and hospital support. She previously served as chair of the Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties.



GEORGE T. DEVRIES III

CHAIRMAN & CEO, AMERICAN SPECIALTY HEALTH

George DeVries co-founded American Specialty Health (ASH) in 1987 and guided the company's growth as it became one of the nation's largest health services organizations. DeVries led ASH to develop its own national provider group supported by other ASH subsidiaries including a national insurance carrier, a specialty health plan in California, an IPA in New York and other organizations currently covering 33.6 million Americans.



PATRICIO FRIAS

PRESIDENT & CEO, RADY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Patricio "Patrick" Frias is president and CEO of Rady Children's Hospital and Health Center - a 551-bed pediatric care facility providing medical services in San Diego, Riverside and Imperial counties. Frias took the lead role at Rady in 2018 after serving as chief operating officer at Children's Healthcare in Atlanta. He is a pediatric cardiologist and electrophysiologist who transitioned from patient care into administrative leadership with increasing levels of responsibility at Children's Healthcare before coming to Rady.



ROB DOUGLAS

PRESIDENT & COO, RESMED

Rob Douglas began working at ResMed in 2001 as vice president of corporate marketing and has since served in roles of increasing responsibility for the company. In addition to his role at ResMed, Douglas also serves as co-vice chairman on the Board of Directors of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation, as well as vice chairman on the Board of Directors of EvoNexus, a nonprofit technology incubator.



RUSTY GAGE

PRESIDENT, SALK INSTITUTE

In addition to institutional leadership as president of Salk Institute, Rusty Gage is a professor and Vi and John Adler Chair for Research on Age-Related Neurodegenerative Diseases in the Laboratory of Genetics. His work concentrates on the adult central nervous system and unexpected plasticity and adaptability to environmental stimulation. In 2020 he received the International Society for Stem Cell Research Achievement Award and in 2018 was named ARCS Foundation Scientist of the Year.

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a grey blazer and a black skirt, stands on a balcony at night. She is leaning on a metal railing and smiling. In the background, a city skyline is visible with several tall buildings illuminated against the dark sky.

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MARK GERGEN

CEO, POSEIDA THERAPEUTICS

Under the leadership of Mark Gergen, Poseida Therapeutics has landed partnerships with two of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies – Roche and Takeda. Poseida is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company leveraging proprietary next-generation, non-viral gene engineering technologies to create ground-breaking, life-saving cell and gene therapies for patients with high unmet medical needs. Before joining Poseida, Gergen was chief operating officer of Halozyme and chief operating officer at Mirati Therapeutics.



DIANE HANSEN

PRESIDENT & CEO, PALOMAR HEALTH

With almost 20 years of experience in the healthcare industry, Diane Hansen has held positions in the for-profit, not-for-profit and governmental acute care hospitals in both academic and community medical centers. Under her executive leadership of the largest hospital district in California, Palomar Medical Center Escondido — Palomar Health's anchor hospital — earned the titles of "Best Regional Hospital" by U.S. News & World Report, "World's Best Hospitals" by Newsweek and "America's 250 Best Hospitals" by Healthgrades.



TOM GILMAN

PRESIDENT & CEO, BIOSERO

As CEO of Biosero, Tom Gilman drives the company's commercialization strategy and team development. Biosero rapidly develops innovative software solutions that enable scientists, researchers and technologists to use automation successfully every day. For more than 30 years, Gilman has delivered on the promise of automation in the lab as a manager at Beckman and IGEN, and subsequently as an executive at HCG and Apricot Designs.



JEFF HAWKINS

CEO, QUANTUM-SI

Jeff Hawkins is a longtime leader in the life science industry, most recently taking the chief executive job at Quantum-Si – a company leveraging semiconductor technology to power proteomics. Before taking the CEO position at Quantum-Si in October of this year, Hawkins led Truvian Sciences as CEO. And before working at Truvian, he held leadership positions at Illumina and GenMark Diagnostics.



KEVIN GORMAN

PRESIDENT & CEO, NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES

Kevin Gorman is a founder of Neurocrine Biosciences and currently serves as president and CEO. He previously was the company's chief operating officer after having served as executive vice president and chief business officer and senior vice president of business development. Neurocrine is a leader in neuroscience, with FDA-approved therapies for tardive dyskinesia, Parkinson's disease, endometriosis and uterine fibroids, as well as clinical programs in multiple therapeutic areas.



MELISSA HAYDEN-COOK

PRESIDENT & CEO, SHARP HEALTH PLAN

Since joining Sharp Health Plan in 2005, Melissa Hayden-Cook has led an organization-wide effort to make high-quality health care accessible to San Diegans. Under her leadership, Sharp Health Plan has been consistently recognized in California and nationally for its care and service, providing award-winning health care to more than 140,000 members in San Diego and Riverside counties. She also sits on the boards of the California Association of Health Plans and the Health Plan Alliance.



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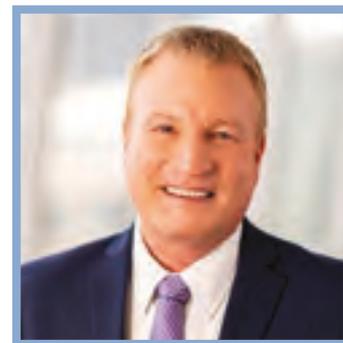
Christopher D. Howard

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Chief Executive Officer
Sharp Rees-Stealy Medical Group



Brett McClain

Executive Vice President and
Chief Operating Officer, Sharp HealthCare





DAVE HAZELBACK
FOUNDER & CEO, GLOBAL ALGAE

Dave Hazelback is an innovator in the field of biofuels. This year, Global Algae Innovations received a \$1 million X Prize for its solution to use algae farming at scale to produce alternatives to palm oil, which will save carbon-sequestering rainforests. Hazelback began his research into algae-derived oils and fuels while working on a DARPA-funded project when he was employed by General Atomics.



JOHN HIGGINS
CEO, LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS

John Higgins leads Ligand – a biopharma firm focused on developing or acquiring technologies that help pharmaceutical companies discover and develop medicines. Prior to joining Ligand, Higgins served as chief financial officer at Connetics Corporation, and also served as executive vice president of Finance and Administration and Corporate Development at Connetics until its acquisition by Stiefel Laboratories in 2006. Before joining Connetics, he was a member of the executive management team at BioCryst Pharmaceuticals.



MOLLY HE
CEO & CO-FOUNDER, ELEMENT BIOSCIENCES

This year, Element Biosciences CEO Molly He oversaw the commercial launch of the company's genomic sequencer, the AVITI System, which was designed to be a more affordable way to do genomic sequencing, allowing more clinics and researchers access to genomic science. He has over 20 years of experience in biotechnology and healthcare and previously held roles at Foresite Capital as well as Illumina, where she served as director of scientific research.



CHRISTOPHER HOWARD
PRESIDENT & CEO, SHARP HEALTHCARE

As CEO of Sharp Healthcare, Chris Howard oversees a workforce of more than 19,000 employees, approximately 2,700 affiliated physicians and 1,800 volunteers at four acute-care hospitals, three specialty hospitals, three affiliated medical groups, six urgent care centers, three skilled nursing facilities, hospice, state-of-the-art outpatient facilities and a health plan. Howard's career spans three decades working with integrated care delivery systems, hospitals, medical groups and health plans.



CARL HULL
CEO & CO-FOUNDER, MARAVAI LIFESCIENCES

Carl Hull co-founded and has led Maravai since 2014. Maravai is a leading life sciences company providing critical products to enable the development of drug therapies, diagnostics, and novel vaccines. Maravai's companies are leaders in providing products and services in the fields of nucleic acid synthesis and biologics safety testing to many of the world's leading biopharmaceutical, vaccine, diagnostics, and cell and gene therapy companies.



FREDERICK HOWE
FOUNDER, CHAIRMAN & CEO, MEDIMPACT HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS

Frederick Howe founded and leads MedImpact Healthcare Systems, Inc., the nation's largest privately held full-service pharmacy benefit manager, with 47 million covered lives. Howe has been a leader in bringing technology to pharmacy claims for over 30 years. Howe's philanthropy supports the American Red Cross, Rady Children's Hospital of San Diego, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of America, March of Dimes and the Make-A-Wish Foundation, among many others.



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STACEY HROUNTAS
CEO, SHARP REES-STEALY MEDICAL CENTERS

Stacey Hrountas has over 30 years of experience in healthcare and began her career at Sharp in 1994. At Sharp Rees-Stealy, she leads a team of more than 3,000 employees supporting 700 primary and specialty care physicians and advanced practice providers. Sharp Rees-Stealy serves more than 400,000 patients at 19 medical office sites, five urgent care centers and eight retail pharmacies throughout San Diego County.



SABRINA JOHNSON
PRESIDENT & CEO, DARÉ BIOSCIENCE

Sabrina Martucci Johnson founded Daré Bioscience in 2015 and has served as the women's reproductive healthcare company's leader since its inception. This year, the company entered into a license agreement with Hennepin Life Sciences under which Daré acquired the exclusive global rights to develop and commercialize treatments delivering antimicrobial glycerol monolaurate intravaginally for a variety of vaginal health conditions including bacterial, fungal and viral infections.



SUNEER JAIN
CEO & FOUNDER, SUN GENOMICS

Suneer "Sunny" Jain founded Sun Genomics in 2016. The company specializes in making probiotics custom tailored to each customer's individual microbiome and is marketed under the brand Floré. Jain has 21 years of molecular and microbiology experience with 13 years of expertise in laboratory/operations management with six years at the executive level. Among his specialties in business are fundraising, team building, clinical assay development and test commercialization.



LAURA JOSH
AREA PRESIDENT, GALLAGHER

Laura Josh, area president for Gallagher, led local and national affairs efforts for California Schools VEBA, a nonprofit healthcare trust, which resulted in the passage of AB1124 to develop a first of its kind contracting healthcare model for California. This new model improves quality and transparency while potentially saving more than \$100 million annually for employers. Gallagher also views Josh as a national leader in pooled purchasing options within an organization with more than 30,000 employees.



STEVE JENNINGS
SENIOR VP & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RADY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Steve Jennings has been with Rady Children's Hospital and health Center since 2013 overseeing fundraising, marketing and government relations. He is both a senior vice president and the head of the hospital's foundation. Jennings has more than 15 years of institutional fundraising experience in higher education and health and human services that includes roles at Rady Children's Hospital and UCLA.



ENOCH KARIUKI
CEO, LENGO THERAPEUTICS

Dr. Enoch Kariuki is an accomplished industry leader with broad experience in healthcare strategy, life sciences finance, operations and business development. In 2021, he was named CEO of Lengo, a biopharmaceutical company developing precision medicines targeting driver mutations in oncology. Prior to joining Lengo, Dr. Kariuki was chief financial officer at VelosBio, a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing novel, first-in-class cancer therapies.



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President and Chief Executive Officer, Health Center Partners

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**AYUB KHATTACK****CEO & CO-FOUNDER, CUE HEALTH**

Ayub Khattack leads health technology company Cue Health. Under his leadership, the company went public in 2021 and also developed the Cue Health Monitoring System that enables fast, frequent, lab-quality diagnostics by anyone, anywhere. Cue's COVID-19 test kit provides accurate, lab-quality results in about 20 minutes. The company was conceived in 2010 after Khattack and co-founder Clint Sever recognized problems with how the current health structure collects, communicates and uses health data.

**MICHAEL LALICH****AREA MEDICAL DIRECTOR, KAISER PERMANENTE**

Dr. Michael Lalich leads the Southern California Permanente Medical Group in San Diego, including 1,400 physicians providing primary, emergency and specialty care throughout San Diego County. Dr. Lalich is passionate about community service and champions a number of local charities and events, including Kaiser Permanente's annual Thrive Half Marathon & 5K events benefitting Make-A-Wish San Diego.

**PRESTON KLASSEN, M.D., MHS****PRESIDENT & CEO, METACRINE**

In 2020, Dr. Preston Klassen took the helm at Metacrine, a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company pioneering new therapies for patients with GI and liver diseases. Previously, he was EVP and head of R&D at Arena Pharmaceuticals and Orexigen Therapeutics. A graduate of the Duke University School of Medicine, earlier in his career Dr. Klassen also held several positions of increasing responsibility at Amgen, including Therapeutic Area Head for Nephrology.

**GENE LAY****PRESIDENT & CEO, BIOLEGEND**

Gene Lay, M.S., D.V.M., runs BioLegend, a global developer and manufacturer of antibodies and reagents headquartered in San Diego. Last year, BioLegend agreed to be acquired by PerkinElmer for approximately \$5.25 billion. Lay grew up in Taiwan and completed his undergraduate studies at National Pingtung University of Science and Technology's School of Veterinary Medicine. In 1987, he and Ernie Huang co-founded PharMingen, later acquired by Becton Dickinson. In 2016, Lay received SDBJ's Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

**JOSH KOMENDA****PRESIDENT & CEO, VEYO**

Josh Komenda runs healthcare logistics leader, Veyo, a full-service Non-Emergency Medical Transportation brokerage designed specifically for healthcare. Komenda has reinvented the patient transportation model by integrating consumer technology with healthcare-credentialed rideshare fleets to increase access to healthcare appointments. Veyo has completed over 32 million trips, ensuring that vulnerable and underserved communities or those with mobility issues have a reliable transportation option for healthcare.

**COLIN LAWLOR****CEO, SLEEPSCORE LABS**

Since 2017, Colin Lawlor has led SleepScore Labs, the company on a mission to change the world for the better through improved sleep health while also helping to advance sleep science. Prior to SleepScore, Lawlor was at ResMed working his way up from business manager to director positions to vice president. In addition to leading SleepScore, Lawlor also has been an official member of the Forbes Business Council since August 2021.

Jane Finley, Senior Vice President and Area Manager Kaiser Permanente San Diego

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STANLEY LEWIS, M.D.
CO-FOUNDER & CEO, A28 THERAPEUTICS

Dr. Stanley Lewis has more than 25 years of leadership in the biotechnology and biopharmaceutical industries. Dr. Lewis is a founder and CEO of A28 Therapeutics, a company developing a lytic protein technology for the treatment of cancer. He is also the founder of metabolic disease therapeutic company Eselle Health, Inc. Over his career, Dr. Lewis has also held chief medical officer positions at top biopharma firms as well as at the St. Hope Foundation.



JAMES MACKAY
PRESIDENT & CEO, ARISTEA THERAPEUTICS

Dr. James Mackay has over 25 years of development and commercialization expertise in the pharmaceutical industry, including six drug product approvals across multiple therapeutic areas. Prior to founding Aristeia, he was president and CEO of Ardea Biosciences, following the company's acquisition by AstraZeneca in 2012. Mackay is board chair at CONNECT, sits on BIOCOM's board and is a past board member at the San Diego Regional EDC.



RICHARD LOWENTHAL
CO-FOUNDER, PRESIDENT & CEO, ARS PHARMACEUTICALS

Richard Lowenthal is a co-founder of ARS Pharmaceuticals and has served as the company's president and a member of its board of directors since its inception in August 2015. He has served as CEO since 2018. ARS has raised more than \$100 million to develop neffy – an intranasal treatment for severe allergic reactions. FDA accepted neffy's NDA in October this year. In July, the company acquired Seattle-based Silverback Therapeutics, paving the way for public trading on the NASDAQ.



DENA MARRINUCCI
CO-FOUNDER, CSO & COO, TRUVIAN

Dr. Marrinucci is a life science entrepreneur with a passion for introducing diagnostic technologies with potential to transform human health. She joined the founding team at Truvian Sciences in late 2015 to work on development of a disruptive blood testing instrument (in vitro diagnostic). As Chief Operating Officer, she oversees manufacturing, operations, HR, program management and scientific affairs. Prior to joining Truvian, Dr. Marrinucci developed a novel circulating tumor cell technology at Epic Sciences, which she founded in 2008.



KEVIN LUSTIG
CO-FOUNDER & CEO, SCIENTIST.COM

As co-founder and CEO of Scientist.com, Kevin Lustig runs the largest online marketplace for custom R&D services, helping pharmaceutical scientists discover life-saving medicines in less time and at lower cost. Lustig applied proven marketplace techniques to the cutting-edge world of science and created an AI-powered enterprise marketplace that empowers and connects scientists worldwide. Founded in 2007, Scientist.com launched its first research outsourcing marketplace in 2008 and built its first enterprise marketplace for Pfizer in 2009.



MAGDA MARQUET
FOUNDER & CEO, ALMA LIFE SCIENCES LLC

Dr. Magda Marquet has built, led and commercialized multiple life science companies. Marquet is the co-founder of AltheaDx, a commercial stage, precision medicine company with the world's leading pharmacogenomics test for anxiety and depression, and ALMA Life Sciences, an early-stage investment firm creating and growing innovative healthcare companies. Dr. Marquet co-founded Althea Technologies and helped the company to become a leader in the field prior to its acquisition by Ajinomoto.

Michael Lalich, MD
Area Medical Director
and Chief of Staff
Kaiser Permanente
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KEVIN MATTSON

PRESIDENT & CEO, SAN YSIDRO HEALTH CENTER

Kevin Mattson has nearly four decades of healthcare leadership experience and has led San Ysidro Health since 2013. He joined the federally qualified health center in 2000 as CFO and has also served as its SVP of administration and finance. Mattson was chairman of the board of Health Center Partners of Southern California and currently serves on the California Primary Care Association board and the CalPACE Board.



BRETT MCCLAIN

EVP AND COO, SHARP HEALTHCARE

Brett McClain has served Sharp HealthCare as executive vice president and chief operating officer since 2020. His career spans more than 30 years of healthcare management experience in a variety of executive, operational and consulting roles for hospitals and medical clinics. Before joining Sharp HealthCare, McClain served as chief operating officer and chief administration officer at Dignity Health in Arizona.



PATTY MAYSENT

CEO, UC SAN DIEGO HEALTH

Patty Maysent leads UC San Diego Health, the region's only academic health system, comprising UC San Diego Medical Center, Jacobs Medical Center and Shiley Eye Institute and Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center as well as other primary and specialty practices located throughout Southern California. Appointed CEO in 2016, Maysent has focused on growth and expansion and now oversees a \$2 billion annual operating budget and more than 9,000 employees.



TODD NELSON

CEO, TELESIS BIO

Dr. Todd Nelson has guided several life science companies through expansive phases of financial and commercial growth. From 2014 to 2017, Dr. Nelson served as CEO of DiscoverX, a leading developer and manufacturer of reagents intended for drug discovery. From 2011 to 2014, he led MP Biomedicals and between 2007 and 2011, served as CEO of eBioscience. In October 2022, he oversaw the name change from Codex DNA to Telesis Bio.



PAUL MOLA

CO-FOUNDER, PRESIDENT & CEO, ROSWELL BIOTECHNOLOGIES

Paul Mola co-founded Roswell in 2014 with a vision to digitize biology and precision medicine with a molecular electronics chip. Mola brought more than 20 years of experience to Roswell, having previously worked in leadership roles at Life Technologies and Roche Diagnostics. At Roswell, Mola has raised more than \$50 million to support a team of about 50 engineers and scientists.



WILLIAM MOSES

CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, RESMED

Will Moses has been with ResMed for 10 years. He began his career there as Director of IT Infrastructure, Americas and today serves as the company's Chief Information Officer. ResMed is the industry leader in cloud-connected devices for treating sleep apnea, COPD and chronic diseases. Before Coming to ResMed, Moses was enterprise computing manager at Fortune 500 technology company SAIC.

Will Tseng, MD, MPH Area Assistant Medical Director and President of the Professional Staff Kaiser Permanente San Diego

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ERIC OSTERTAG
EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, POSEIDA THERAPEUTICS
 Dr. Eric Ostertag is executive chairman for Poseida Therapeutics, a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company utilizing proprietary genetic engineering platform technologies to develop cell and gene therapeutics. Dr. Ostertag is the first Gene Therapy Program graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and since has founded multiple successful startups including Poseida, which he founded in 2015 and served as CEO until January 2022.



JAMI DEBRANGO-PALUMBO
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF LAB OPERATIONS & CLIENT SERVICES, FOUNDATION MEDICINE
 As a SVP at Foundation Services, Jami DeBrango-Palumbo leads a passionate and mission-engaged client services, operations and supply chain team focused on quality molecular insights and customer experience that put patients first. Before joining Foundation, she was vice president and global head of sequencing operations at Roche. She is also a founding partner and board member of Kristin's Fund, an organization dedicated to raising awareness and funds for education with the sole mission of eradicating domestic violence.



RAKESH PATEL, M.D.
CEO, NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTHCARE
 Rakesh Patel, M.D., has been with Neighborhood Healthcare for over 18 years and has served as CEO for five. Neighborhood Healthcare is a nonprofit Federally Qualified Health Center with 19 community health centers serving over 78,000 patients in San Diego and Riverside counties. Dr. Patel is also the chair of the board of managers for Integrated Health Partners of Southern California, San Diego's leading clinically integrated network representing 270,000 individuals.



BARRY QUART
CEO & BOARD CHAIR, HERON THERAPEUTICS
 Dr. Barry Quart has led Heron Therapeutics since 2013. Dr. Quart has more than 25 years of experience serving in leadership positions in biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies and developing innovative pharmaceutical products. In 2006, he co-founded Ardea Biosciences, Inc. and served as its president and CEO through its acquisition by AstraZeneca in 2012. Previously, he was with Pfizer Inc. as SVP of global R&D and the director of Pfizer's La Jolla Laboratories.



SAUNDRA PELLETIER
CEO, EVOFEM BIOSCIENCES
 Saundra Pelletier leads Evofem Biosciences, a company revolutionizing women's healthcare with products addressing unmet needs. Under her leadership, Evofem launched Phexxi, the first and only FDA-approved non-hormonal, on-demand birth control. She was named one of SDBJ's 2019 Business Women of the Year. As founding CEO of Woman Care Global, Pelletier developed a sustainable value chain to register and launch products to women in over 100 countries.



CINDY SALAS
FOUNDER & CEO, WITHHEALTH, INC.
 In 2017, Cindy Salas founded WithHealth, Inc., the first precision care tele-based company in the U.S. with a vision to provide personalized healthcare at a genetic level, available to patients whenever and wherever they need it. Before founding WithHealth, Salas was vice president of healthcare strategy and performance excellence at Accumen, Inc. Previously, she worked in leadership roles for 13 years at Sharp HealthCare.

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The recognition by the San Diego Business Journal for 1859 is a testament to the efforts made by our team each and every day. We're committed to realizing our vision to revolutionize how we discover new medicines. We aim to discover new medicines at the pace required, so that no patient has to wait for a needed new medicine, because we already have discovered it. We thank the San Diego Business Journal for this recognition and hope to make an impact in San Diego for many years to come!



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TURN Behavioral Health Services congratulates Chief Encouragement Officer, **James C. Callaghan Jr.** for being selected as one of San Diego's top business Leaders in The San Diego Business Journal's SD500 Special Edition!

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KEVIN SAYER
PRESIDENT, CEO & BOARD CHAIR, DEXCOM
 Kevin Sayer became chief executive at Dexcom in 2015 and was appointed board chair in 2018. Sayer has also served as the company president since 2011. Prior to leading Dexcom, Sayer served as CFO at Biosensors International Group, EVP and CFO of Specialty Laboratories, CFO of MiniMed and VP and general manager of Medtronic MiniMed after the acquisition of MiniMed by Medtronic. A Certified Public Accountant, he has a master's in accounting and information systems from BYU.



CHRIS SEVERN
CO-FOUNDER & CEO, TURQUOISE HEALTH
 Chris Severn leads Turquoise Health, a startup simplifying healthcare reimbursement through price transparency. Since launching in 2020, Turquoise has aggregated more than 3,300 hospitals' pricing data in a central repository and made the data actionable for the first time. The company's software for managed care makes it commonplace for patients to know the price of healthcare in advance of treatment.



PETER SCHULTZ
PRESIDENT & CEO, THE SCRIPPS RESEARCH INSTITUTE
 A professor, chemist and successful biotech entrepreneur, Peter Schultz leads the prestigious Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla. Widely considered one of the world's top chemists, Schultz has made numerous seminal contributions to the field and has founded nine biotech companies that have pioneered the development and application of new technologies in energy, material and human health. He is also founding director of the California Institute for Biomedical Research, which was established at Scripps in 2012.



MELODY SHEDLOSKY
COO, PRESIDIUM HEALTH
 As chief operating officer of Presidium Health, Melody Shedlosky helped implement a pilot program with Community Health Group, San Diego's largest nonprofit health plan that lowered the cost of treating the most expensive patients by 53% while also increasing the care they received. Before working at Presidium, Shedlosky worked as a nurse at Scripps Mercy Hospital and then Sharp HealthCare where she became manager of the Sharp Grossmont Hospital's Shortstay/Observation Unit.



CLINT SEVER
CO-FOUNDER & CHIEF PRODUCT OFFICER, CUE HEALTH
 Clint Sever is co-founder of Cue Health. Sever leads product development and product design strategy at Cue, including overseeing the look and feel of Cue products, user interface and packaging. He has spearheaded hardware engineering, supply chain development and scaled manufacturing of Cue consumable cartridges, cartridge readers and accessories and is also responsible for the design and engineering of the facilities in which Cue products are made.



RAHUL SINGHVI
CO-FOUNDER & CEO, RESILIENCE
 In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Rahul Singhvi co-founded Resilience – a company dedicated to faster and less expensive manufacturing of drugs and therapeutics that now has facilities across the U.S. Prior to founding Resilience, Singhvi was president of Ring Therapeutics, operating partner at Flagship Pioneering, COO at Takeda Vaccines Inc. and a plethora of other positions at top life science firms going back to 1994 when he was a director of manufacturing at Merck & Co.

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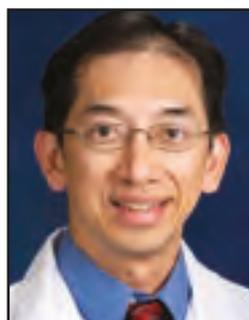
ROBERT SMITH, M.D.
DIRECTOR, VA SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE SYSTEM
 Since 2016, Dr. Robert M. Smith has directed the VA San Diego Healthcare System, the nation's largest integrated health system for military veterans. He also oversees the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs hospital in San Diego, where he has worked since 1993. The system cares for more than 86,000 veterans in San Diego and Imperial counties. Smith is also a professor of medicine at UCSD.



HELEN TORLEY
PRESIDENT & CEO, HALOZYME THERAPEUTICS
 Dr. Helen Torley has led Halozyme since 2014. Dr. Torley brings extensive drug development, commercial and general management experience to her role at the oncology-focused biotech. She has also held senior leadership roles with Onyx, Amgen and Bristol-Myers Squibb. Dr. Torley's passion for advancing new medicine for patients began when she was a practicing rheumatologist in Scotland.



PELIN THOROGOOD
CO-FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE CHAIR, RADICLE SCIENCE
 Pelin Thorogood is a tech executive turned impact entrepreneur who has made a career out of being at the forefront of emerging business trends and technologies. Her latest business, Radicle Science, uses technology to gather data on the effects of cannabis and other natural health products. Thorogood also serves as a trustee and treasurer of the UC San Diego Foundation and is on the executive board of the UC San Diego Basement, a campus-wide incubator and startup hub.



WILLIAM T. TSENG
PRESIDENT OF THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP - SAN DIEGO
 William Tseng has been assistant area medical director for Southern California Permanente Medical Group since 2017. Tseng also sits on the board of trustees at the California Medical Association. He is a past president of the San Diego County Medical Society and is on the board of the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association. He is a graduate of the University of Utah's School of Medicine.



ERIC TOPOL
FOUNDER & DIRECTOR, SCRIPPS TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE INSTITUTE
 Eric Topol is a cardiologist, scientist and author who founded and directs the Scripps Research Translational Science Institute. Topol is also a professor of molecular medicine at The Scripps Research Institute and a senior consultant at the Division of Cardiovascular Diseases at Scripps Clinic in La Jolla. He is editor-in-chief of Medscape and theheart.org and has published three bestseller books on the future of medicine.



HENRY N. TUTTLE
PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, HEALTH CENTER PARTNERS (HCP) OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
 Henry Tuttle brings over 35 years of leadership experience to his role at HCP, a premier consortium of primary health care organizations in Southern California. Tuttle also serves on various boards and committees, including San Diego County's Health Services Advisory Board and the board of San Diegans for Healthcare Coverage, as well as the National Association of Community Health Centers' health policy and legislative committees and the Health Center Controlled Network Task Force.



CHRIS VAN GORDER
PRESIDENT & CEO, SCRIPPS HEALTH
 As the leader of Scripps Health since 2000, Chris Van Gorder has been instrumental in positioning Scripps among the nation's foremost healthcare institutions and is now leading the restructure of the \$3.1 billion, integrated health system to align with the new landscape of healthcare reform. Board certified in healthcare management and an American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) Fellow, Van Gorder also served as 2010 chairman of the association, an international professional society of more than 40,000 healthcare executives.



SHARON VIDAL
SENIOR DIRECTOR, ILLUMINA
 As Senior Director for Corporate Social Responsibility & Sustainability at Illumina, Sharon Vidal is in charge of the company's environment, sustainability and governance (ESG) goals. This year, Illumina hit a milestone in its sustainability goals when the United Nations Science Based Targets Initiative validated the company's targets to reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 in accordance with the Paris Climate Agreement.

Despite the macroeconomic conditions, the global precision nutrition market is projected to grow at a CAGR of 15% to nearly \$17B.

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-Sunny Jain

Founder, CEO
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 SDBJ Top 500 Executives
 in San Diego of 2022





MARK BALMERT

PRESIDENT AND CEO, SAN DIEGO MILITARY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Retired Rear Adm. Mark Balmert has led the San Diego Military Advisory Council (SDMAC) since 2018. The council brings military leaders together with elected officials and business leaders in support of the U.S. military. Balmert commanded the destroyer USS Chandler as well as Expeditionary Strike Group 3. He received his master's degree in financial management from the Naval Postgraduate School.



ERIC BASU

CEO, HAIKU CYBER RANGE

Eric Basu is CEO of Haiku Cyber Range. His company's software teaches real-world cybersecurity skills in a videogame-like environment with a cyberpunk storyline. For 20 years, Basu ran Sentek Global, a defense contractor working in cybersecurity. He sold the business to Deloitte in 2021. Basu is a former U.S. Navy SEAL commander who holds an MBA from UCLA's Anderson Graduate School of Management.



CAPT. AMY BAUERNSCHMIDT

COMMANDING OFFICER, USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Capt. Amy Bauernschmidt is the first woman to command a nuclear aircraft carrier. The San Diego-based USS Abraham Lincoln conducted a Western Pacific deployment from January to August 2022 under her command, operating in the South China Sea and training with allies. Bauernschmidt is a helicopter pilot with more than 3,000 flight hours and a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Naval War College and nuclear power school.



KIMBERLY J. BECKER

PRESIDENT AND CEO, SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Some 15.6 million passengers passed through San Diego International Airport in 2021. Kimberly J. Becker oversees this major gateway and is responsible for the annual budget of its parent agency as well as a staff of 400. She chairs the San Diego Tourism Authority board and serves on the boards of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce and the San Diego Regional EDC.



COL. THOMAS BEDELL

COMMANDING OFFICER, MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR

Col. Thomas Bedell is a military pilot who oversaw the reopening of MCAS Miramar to its neighbors for the September 2022 air show. Prior to his current assignment, Bedell oversaw safety and risk management for the Marines. He attended the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies on a fellowship, earning one of his master's degrees. Earlier in his career he commanded VMR-1, The Roadrunners.



NEAL BLOOM

CEO, RISING TIDE PARTNERS

A mechanical engineer who worked in the space program, Neal Bloom is better known as a company builder and a fixture on San Diego's startup scene. Bloom had a home run with Portfolium, a business he co-founded that helps new college graduates promote themselves. Following his exit, he dove into investing (Interlock Capital) and media and communications (Rising Tide Partners, Fresh Brewed Tech).



LINDEN P. BLUE

CEO, GENERAL ATOMICS AERONAUTICAL SYSTEMS

The Blue family owns General Atomics and affiliates such as its Aeronautical Systems business. Linden P. Blue, son and nephew of the company's owners, has run the aviation affiliate since 2014. The enterprise designs and builds its Predator family of military drones behind the fences of the Poway Business Park. As the company makes more international deliveries, its engineers continue to refine the product line.



STEVE BRASS

PRESIDENT AND CEO, WD-40 COMPANY

Steve Brass assumed the role of president and CEO of WD-40 in September, following the retirement of longtime CEO Garry Ridge. Brass, a native of the United Kingdom, has been with the company since 1991 and most recently held the role of president and COO. Prior to joining WD-40, Brass worked as an export sales executive at Temco, BICC Electronics where he managed Swiss, German and Austrian regions.



JENNIE BROOKS

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON

Jennie Brooks drives strategy and operations for the San Diego office of defense contractor Booz Allen Hamilton. She oversees the firm's business across the nation for the U.S. Navy's IT and cybersecurity command, NAVWAR. Brooks runs company-wide diversity, equity and inclusion programs and serves on multiple boards, including the Dean's Advisory Council at the San Diego State University College of Engineering.



PETE CAMPBELL

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, WSP

Pete Campbell is senior vice president of WSP, one of the world's leading engineering and professional services firms. WSP provides technical expertise and strategic advice to clients in transportation and infrastructure, property and buildings and other vertical markets. Campbell served in the U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps. He received his master's degree from Stanford University and his bachelor's degree from Duke University.



DAVID CARVER

PRESIDENT, GENERAL DYNAMICS NASSCO

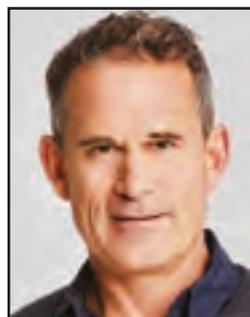
David Carver became president of General Dynamics NASSCO in 2019. The Barrio Logan shipyard builds auxiliary ships for the U.S. Navy, including the expeditionary sea base auxiliary support ships and the John Lewis-class fleet replenishment oilers. The business has the distinction of being the only major shipbuilder on the West Coast. Carver has been with NASSCO since 1987 and is currently VP at parent General Dynamics (NYSE: GD).



RON CHAPMAN

CEO, CORONADO BREWING COMPANY

In 1996, before craft beer was fashionable, Ron Chapman and brother Rick opened their Coronado brewpub. Today, Coronado Brewing is branching into hard cider and working to make the profession more diverse and inclusive. In October 2022, it renewed a partnership with San Diego State University; as part of the university's Professional Certificate in the Business of Craft Beer Diversity Award, Coronado Brewing offers a paid internship.



RON COUGHLIN

CHAIRMAN AND CEO, PETCO

Ron Coughlin is based in Petco's National Support Center in Rancho Bernardo. A former executive with HP, Coughlin has been Petco's CEO since 2018 and is responsible for driving its strategy, direction and overall performance. Petco is increasingly focused on pet health and wellness. The corporation returned to public ownership in early 2021; its ticker symbol is WOOF. Coughlin is frequently pictured with his yellow Lab, Yummy.



CHRIS CRAMER

CEO, KARL STRAUSS BREWING

1989 was the year that Chris Cramer and Matt Rattner co-founded the region's original craft brewery in downtown San Diego. Consulting on the project was Cramer's cousin, Karl Strauss, who grew up brewing beer in Germany and later worked for Pabst Brewing in Milwaukee. Since then, Karl Strauss Brewing has won numerous industry awards; its Aurora Hoppyalis was named one of the top three IPAs in the world at World Beer Cup in 2022.

ACE PARKING congratulates Keith B. Jones on his selection as one of the San Diego Business Journal's most influential people in 2022-23.

His leadership and dedication continue to support ACE's mission to be the premier parking and mobility organization in North America.

ACE PARKING was founded and is headquartered in downtown San Diego, California since 1950. With thousands of ACE associates focused on exceeding our client's needs as well as parking customers objectives, ACE has a proven track record of innovation and success. We are proud to partner with some of the most iconic business and destinations within in the San Diego County region. Thank you to those that partner and park with us.





ERIC DEMARCO

PRESIDENT AND CEO, KRATOS DEFENSE & SECURITY SOLUTIONS

Eric DeMarco has led Kratos Defense as CEO since 2004 and in recent years has spearheaded the corporation's efforts to become a producer of high performance, jet-powered unmanned aerial vehicle systems. The business works to give U.S. forces increased capabilities at an affordable cost. Kratos' other focus areas include space and satellite communications, microwave electronics, cybersecurity/warfare, rocket, hypersonic and missile defense systems, and turbine technologies.



SCOTT DENNIS

CEO AND CO-FOUNDER, D&K ENGINEERING

Scott Dennis is CEO and co-founder of D&K Engineering, an engineering and manufacturing services firm which has been acquired by Michigan-based Burke Porter Group. Dennis and his co-founder, Alex Kunczynski, will remain with the company. Before launching D&K Engineering, Dennis spent several years at Hewlett Packard in various technical and leadership roles. He is also a partner (with Kunczynski) at FusionX Ventures.



MARC DUVALL

OPERATING PARTNER, AE INDUSTRIAL PARTNERS, LP

Marc Duvall is operating partner with AE Industrial Partners, LP, a private equity firm specializing in aerospace, defense and government services, space, power and utility services and specialty industrial markets. Previously he served as president of the Aerostructures division of Collins Aerospace/Raytheon Technologies. Formerly Goodrich Aerostructures, the Chula Vista-based business builds the housings for jet engines, called nacelles.



KIMBERLY HERRELL

CEO, SCHUBACH AVIATION

Kimberly Herrell is a businesswoman, a travel enthusiast and a fixture at Carlsbad's McClellan-Palomar Airport. She has owned charter jet company Schubach Aviation since January 2020. She began her aviation career in Salt Lake City, joined Schubach in 2005 and was appointed president in 2018 by company namesake and founder Henry Schubach. As CEO, Herrell drives Schubach's overall vision and corporate values.



KEITH JONES

MANAGING PARTNER AND OWNER, ACE PARKING

San Diego-based Ace Parking continues to expand outward. Working with European partners, it took over management of 150,000 parking spaces at 34 airports in Spain in early 2022. Private ownership helped drive the quick-turnaround deal. Keith B. Jones, a third-generation member of Ace Parking's founding family, is owner and managing partner, responsible for corporate vision and strategy, business development, finances and operations.



PETER KELLY

PRESIDENT AND CEO, NATIONAL PEN

Peter Kelly has led operations at National Pen, a maker of personalized promotional products (think pens and mugs with a company logo), since 2016. Kelly prepared National Pen for its acquisition by Cimpress (Nasdaq: CMPR) in 2016 and established a new team to lead the business as a Cimpress brand. National Pen's international operations are as close as Tijuana and include Ireland, Tunisia and China.



JOE KUDLA

FOUNDER AND CEO, VUORI

Joe Kudla, a former model for Dolce & Gabbana and a former CPA at Ernst & Young, launched his athleisure apparel company in 2015. He opened its first store in Encinitas in 2016. Six years later, there are stores by the dozen. Vuori recently brought its apparel and its coastal California vibe to stores in London's Covent Garden district and to SoHo in New York City. The goal: 100 stores by 2026.



NEAL MANOWITZ

PRESIDENT AND COO, SONY ELECTRONICS

Neal Manowitz has spent more than two decades at Sony, working with cameras, home audio and video. He has more than two dozen patents. He took the president and COO's job in Rancho Bernardo in April 2021. In 2022, Sony agreed to provide USC's cinema school with advanced equipment and \$2 million. The benefit is mutual; Sony gets customer feedback and ideas for new products and services.



JEFFREY MARTIN

CHARMAN, CEO AND PRESIDENT, SEMPRA

Jeffrey Martin leads a Fortune 500 company with over \$72 billion in assets and 20,000 employees. Sempra, one of North America's leading energy infrastructure companies, is focused on sustainable business practices and investments that will help advance the global energy transition through electrification and decarbonization in the markets the company serves. Previously Martin was Sempra's CFO.



BRENT MCCARTY

PRESIDENT, ESET NORTH AMERICA

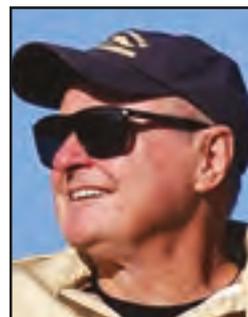
Brent McCarty took charge as president of ESET's U.S. office in 2018. The former Ingram Micro executive has also worked in Canada and Europe. ESET offers a suite of antivirus and digital security software; McCarty's objective is to make it the preferred cybersecurity products on this continent. He has also increased the company's focus on diversity, equity and inclusion while growing the North American business.



EUGENE MITCHELL

SVP FOR DIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS, SEMPRA

Eugene "Mitch" Mitchell is senior vice president of diversity and community partnerships for Sempra, one of San Diego's largest publicly traded companies (NYSE: SRE). He has nearly 30 years of public policy and government affairs experience. Mitchell is heavily involved in the wider community. He chairs the San Diego Housing Commission's Board of Commissioners and sits on the boards of multiple charitable, community and arts organizations.



RORY MOORE

CEO, EVONEXUS

Rory Moore is an important figure in San Diego's vibrant startup ecosystem. He founded technology incubator EvoNexus in 2008 together with Walter Davis, a retired U.S. Navy vice admiral. EvoNexus has since grown to be the largest tech incubator in Southern California. Moore was also a founder of Peregrine Semiconductor, now a Murata company, and Silicon Wave. Moore's other passions include Unlimited Aerobatic Competition flying, scuba diving and surfing.



BRIG. GEN. JASON MORRIS

COMMANDING GENERAL, MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT, WESTERN RECRUITING REGION

Brigadier General Jason Morris has led Marines as an infantry officer in the three decades since graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy. He saw history while commanding 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment during its 2010-11 deployment to Afghanistan. The MCRD commander has a master's degree from the U.S. Naval War College and is a graduate of Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program.



TOM PELLETTE

PRESIDENT, SOLAR TURBINES

Caterpillar, the Illinois-based maker of earthmovers, has long produced industrial gas turbines in San Diego through subsidiary Solar Turbines. Tom Pellette serves as president of Solar Turbines, overseeing the design, manufacture and service of gas turbine systems and compressors. Such equipment is central to oil and gas production and is also used for power generation. More than 70% of Solar's products are exported from the United States.



JOHN POPE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
NAVWAR

Retired Navy captain John Pope is the top civilian leader at Naval Information Warfare Systems Command (NAVWAR), overseeing a budget of more than \$9 billion. IT and cybersecurity are two of NAVWAR's core competencies; its mission is to identify, develop, deliver and sustain information warfare capabilities and services for the Navy and Marine Corps. The Navy also plans to redevelop its 1941-vintage NAVWAR campus in partnership with the private sector.



REAR ADM. BRAD ROSEN
COMMANDER, NAVAL REGION
SOUTHWEST

Rear Admiral Brad Rosen became San Diego's "Navy Mayor" in May 2022. The job title is officially Commander, Navy Region Southwest, but the nickname is apt; Rosen oversees shore bases in California and in five other states in the West. Rosen is a native of New Jersey and a pilot. In 2014, he spent a year in Silicon Valley, in the CIO's office at Cisco, as part of a fellowship.



MARCO THOMPSON
PARTNER, EXPRESS
VENTURES

Marco Thompson is a serial entrepreneur and startup financing guru. He is partner at Express Ventures and former CEO and founder of Doctor Design, which was acquired by Wind River. He advises and mentors startup companies in the EvoNexus incubator and is a founding board member of San Diego Sport Innovators. In addition to tech firms and entrepreneurship, Thompson's interests include heli-skiing, wakesurfing, hockey and snowboarding.



MATT RATTNER
CO-FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT,
KARL STRAUSS BREWING CO.
CO-FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN,
ENDEAVOR BANK

Matthew Rattner is the longtime president and co-founder of Karl Strauss Brewing Company, the first new brewery in San Diego since Prohibition (opening in 1989), kicking off what is today a billion-dollar industry in the area. Rattner also co-founded and is chairman of Endeavor Bank, the first new bank in San Diego in over 10 years, thereby helping to reestablish local business banking.



REAR ADM. DOUGLAS SMALL
COMMANDER, NAVWAR

Rear Admiral Douglas Small assumed command of NAVWAR, the San Diego-based Naval Information Warfare Systems Command, in 2020. He also runs Project Overmatch, a high priority initiative aimed at enabling a Navy and Marine Corps that swarms the sea, delivering synchronized lethal and non-lethal effects from near-and-far, every axis and every domain. Small, a native of Wisconsin, previously oversaw combat systems for surface ships.



CAROLINE WINN
CEO, SDG&E

Caroline Winn has led San Diego Gas & Electric as its CEO since 2020. She is an accomplished operations management and business transformation executive with demonstrated success in shaping strategic direction, mobilizing organizational capabilities, leveraging technology and influencing senior leaders to move mission-critical strategic imperatives forward. Winn was previously the organization's COO and chief energy delivery officer. She joined the utility in 1986 as an associate engineer.



CLIFFORD RIPPETOE
PRESIDENT AND CEO, SAN
DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER
CORPORATION

A sense of normalcy returned to downtown in July when costumed revelers swarmed the San Diego Convention Center. Comic-Con was back following the COVID-19 wave. Clifford "Rip" Rippetoe, a tourism industry veteran, is in his seventh year running the center, which also hosts more staid gatherings. Rippetoe serves on multiple boards and recently got an advanced degree: a master's from Claremont School of Theology.



JOE STUYVESANT
PRESIDENT AND CEO, PORT OF
SAN DIEGO

Joe Stuyvesant went from a top San Diego job at the U.S. Navy to top executive at the port in early 2021. Previously, he was the executive director of Navy Region Southwest, overseeing Navy shore installations in California and five other western states. He now runs the port, the major landholder and landlord on San Diego Bay, and a government agency that oversees waterborne freight and cruise ship traffic.



PETER ZIEN
CEO, ALESMITH BREWING

Peter Zien received his juris doctor from the University of San Diego but, he recalled, the law "just wasn't for me." He has more enthusiasm for cheese making and home brewing. In 2002, Zien and his wife Vicky bought AleSmith. By 2015, the business was in a new, 105,000-square-foot space in Miramar with an \$11 million, 80-barrel brewing system. AleSmith released its first nonalcoholic beer, an IPA, in March 2022.



Congratulations to Kim and James!

KIM BECKER

The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority congratulates President & CEO **Kim Becker**, and Board Member **James Sly** for their recognition as San Diego's SD 500 Leaders!



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JAMES SLY




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Congratulations

Joe Stuyvesant

on being named one of the top 500 Executives in San Diego for 2022 by the San Diego Business Journal

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DAVID ABELES

PRESIDENT & CEO, TAYLOR MADE GOLF CO.

David Abeles has been president and CEO at TaylorMade Golf Company and its predecessor TaylorMade adidas Golf for nearly 10 years. Abeles was running the company in 2016 when it began its split from former parent company adidas. He has also served as the company's executive VP and general manager and began his TaylorMade career doing ground sales in 1998. He was also CEO and president of the Competitor Group. He earned a B.S. in marketing and finance at the University of Connecticut's School of Business.



DAVID BENNETT

GENERAL DIRECTOR, SAN DIEGO OPERA

David Bennett has been general director at San Diego Opera since 2015. Prior to that he was managing director of Gotham Chamber Opera for 16 years. He began his opera career as a singer, performing as a baritone for multiple companies. A native of Missouri, he earned an MBA and a Master of Arts Administration from Southern Methodist University. He was formerly managing director of Dance New Amsterdam in New York City and was executive director at the Gotham Chamber Opera. He has also served as vice chair of Opera America.



RICHARD BARTELL

PRESIDENT & CEO, BARTELL HOTELS

Richard Bartell is president and CEO at Bartell Hotels, a family-owned lodging business. Bartell joined the company in 1980 alongside his father and founder, Lee, who transitioned the family to the lodging industry in 1967 after a successful career as a radio station owner. Bartell's hotels include The Pacific Terrace Hotel, Humphreys Half Moon Inn (and Humphreys Concerts by the Bay outdoor music venue) and The Dana on Mission Bay. Bartell is chairman of the San Diego Tourism Marketing District.



OLIVER BREWER III

PRESIDENT & CEO, TOPGOLF CALLAWAY BRANDS

Oliver "Chip" Brewer has been president and CEO of Topgolf Callaway Brands since 2012. A leader in the golf industry where he has held executive positions since 1998, Brewer has extensive experience in all facets of the golf business, particularly in sales and marketing. He was formerly CEO of Adams Golf, transforming it from a single-product focus to a diversified brand portfolio. His father is a former member of the USGA Executive Committee. Brewer earned an MBA from Harvard University.



SHREYAS BALAKRISHNAN

PRESIDENT, CUTWATER SPIRITS

Shreyas Balakrishnan has been president at Cutwater Spirits for more than three years. Cutwater Spirits, founded in 2017, is a Miramar-headquartered distillery known for its lineup of canned cocktails and has been the most awarded canned cocktail brand in the U.S. Its portfolio includes two dozen bottled spirits. Cutwater was acquired by Anheuser-Busch in 2019. Balakrishnan was previously GM of Elysian Brewing Co. in Seattle and worked for Anheuser-Busch for 12 years. He earned an MBA in business administration and management from Washington University in St. Louis.



C. TERRY BROWN

PRESIDENT & CEO, ATLAS HOTELS

C. Terry Brown is president and CEO at Atlas Hotels. He is the son of hotel pioneer Charlie Brown, who opened the 46-room Town and Country Motor Inn in Mission Valley in 1953. Brown is deeply involved in the business community and connected to local, state and national politics. He also is vice chairman of the San Diego Tourism Marketing District and in 2005, contributed \$1M to SDSU's Hospitality and Tourism Management program.



ARTEM SHAROSHKIN
CEO OF THE BXNG CLUB

THANK YOU TO ARTEM SHAROSHKIN FOR HIS FEARLESS DEDICATION TO HIS STAFF, MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

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MARTHA GILMER

CEO, SAN DIEGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Martha Gilmer has been CEO at San Diego Symphony Orchestra since 2014. She leads the institution in its missions to expand programming, increase community engagement, heighten its artistic profile and build its capacity to share transformative experiences. Gilmer helped create the strategic plan that has been guiding the Symphony since 2016 and initiated the Symphony's annual festival that includes partnerships with many organizations throughout the city. She was previously VP for artistic planning and audience development at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.



ROBERT GLEASON

PRESIDENT & CEO, EVANS HOTELS

Robert Gleason has been president and CEO at Evans Hotels since 2014. Evans Hotels, founded in 1953, include The Lodge at Torrey Pines, Bahia Resort Hotel and Catamaran Resort Hotel and Spa. Gleason was previously CFO and general counsel for Evans Hotels. He is on the advisory board for the L. Robert Payne School of Hospitality & Tourism Management at SDSU. He earned a J.D. at USD, serves on the board of the California Travel and Tourism Commission and is chair of World Trade Center San Diego.



KEITH GUILBAULT

CEO, QDOBA RESTAURANTS

Keith Guilbault has been CEO at Qdoba Restaurant Corporation for nearly five years and was brand president for the corporation for two years previously. Guilbault led Qdoba, a \$1B, 7,000-employee private equity-owned brand through a sale and new direction as a standalone. He also worked for Jack in the Box for 10 years, including two years as SVP and chief marketing officer. Guilbault sponsors pet adoption fees at the San Diego Humane Society and matches restaurant donations for No Kid Hungry and K9s for Warriors events.



DARIN HARRIS

CEO, JACK IN THE BOX, INC.

Since 2020, Darin Harris has been CEO of Jack in the Box Inc., one of the nation's top fast-food burger chains, with more than 2,200 sites in the U.S. and Guam. Harris previously served as the CEO of Cici's Pizza, was senior VP of Arby's Restaurant Group Inc. and was a franchise operator for Papa John's Pizza and former Jack in the Box subsidiary Qdoba Mexican Grill. He earned a master's degree in business administration at Xavier University.



ROBERT HOEHN

PRESIDENT, THE HOEHN CO., INC.

Robert A. Hoehn is president of The Hoehn Co. The Hoehn family has been in the automobile business since 1928. The original Hoehn Chevrolet started in Memphis, Tenn. Hoehn followed his father and grandfather into the automobile dealership industry. His father founded Hoehn Motors in San Diego in 1975. He moved to California with his parents after graduating from Bowdoin College with a dual bachelor's degree in English and art history. He served on USD's Board of Trustees starting in 1996 and is now Chair Emeritus.



EARL KIGHT

FOUNDER, CUTWATER SPIRITS

Earl Kight is the founder of Cutwater Spirits, where he is also head of sales. Kight was previously at Ballast Point Brewing and Spirits for nearly eight years, including serving as chief commercial officer for nearly three years. He also worked as VP of sales for Mesa Distributing, distributor sales manager for Miller Brewing Company and in various jobs at RJ Reynolds. Kight earned his MBA at Pepperdine Graziado Business School.



JIM LAKE

PRESIDENT, SEAWORLD & SESAME PLACE

Jim Lake has been president at SeaWorld and Sesame Place in San Diego since November 2021. Lake is also an adjunct professor at Cal State Fullerton in the School of Management (focus on hospitality and tourism). He has more than 30 years of theme park experience and was also GM for Disneyland Park East and worked in other areas for Disney and Disneyland Resort starting in 1989. Lake was also director of operations for Palace Entertainment. He has a master's degree in organizational leadership from Biola.



BRIAN LEE

GENERAL MANAGER, UNIVERSITY CLUB ATOP SYMPHONY TOWERS

Brian Lee has been GM at The University Club Atop Symphony Towers for more than two years. Under Lee's guidance, the downtown San Diego club was awarded the 2021 City Club of the Year by ClubCorp. Lee was previously GM at Herb & Wood, director of operations for Hakkasan Group and managing partner at Roy's Hawaiian Fusion Cuisine. He has been a corporate trainer at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, opening new locations when he was a manager with the company.



MICHAEL A. MORTON JR.

CEO, BRIGANTINE FAMILY OF RESTAURANTS

Michael A. Morton Jr. is president of family-run Brigantine Restaurant Corp., which operates nine locations around San Diego County. The company's upscale signature seafood fare and nautical décor has earned legions of loyal customers. Brigantine branched out in 1982 with the launch of Miguel's Cocina, which now has six locations, and has added Ketch Grill & Taps, Ketch Brewing, Portside Coffee & Gelato and Topsail Portside Pier. Morton's early career included stints at Ruth's Chris Steak House and Jack in the Box.



SHANNA MISSETT NELSON

PRESIDENT, JAZZERCISE, INC.

Shanna Missett Nelson guides the group fitness industry leader in global and local markets while managing strategic direction of the brand. Her mother, Judi Sheppard Missett, created Jazzercise, which has become the largest dance fitness company in the world. Nelson began as an instructor and later transitioned into the company's international brand consultant and then franchise owner. Nelson leads the corporate management team and steers the direction of the company. She is also a media spokesperson and motivational speaker.



ARTEM SHAROSHKIN

CEO, THE BXNG CLUB

Artem Sharoshkin has been CEO at The BXNG Club since 2014. A board member with the East Village Association and member of Sage Executive Group, Sharoshkin was named CEO of the Year in 2022 by the San Diego Business Journal, which also honored him as one of the top 40 next top business leaders under 40. Sharoshkin, a native of Russia, started his career as a janitor/custodian at The BXNG Club. The club also offers Pilates, kickboxing, jiu jitsu, mui thai, spin classes and yoga.



ROXANA VELÁSQUEZ

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART

Roxana Velásquez has been executive director at The San Diego Museum of Art for more than 12 years. She was previously executive director at El Palacio de Bellas Artes, Mexico and at Museo Nacional De Arte, Mexico. Velásquez earned an MBA in business administration from Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México. She is a member of multiple boards, including Association of Art Museum Directors; International Council of Museums; American Alliance of Museums; Asociación Mexicana de Profesionales de Museos; and San Diego Tourism Authority.



BRAD WISE

OWNER/CHEF, TRUST RESTAURANT GROUP

Brad Wise grew up along the shores of Cape May, N.J., spending time at the Washington Inn, a popular restaurant where his mother waited tables. He found his passion for grilling along the central coast of California and his restaurant resume includes rust, Fort Oak, Rare Society, Cardellino, Mr. Trustee and The Wise Ox. Wise, who attended the Academy of Culinary Arts in Atlantic City, N.J., was previously executive sous chef at JRDN Restaurant at Tower23 Hotel.

**BEN AGUILAR****OWNER & FOUNDER, LAW OFFICES OF BEN AGUILAR**

Ben Aguilar has been a family law attorney at the Law Offices of Ben Aguilar for 10 years. He is also an adjunct professor of law at California Western School of Law and a County Hearing Officer with the County of San Diego. Aguilar is career development committee co-chair with the San Diego Bar Association, on the board of directors at San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association, the No Silence No Violence group and with Tom Homann LGBT Law Association.

**JOHN ALESSIO****MANAGING PARTNER, PROCOPIO, CORY, HARGREAVES & SAVITCH LLP**

John Alessio has been a partner at Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP for nearly 15 years and managing partner since 2018. Alessio was previously a partner with Thompson & Alessio LLP and an attorney with Neil, Dymott, Perkins, Brown & Frank LLP. Alessio focuses on complex class action, business and employment litigation with particular experience in trade secret misappropriation, unfair competition, real estate, shareholder and contractual disputes to include cross-border issues. He earned his JD at USD.

**QUENTIN ANDERSON****CEO, BLACKOWNED.COM**

Quentin Anderson has been CEO of BlackOwned.com for nearly 22 years and is also founder of Black Talent Community. BlackOwned.com focuses on technology and innovation and is the parent company of SKRRT.com, BlackTalentCommunity.com, BlackOwnedInstitute.com and BLOOPE.com. Currently a real estate broker with Dream Homes California, Anderson founded BlackOwned Institute to encourage youth to know their own worth with an entrepreneur's mindset.

**MICHAEL ATTANASIO****PARTNER, COOLEY**

Michael Attanasio has been a partner at Cooley LLP for nearly 19 years. Attanasio was previously a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Public Integrity Section in Washington, D.C. He acted as co-trial counsel for baseball legend Roger Clemens in the obstruction of Congress and perjury prosecution brought against Clemens by the U.S. Attorney's Office. The jury returned not guilty verdicts on all six counts. Attanasio took the lead in debunking DNA evidence that prosecutors claimed linked Clemens to the use of performance-enhancing drugs.

**JENNIFER BARNES****FOUNDER & CEO, OPTIMA OFFICE**

Jennifer Barnes is founder and CEO of Optima Office. Barnes sits on the boards of The Better Business Bureau, Tech Coast Angels and Junior Achievement of San Diego County. She is a partner of Social Venture Partners, which supports nonprofit organizations. She volunteers as a mentor at SDSU and Miramar College and is a member of Rotary Club 33, Vistage International, Young Entrepreneurs Council, Collective 54, Entrepreneurs Organization, Connected Women of Influence, National Association of Women Business Owners and the San Diego Chamber of Commerce.

**ERIC BESTE****PARTNER, BARNES & THORNBURG LLP**

Eric Beste has been a partner at Barnes & Thornburg LLP for four years. He spent 16 years in the U.S. Attorneys' Office, the majority as Chief/Deputy Chief of Major Frauds, Criminal Chief, Assistant U.S. Attorney. An adjunct professor at USD, Beste spent two decades prosecuting white collar crimes in federal courts. He now represents individuals and businesses facing domestic and international investigations and enforcement actions. Beste prosecuted more than a dozen senior executives at publicly traded companies and secured numerous insider trading convictions.

**BARBARA BORDEN****PARTNER, COOLEY**

Barbara Borden has been a partner with Cooley LLP for nearly 26 years. Borden is co-chair of Cooley's mergers and acquisitions practice and focuses on public and private M&A, cross-border transactions and joint ventures. Borden represents strategic and financial buyers and sellers in public and private acquisitions. She is experienced in counseling boards of directors in connection with M&A and anti-takeover matters. Recent transactions include Turning Point Therapeutics (\$4.1B agreement to sell to Bristol Myers Squibb) and Horizon Therapeutics public limited company (\$3.1 billion acquisition of Viela Bio).

**KEVAN BRADSHAW****CLIENTS & MARKETS LEADER, PWC CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE**

Kevan Bradshaw is the clients and market leader of the PricewaterhouseCoopers Centers of Excellence. He has been with the company for more than 33 years and has been a partner since 1989. Bradshaw is a member of PwC's Assurance Innovation Leadership Team with primary responsibility for leading Change Management for PwC's U.S. Assurance innovation practice. He has served on the boards of Junior Achievement of San Diego and Imperial Counties, BYU's School of Accountancy and CommNexus.

**JUANITA BROOKS****PRINCIPAL, FISH & RICHARDSON**

Juanita Brooks is an attorney providing legal services covering intellectual property litigation and business litigation at Fish & Richardson. Throughout her 41-year career, Brooks' wins include: the Federal Circuit unanimously affirming a 2018 decision in which Brooks successfully wiped out a \$200M damages award. In defense of Microsoft in 2017, Brooks scored a jury win in which the plaintiff originally demanded \$63M in damages. In 2016, she led a team that defended one of the largest mass tort/wrongful death cases in the U.S., which included 12,000 cases.

**INNESSA BURROLA****CEO & PRESIDENT, BOUTIQUE RECRUITING**

Innesa Burrola has been CEO and president at Boutique Recruiting for more than eight years. She was previously a business development leader at Eastridge Workforce Solutions and an account executive team lead at Ultimate Staffing. With more than 13 years of expertise in business leadership, Burrola is experienced in all aspects of the staffing industry, including business formation, operation, full-cycle recruitment and management. She was named the San Diego Business Journal CEO of the Year in 2021 and was one of the top business leaders Under 40 in 2020.

**REID CARR****PRESIDENT, EXECUTIVE CREATIVE DIRECTOR & CEO, RED DOOR INTERACTIVE**

Reid Carr has been president and CEO at Red Door Interactive for nearly 21 years. He has been CEO and Executive Creative Director at Red Door for nearly five years. He gave a Ted Talk in 2014 as part of TedxAmericasFinestCity about "100% jerk-free workplace" and hosts The Marketing Remix Podcast. Carr is a board member at Benefunder, Voice of San Diego, San Diego Sport Innovators, The One Club for Creativity San Diego and University of Oregon Alumni Association.

**STEVE J. COLOGNE****MANAGING PARTNER, HIGGS FLETCHER & MACK**

Steven J. Cologne has been with Higgs Fletcher & Mack for nearly 38 years and has been a managing partner for more than five years. Cologne has spent 35 years a civil trial attorney specializing in complex tort and business litigation. Since 1985, he has served as primary outside litigation counsel for the San Diego Unified School District. Recently, he has represented businesses and their principals in trademark litigation. He is a panelist with the American Arbitration Association and a Fellow with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

**STEVEN COOPERSMITH****FOUNDER & MANAGING ATTORNEY, THE COOPERSMITH LAW FIRM**

Steven Coopersmith has been managing attorney at The Coopersmith Law Firm for 14 years. He was previously senior counsel at La Bella & McNamara LLP. Stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash., he was captain, trial counsel with the U.S. Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps from 1997-2000. He advised Brigade-level commanders within units and tried felony cases. He argued numerous cases before juries and dozens of administrative matters to military boards. He also managed a volunteer tax center with nine workers and more than 10,000 tax returns.

**ERIK CLAUSEN****MANAGING PARTNER, CG LIFE**

Erik Clausen has been managing partner at CG Life for 12 years, leading the content marketing/brand development/media relations/creative agency that specializes in life sciences, biotechnology, pharmaceutical, healthcare and other areas. Clausen is also founder and CEO of Life Science Network, LLC, a destination for life sciences professionals looking to connect with each other. He was a member and contributor to Forbes Agency Council for two years and was chief of staff and press secretary in the Massachusetts State Senate in the 1990s.



ANNA CROWE
CEO AND FOUNDER, CROWE PR

Anna Crowe is a public relations and marketing expert as well as a best-selling author and speaker. Crowe founded her agency in 2014 and works for iconic brands in San Diego, Los Angeles and New York. She also sits on the board of the San Diego Chapter of the Entrepreneurs Organization, philanthropy-based PEERS Network and digital wellness nonprofit Half the Story. Her first book, "Get Real: The Power of Genuine Leadership, a Transparent Culture and an Authentic You" was an Amazon best seller.



DAMIAN DOLIN
FOUNDING SHAREHOLDER, PETTIT KOHN INGRASSIA LUTZ & DOLIN PC

Damian Dolin has been a shareholder and trial attorney at Pettit Kohn Ingrassia Lutz & Dolin PC for nearly 17 years. He was previously an associate at Klindienst Professional Corporation. Dolin focuses on personal injury, product liability, premises liability and general negligence actions. He is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He has obtained in excess of \$30M in verdicts and settlements for clients.



TRAVIS E. DOWNS III
PARTNER, ROBBINS GELLER RUDMAN & DOWD LLP

Travis E. Downs III is a partner at Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP where his areas of expertise include prosecution of shareholder and securities litigation, including complex shareholder derivative actions. Downs led a team of lawyers who successfully prosecuted more than 65 stock option backdating derivative actions in federal and state courts across the country. That resulted in hundreds of millions in financial givebacks for the plaintiffs and extensive corporate governance enhancements.



DANIEL EATON
SHAREHOLDER, SELTZER CAPLAN MCMAHON VITEK

Daniel Eaton has been a shareholder and partner at Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek for nearly 25 years. Eaton is also an instructor at the SDSU College of Business, teaching interactive classes in business ethics and legal issues in human resources to upper-level graduates. Eaton was president of the Harvard Law School Association for two years, ending in 2020, and past president of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association. He was also the chair of the Ethics Advisory Board of the city of San Diego in the 1990s.



BILL EIGNER
PARTNER, PROCOPIO, CORY, HARGREAVES & SAVITCH LLP

Bill Eigner has been with Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP for nearly 34 years. He is also a leading legal advisor, writer and speaker about boards of advisors and boards of directors. Eigner is a member of the board of advisors for Chateauz, a luxury digital real estate platform; Athletiverse, Inc., a Name Image Likeness platform; SokyaHealth; Indie Health LLC; NewBlue, Inc.; and Greenbutts LLC. He is on the board of directors of EvoNexus.



ROBERT FRANK
PRESIDENT, NEIL, DYMOTT, FRANK, MCFALL, MCCABE AND HUDSON APC

Robert Frank has been president of Neil, Dymott, Frank, McCabe and Hudson for more than 42 years. He joined Neil Dymott in 1980 and has been a shareholder in the firm since 1988. Frank has tried more than 60 cases to jury verdict in state and federal courts and has handled more than 100 healthcare professional licensing matters. He has served as a board member and president of the San Diego Defense Lawyers and is an elected member of the American Board of Trial Advocates.



WAINWRIGHT FISHBURN JR.
FOUNDING PARTNER, COOLEY LLP

Wainwright Fishburn Jr. has been with Cooley LLP for nearly 24 years. A venture capital attorney and global chair of the firm's digital health group, Fishburn has worked with capital-backed companies including those in the field of genomic medicine. He is vice chairman and chair elect of the Critical Path Institute, created in part by the FDA. He is past chairman of the Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute and a member of the executive committee of the board of the UCSD Moores Cancer Center.



LURIE FISHER
CEO, FOUNDER & PRESIDENT, LMA WORLDWIDE/LMA MARKETING & ADVERTISING

Laurie Fisher founded LMA Worldwide in 2004. Fisher previously was a producer for KFMB stations and Clear Channel Radio. She has more than 20 years of media experience across multiple platforms with an emphasis on cutting-edge marketing strategies for clients' success. Focused on the growth and measurable ROI of a wide variety of businesses, LMA's client roster includes home improvement, financial and legal institutions, medical and dental services, nonprofits, political campaigns and retailers.



MICHAEL GLEASON
MANAGING PARTNER, HAHN LOESER & PARKS LLC

Michael Gleason has been managing partner in San Diego at Hahn Loeser & Parks LLC for 15 years. Gleason is founder of the firm's Proposition 65 defense group and a member of the San Diego Litigation Team. He has presented oral argument before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, as well as the Second, Fourth and Fifth Appellate Districts of the State of California. He is a board member at the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, Inc., and volunteers at the Feeding America warehouse.



ANNEELISE GOETZ
PARTNER, HIGGS FLETCHER & MACK

Anneelise Goetz has been a partner in health care law and real estate law for Higgs Fletcher & Mack for nearly 12 years. She was a tax and business law attorney in Chicago previously. Goetz has experience in health care law, involving transactions between practice groups and hospitals; and in real estate law, represents purchasers and sellers in structuring, negotiating and drafting acquisitions and dispositions of multi-residential and commercial projects. She is chairperson of the board of directors at Voices for Children, Inc.



BRETT GOOD
SENIOR DISTRICT PRESIDENT, ROBERT HALF

Brett Good is the Senior District President for Robert Half, the world's first and largest specialized talent solutions firm. He oversees operations for the company's accounting, finance, administrative and customer service practice groups throughout Southern California, Arizona, Nevada and Utah. He joined Robert Half in 1999 and has three decades of experience in the staffing and consulting industry. Good is the Executive Sponsor of SOMOS Familia, one of Robert Half's Employee Network Groups, and is active with the Association for Corporate Growth.



GUY HALGREN
CHAIRMAN EMERITUS, SHEPPARD MULLIN

Guy Halgren is Chair Emeritus of Sheppard Mullin, having served as the firm's Chairman from 2001-21. During his tenure as chairman, Halgren oversaw the strategic growth of Sheppard Mullin to meet the needs of its clients. Under his leadership, the firm grew from 290 attorneys to more than 1,000 across the globe, with new offices that opened in Brussels, Seoul and Shanghai as well as throughout the United States. A resident in the San Diego office, Halgren continues to support the firm's strategic growth initiatives and client relationships.



JASON HARTLEY
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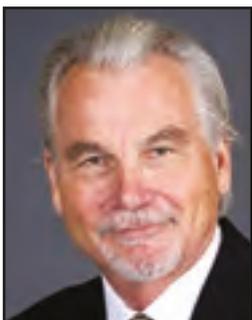
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Rita Steel is the president for West and Southwestern United States operations for Professional Talent Solutions at Robert Half. Steel has been with the company for 35 years and has served on the Talent Solutions Executive Committee since its inception, providing strategy and leadership for operations worldwide. She is a member of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Executive Steering Council and serves as the Executive Sponsor for the Asian Professionals for Excellence (APEX), one of Robert Half's Employee Network Groups. She also serves on the board of directors for City Ballet of San Diego.



PAT SULLIVAN
CEO, PAT SULLIVAN CONSULTING LLC

Pat Sullivan has been CEO of Pat Sullivan Consulting LLC for just over two years. The company specializes in organizational strategy, business analysis, communications and cyber security. Sullivan is an advisory board member with CORAS, working with the federal government. He also is a senior advisor for The Roosevelt Group and an advisory board member at the San Diego Cyber Center of Excellence. Sullivan was formerly executive director at NAVWAR and was the military advisor to the board of directors of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation.



SETH STEIN
CEO, EASTRIDGE WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

Seth Stein has been CEO of Eastridge Workforce Solutions for nearly three years and has worked for the company for nearly 25 years. Stein started as an entry-level sales representative and was formerly president of the company's workforce recruitment division. He was charged with maximizing Eastridge's two largest acquisitions, Abbott Staffing Group and Operon Resource Management. An employee-owned company, Eastridge has gone from a direct hire staffing agency in San Diego to a nationally recognized workforce solutions provider in all 50 states, Mexico, Canada and the U.K.



FRANK L. TOBIN
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Frank L. Tobin has been a shareholder/attorney at Ogletree Deakins for nearly 10 years and was a partner at Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP for 13 years prior. Tobin represents management in all types of labor and employment disputes. He has successfully tried discrimination, retaliation, harassment, wrongful discharge, wage and hour and trade secret cases. Tobin also represents employers in class action disputes and ERISA breach of fiduciary duty litigation. He is a member of the San Diego County Bar Association and sits on the legal ethics committee.

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An accomplished open water swimmer and former U.S. Army JAG Officer, Steve Coopersmith enjoys a challenge. The founder of a boutique business litigation law firm, he constantly keeps his team motivated to take on complex cases, to give the wisest counsel and to obtain the best results possible.

The Coopersmith Law Firm's primary focus is handling corporate and partnership breakups, financial fraud, and executive-level employment litigation, as well as fine art disputes and selected large municipal and land use matters. From winning a heated arbitration trial on all counts in an internal dispute within a noted medical practice, to successfully changing the way downtown San Diego is permitted and planned, Coopersmith always rises to the challenge.

On the list of San Diego "SuperLawyers" since 2014, Coopersmith was also selected to lists of the Top 100 Leaders in Law and Top 50 Veteran Business Leaders in San Diego, and to the list of America's Top "Bet the Company" Litigators. He is honored to be chosen for the SD500 list for this year.

Steven T. Coopersmith





VICKIE TURNER
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Vickie Turner is partner emeritus at Wilson Turner Kosmo LLP, working at the firm for 23 years. She previously was a partner for 16 years at Luce Forward Hamilton and Scripps. Turner has experience in complex litigation matters filed against corporations, with emphasis in the areas of product liability, warranty and class actions. Turner has defended manufacturers, distributors and retailers in product liability claims throughout California and in 12 other states. She is on the office of general counsel committee and diversity advisory committee for the Ford Motor Company.



MICHAEL UMANSKY
PARTNER, SHEPPARD MULLIN RICHTER & HAMPTON LLP

Michael Umansky has been a partner at Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP for 14 years. Umansky, a corporate mergers and acquisitions attorney, chairs the firm's company/venture capital team. He focuses on mergers, acquisitions, private equity transactions and venture capital financings and served for almost three years as vice president and general counsel for Linspire, Inc. He is active with the San Diego County Bar Association and other organizations, including Connect San Diego, Tech San Diego and the UCSD Rady School of Management.



BRIAN TSU
PARTNER, HIGGS FLETCHER & MACK

Brian Tsu has been a partner at Higgs Fletcher & Mack for nearly four years. Tsu handles trusts, estates and taxation matters, and advises high-net worth clients on domestic and international estate and charitable planning. He was a visiting lecturer for the University of Illinois at Chicago's College of Business Administration. He is the chair of the state and gift taxes committee of the American Bar Association and is a member of the YMCA of San Diego County Gift Planning Advisors' Council.



JERRY VARGA
AUDIT PARTNER, RSM US LLP

Jerry Varga is the Office Leader of RSM's San Diego office as well as the Assurance Practice Leader. He has over 25 years of experience providing audit and management advisory services to middle-market companies in the consumer products, technology and life sciences industries. In addition, Jerry works extensively with portfolio companies of private equity groups and early-stage companies backed by venture capital firms. As the Office Leader, Varga is responsible for developing and executing strategy, driving growth and maintaining the office's dynamic culture.



ROBERT TYSON
STRATEGIC MANAGING PARTNER, TYSON & MENDES LLP

Robert Tyson has been at Tyson & Mendes LLP for more than 24 years and the firm's Strategic Managing Partner for five years. Known for his trial record and expertise arguing damages in personal injury cases, Tyson's work on Howell v. Hamilton Meats, won before the California Supreme Court in 2011, has been called the most significant insurance decision in more than 40 years. He is the author of the best-selling book "Nuclear Verdicts: Defending Justice for All."



CHRIS WAHL
PRESIDENT, SOUTHWEST STRATEGIES

Chris Wahl has been president at Southwest Strategies for nearly 15 years and with the company for 23 years. Wahl is a public affairs/public relations practitioner who for two decades has helped secure development and infrastructure entitlements worth more than \$10B for clients. Wahl has helped approve high-profile projects including Sunrise Powerlink, a revitalized Westfield UTC and the North Coast Corridor Project. He was previously president of Wahl Associates, Inc. and is a member of the San Diego/Imperial counties chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.

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Chris Williams has been a Principal at Marsh McLennan Agency (MMA) for 17 years, and served as the Bay Area's Managing Director for 15 years before becoming the West Region's CEO in 2019. Williams' 30 years of experience includes employee health and benefits consulting and brokerage strategy, operations and leadership, playing a key role in growing MMA's footprint in the West. He serves on the board of directors for Playworks and is an active member of the community.

**JESSICA YANG****PARTNER, LAGASSE BRANCH BELL + KINKEAD LLP**

Jessica Yang has been partner at Lagasse Branch Bell + Kinkead LLP, a certified women-owned law firm, for nine years. Yang practices in the areas of employment law and general litigation, including defending employers in a variety of legal claims including wrongful termination, harassment, discrimination, retaliation, and wage and hour matters. She was previously a law clerk at the practice as well as with the U.S. Attorney's office. Yang was judicial intern to Hon. William McCurine Jr. in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California.

**KELLY DU FORD WILLIAMS****FOUNDER & MANAGING PARTNER, SLATE LAW GROUP**

Kelly DuFord Williams founded Slate Law Group in February 2020 and is the company's managing partner. She is also an independent consultant, legal expert on business and employment legislation and law as well as a panel attorney for Appellate Defenders Inc. Her specialties include business law and litigation, sexual harassment and employment discrimination and she also provides legal workshops and classes to entrepreneurs. Williams, who was deputy district attorney in Clark County (Nevada) for two years, is a board member of the Debra Carroll and Donald DuFord Family Foundation.

**ERIC YOUNG****PARTNER, GORDON REES SCULLY MANSUKHANI, LLP**

Eric Young is a partner at Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP. Young has practiced real estate law in California for 35 years and has represented developers, public and privately held companies and investors in the acquisition, financing and development of office buildings, industrial parks, shopping centers and multi-family residential projects. He has negotiated leases in many of the landmark office towers throughout the country and also has mentored attorneys from junior lawyer to partner. He also serves as assistant general counsel to the nonprofit Windansea Surf Club.

**CHELSEA WILSON****FOUNDER & CEO, 3CS**

Chelsea Wilson started working in the experiential marketing and creative services industry more than 15 years ago in New York City, working with clients in the automotive, entertainment, lifestyle and retail industries, producing events around the world. Wilson moved back to Southern California in 2014 and in 2020 launched 3CS – a production-focused experiential marketing agency offering everything from live experiences to installations.

**DON ADAIR****EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT & CHIEF REVENUE OFFICER, SWINERTON**

With 35 years in the construction industry, Don Adair started his career with Swinerton Builders in 1988 as a Project Engineer for the Los Angeles Division. In 1995, Adair moved to the San Diego Division. He is an affiliate of the Associated General Contractors (AGC), and formerly a member of the Palomar College Foundation, Presidents Association, and Hall of Fame Committee. Adair earned a bachelor of science degree in engineering industrial technology construction from California State University Long Beach.

**JAMES AWFORD****PRINCIPAL, BNBUILDERS**

With more than 30 years of experience in construction, James Awford joined BNBuilders in 2014 as principal of Southern California operations. He is part of the management team responsible for strategic growth, business development, and operations, working closely with owners and designers to lead project teams through preconstruction and construction. Awford integrates the appropriate use of technology to generate the optimum approach and results on projects. He is a board member of the Design Build Institute of America.

**AL APUZZO****PRESIDENT, LEE & ASSOCIATES NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY**

Al Apuzzo has more than a decade of experience in commercial real estate development, brokerage, asset management, property management and consulting. Before joining Lee & Associates, Apuzzo was president of Al Apuzzo Real Estate and an associate with Meridian Properties Real Estate Development. He holds a master's of business administration from San Diego State University and a bachelor's of science degree in finance from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

**JIMMY AYALA****DIVISION PRESIDENT, TRI POINTE HOMES**

Ayala joined Tri Pointe Homes in 2003 as a project coordinator and rose through the ranks to become division president. He earned a master's degree in business administration from SDSU and a bachelor's of science degree in urban and regional planning from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. He serves on the board of Wakeland Housing and Development Corp and on the board of the San Diego County Water Authority.

**GUY ASARO****PRESIDENT & CEO, MERIDIAN DEVELOPMENT, LLC**

As president of Meridian Development, Guy Asaro leads one of San Diego's most prolific developers, a company responsible for the expansive Millennia project in Chula Vista. A graduate of the University of Redlands with a bachelor's of science degree in business management and economics, Asaro is the former president of McMillin Homes and former senior vice president of McMillin Land Development. He also is a former chairman of the San Diego Building Industry Association.

**BEN BADIEE****PRESIDENT & CEO, BADIEE DEVELOPMENT, INC.**

As the founder and CEO of Badiee Development, Inc., Ben Badiee has been involved in development for more than 30 years. He has been involved in the development of millions of square feet of real estate projects, including industrial, and logistic projects. Badiee is involved in a variety of mentorship programs including NAIOP and has mentored hundreds of young professionals. He is a former board member of La Jolla Country Day School.

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Since starting her real estate career in 2003 as a commercial real estate agent at a time when there were few women in the field, Carrie Bobb has completed transactions totaling over \$2 billion. Before forming her own company in 2019, Bobb was vice president of CBRE in San Diego. Bobb earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Southern Nazarene University and a master's in business administration from SDSU. She also is a member of the Forbes Real Estate Council.



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Dan Broderick heads Cushman & Wakefield's operations in the Western U.S., Canada and Latin America. As a leading real estate professional in the region for more than 19 years, he is well-versed in every aspect of the business including investment banking, capital markets, sales and leasing and corporate services. Broderick has won numerous awards and is a board member, volunteer, and contributor to many industry, philanthropic and charitable causes.



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Shea Homes is the largest privately owned builder in the U.S. and Paul Barnes heads the San Diego division of the real estate company. Barnes was promoted to division president in 2004. He has served on several civic and nonprofit boards, including Habitat for Humanity and the San Diego Building Industry Association and is a graduate of UCSD.



BRIAN CAHILL

DIVISION PRESIDENT, BALFOUR BEATTY CONSTRUCTION

Brian Cahill joined Balfour Beatty Construction as a construction manager and superintendent in 1993 when it was Barnhart, Inc. In 2015, he was promoted to his current position as president, California, where he oversees operations and business acquisitions throughout California and Arizona. A former U.S. Navy deep sea diver and graduate of Mesa College and SDSU, Cahill co-authored a book on public education with futurist Rex Miller.



JASON BARRY

PARTNER, BARRY ESTATES

Jason Barry is an acknowledged leader in the San Diego County luxury real estate market. Based in Rancho Santa Fe, Barry's real estate team had a sales volume of \$500 million in 2021, including the highest sale on record in Rancho Santa Fe at \$39 million. His team is consistently responsible for some of the most expensive home sales in Rancho Santa Fe, La Jolla, Del Mar, Solana Beach, Carlsbad, Point Loma, and downtown San Diego. Barry is a graduate of UCSD.



MIKE CONROY

VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS, LEVEL 10 CONSTRUCTION

Mike Conroy has more than 24 years of experience in construction in San Diego County and throughout California, managing and overseeing wide range of projects from new school campuses to museum expansions. A graduate of Purdue University with a bachelor's of science degree in building construction technology, he has worked on projects for such clients as Stanford University, USD, the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, the San Diego Community College District, SeaWorld and the San Diego Zoo.



LAURA BARRY

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Laura Barry has consistently been rated as one of the top producing real estate professionals in San Diego County, specializing in luxury homes. She was the first Realtor in San Diego County to top \$100 million in sales volume and has been named by the Wall Street Journal and Lore magazine as one of the top 55 real estate agents in the nation for the years 2006 through 2015. She has a loyal clientele of high-ranking business officials, professional athletes and celebrities.



WILLIAM DAVIDSON

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Since he founded Davidson Communities in 1978, William Davidson has focused on building luxury homes. He has built more than 5,000 homes in 45 communities with a total value of more than \$2 billion. In 2020, the Davidson Collection on Bethel Island was named community of the year by the National Association of Home Builders. Other recent projects have included neighborhoods in San Elijo Hills and San Juan Capistrano.



MIKE BERRYHILL

VICE PRESIDENT & DIVISION MANAGER, SWINERTON

As Division Manager of Swinerton's San Diego operations, Mike Berryhill leads an office that has grown to be one of the largest contractors in the county over the last several years. Berryhill has nearly 30 years of construction industry experience and is currently on the Board of Directors for The Downtown San Diego Partnership, AGC of San Diego, American Heart Association, and The Swinerton Foundation. He earned a bachelor's degree in construction management from California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo.



DEREK DAVIS

PRESIDENT, DAVIS REED CONSTRUCTION

Derek Davis formed Davis Reed construction in 2002 with EE Reed after more than 20 years in the construction industry. His company has a strong emphasis on high-end hospitality projects such as Vista Collina in Napa and the Pendry San Diego hotel. A graduate of the University of Florida with a bachelor's degree in building construction, he is a board member of the Ecker Family YMCA and is a strong supporter of many local events and charities.



TAMI BARNHART-REESE

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Barnhart-Reese co-founded Barnhart-Reese Construction, Inc. with her father, Douglas Barnhart, and husband, West Reese, after the sale of her father's company, Douglas E. Barnhart, Inc. She is the former president of J. Reese Construction and was director of communications for Barnhart Inc. She also worked as an account representative for Marston & Marston, a public relations firm. Barnhart-Reese earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from USD.



PERRY DEALY

PRESIDENT AND CEO, DEALY DEVELOPMENT

Perry Dealy has over 45 years of real estate experience in public and private development. Key projects have included downtown San Diego's Research and Development District, Convention Center Expansion, Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, Navy Headquarters, Wells Fargo Plaza and Grand Del Mar. Dealy is active with the Downtown San Diego Partnership Executive Committee, the Lincoln Club of San Diego County Executive Committee and Lambda Alpha International.



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Marcela Escobar-Eck has more than 30 years of experience in the land use and development field with various government agencies and elected officials. As director of the San Diego Development Services Department, she oversaw a department with a \$68.9 million dollar budget. She also is the former Carlsbad planning director. Escobar-Eck earned a bachelor's of science degree in landscape architecture with an emphasis in urban and regional planning from the University of California Davis.



KURT EVANS
PRESIDENT, LUSARDI CONSTRUCTION CO.

Kurt Evans joined Lusardi Construction Co. in 1996 after earning a bachelor's of science degree in civil engineering from California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo. As president of one of the nation's top private general contractors, he is in charge of strategic planning, managing the growth and development of the company and running day-to-day operations as he oversees a staff of more than 200 employees.



JOHN FRAGER
EXECUTIVE MANAGING DIRECTOR, CBRE

A Navy veteran and graduate of the University of Southern California-Marshall School of Business, John Frager is the regional leader of CBRE's businesses in San Diego, North Baja Mexico and Hawaii, overseeing more than 275 real estate professionals. He is a board member of the executive committee of CONNECT San Diego and a board member of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the board of trustees of USD.



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Nick Frasco is in charge of the San Diego operations of Longfellow Real Estate Partners, which is based in Boston. Longfellow has been one of the more active life science property investors in San Diego. In 2021, Frasco was the winner of SDBJ's 40 Under 40 Award. Before joining Longfellow, Frasco worked for Voit Real Estate Partners, The Irvine Company, and Majestic Realty Co. He is a member of NAIOP and a graduate of the University of Southern California-Marshall School of Business.



SCOTT FREE
CEO, LUSARDI CONSTRUCTION CO.

Scott Free has been with Lusardi Construction for more than 50 years and has helped make it one of the nation's top general contractors. A graduate of Northern Arizona University, he has volunteered with multiple organizations, including the YMCA; Young Presidents' Organization (San Diego Chapter); the Challenged Athletes Foundation; and Padres Pedal the Cause.



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Yehudi Gafcon formed Gafcon Inc. in 1987 after emigrating to the U.S. from South Africa. Before starting the company, he worked in real estate development, including eight years with Sunroad Enterprises. Under his leadership, Gafcon has grown into one of Southern California's most respected construction consulting firms. He provides the leadership and direction for strategy and execution of the Seaport San Diego Project. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Construction Management from the University of Cape Town, South Africa.



MARK GLEIBERMAN
CEO, MG PROPERTIES GROUP

Mark Gleiberman founded MG Properties in 1992, and oversees the acquisition, development and management of more than \$7 billion in apartment communities. A graduate of Drexel University, he serves on the executive board of the University of San Diego Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate, is a member of the National Multi-Housing Council Board of Directors and the University of California Real Estate and Development Advisory Board. He has received many awards for his philanthropy.



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Sandra Gramley joined Platt/Whitelaw in 2000 and became principal in 2010. She leads the firm with her co-owner, Naveen Waney. A strong proponent of diversity, she has dedicated her career to improving communities, collaborating with peers and training strong leaders. A graduate of the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, she holds a master's degree in architecture from Texas A&M University. She is a past president of AIA San Diego and taught sustainable design for 13 years at the Design Institute.



RYAN GREEN
DIVISION PRESIDENT, LENNAR

Ryan Green has a successful history of working in the construction industry, focusing on home building. He became division president of Lennar in December 2020 after working for the company as vice president for land acquisition for nearly three years. Before joining Lennar, he was a vice president of CalAtlantic, vice president of Ryland Homes, and director of land acquisition of PulteGroup. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and management from the University of Phoenix.



LINDA GREENBERG
PRINCIPAL, LEE & ASSOCIATES

Linda Greenberg is an acknowledged expert when it comes to industrial property leasing and sales in San Diego County, specializing in South County and Central County. An industry veteran since 1983, she has been a top performer at Lee & Associates. She is a past president of CREW national and San Diego chapters, past president of the Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee and a member of the South County Economic Development Council.



ZACH HAMMOND
SAN DIEGO GENERAL MANAGER, SUFFOLK

Since he became general manager for Suffolk in San Diego in 2020, Zach Hammond has been responsible for business planning and development, market analysis and talent recruitment. In addition to leading Suffolk's operations in San Diego, he is responsible for expanding the company's presence across various industries, including residential, hospitality, education, science and technology, and aviation. A graduate of Bowdoin College, he has been with Suffolk since 2007.



JEFFREY HARPER
PRESIDENT, HARPER CONSTRUCTION

Jeff Harper has led Harper Construction since 2005, when he bought the company that was founded by his father, Ron Harper, in 1974. He continues the construction family tradition while maintaining the company's outstanding reputation and uncompromising commitment to quality and safety. He has been responsible for projects in the private and public sectors with a hands-on approach and responsibility for all construction operations through project completion. He specializes in design-build projects.



J. KEVIN HEINLY
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As managing director, Kevin Heinly has grown Gensler's San Diego team from 20 to 100. He is an active member of the Urban Land Institute and the Downtown San Diego Partnership and serves on the board of directors for the NAIOP San Diego Chapter and is an advisory board member to the NewSchool of Architecture and Design. He holds a bachelor's degree in architecture from Lehigh University and a master's of architecture from the University of Maryland.



ERIC HEPFER
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As managing director of Hines, Eric Hepfer is overseeing a massive \$3 billion redevelopment project in Mission Valley, transforming the Riverwalk Golf Course into a mixed-use community that will include 4,300 rental apartments, for-sale condominium units, 1 million square feet of office space, 152,000 square feet of retail space and a \$10 million new trolley station. A former Navy submarine officer, Hepfer, is a graduate of Harvard Business School and Virginia Military Institute.

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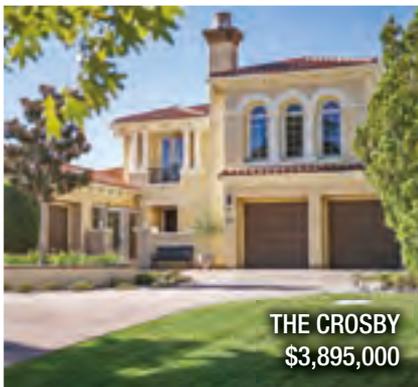


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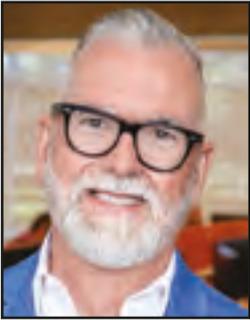
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Brian Koshley has more than 35 years of experience in architectural design. He joined Ware Malcomb as regional director in 2021, where he oversees all aspects of architecture, interior architecture and client relationships for the San Diego offices. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of California Berkeley, is a member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the Urban Land Institute (ULI), and the National Association of Office and Industrial Properties (NAIOP).



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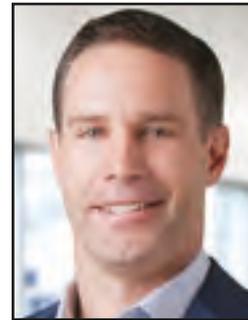
Ian Mahon comes from a long line of French Acadian builders dating back fifteen generations that have continually produced Acadian building design in the Americas that combined quality, functional architecture. After graduating from SDSU with a degree in business and information systems, he started Level 3 Construction with his father. Together they built custom homes and remodeled existing ones. Their building success helped to open doors toward commercial construction where they began hotel and restaurant renovations.



ANDY LA DOW

REGIONAL MANAGING DIRECTOR, COLLIERS

Andy La Dow oversees all brokerage operations for the three Colliers offices in San Diego County. He has more than 33 years of brokerage production experience providing client solutions on complex, high-value corporate offices lease, purchase and build-to-suit transactions. A graduate of Northern Arizona University, he is focused on expanding Colliers' culture and delivering best-in-class client resources to each and every client relationship. He has received numerous top producer awards.



MIKE MAHONEY

WEST REGIONAL PRESIDENT, RYAN COMPANIES

As regional president, Mike Mahoney provides leadership and direction of the development, design, construction and real estate management teams in Ryan's West region, based in San Diego. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a master's degree in business administration from the University of Southern California, he is responsible for expanding the company's footprint in the region. He is a former president of the San Diego Building Industry Association, and a member of the Urban Land Institute.



ESTEAN LENYOUN

PARTNER, SUDBERRY PROPERTIES

A partner at Sudberry Properties since 2006, Estean Lenyoun leads the company's urban redevelopment efforts. He is president/CEO of Impact Urban America, Inc. (IUA), an entrepreneurial, belief-based socially responsible public benefit corporation he founded with athlete and activist Rosey Grier. He has served on the Board of Directors for Ken Blanchard's Center for FaithWalk Leadership, Rosey Grier's Giant Step Senior Housing, Pangea Foundation, Wells Fargo Bank Community, Maranatha Chapel, Maranatha Schools and the Urban Land Institute.



GREG MCCLURE

PRINCIPAL, DELAWIE

Greg McClure became a principal of the architectural firm, Delawie, in 2017 after joining the firm in 2004. He has primarily focused on large-scale projects including corporate office, higher education, restaurants, housing and laboratory. As Principal of Science + Technology, he is a leader in sustainable design. He has served on multiple AIA San Diego Committees as well as served as an AIA Board Member for several years.



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With Neal McFarlane as the sole owner, McFarlane Architects has become one of the largest architectural, planning and interior design firms in San Diego. A graduate of the University of Utah with a bachelor's degree in science and finance and a master's degree in architecture, Neal McFarlane has designed more than 12,000,000 square feet of life science facilities including some highly specialized, first-of-their-kind facilities. He is responsible for the success, design and management of each project.



JOE MONACO

PRESIDENT & CEO, DUDEK

Joe Monaco has had a steady rise in the employee-owned Dudek after joining the firm in 2000, ascending to become president and CEO in 2020 following the retirement of the firm's founder, Frank Dudek. A graduate of the University of California Los Angeles with a degree in geography, he has focused on regional water resource development and habitat conservation. He managed the analysis of environmental feasibility, compliance and permitting for six regional desalination programs.



JAMES MCLAMB

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, CLARK CONSTRUCTION

Starting with Clark Construction as a field engineer in 1990, James McLamb worked his way up to become senior vice president in 2007. A graduate of the University of Florida and Whittier Law School, he led company teams on some of the West Coast's most notable projects, including Chase Center, the Governor George Deukmejian Courthouse and PETCO Park. He is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of Clark Construction Group's projects in San Diego.



BRET MORRISS

MANAGING PARTNER, CAST CAPITAL PARTNERS

A U.S. Marine Reserve pilot instructor, Bret Morriss has been managing partner of CAST Capital and Brokerage divisions since February 2022. He manages the investments, commercial real estate services and advisory teams, which are responsible for capital markets, investment sales and brokerage teams. He earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia Tech and a master's degree from the University of California Anderson School of Management. Before joining CAST, he was the founding managing Director of the San Diego office for Stream Realty Partners.



TIM MEISSNER

FOUNDER & CEO, MEISSNER COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

Tim Meissner has more than 40 years of experience in commercial real estate including advisory services, asset management, acquisition, disposition, finance, leasing, construction and property management. A graduate of Santa Clara University, he has been focused on commercial real estate transactions and the formation of Meissner CRES as an operating business that manages a client portfolio valued in excess of \$1 billion. His primary functions are business growth and development as well as mentoring the firm's senior management team.



MARTHA MOSIER

PRESIDENT, BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HOMESERVICES CALIFORNIA PROPERTIES

Martha Mosier is responsible for driving success within Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices California Properties and its affiliated partners, including Prosperity Home Mortgage, Pickford Escrow, The Escrow Firm, California Title and HomeServices Insurance. A graduate of Thomas Jefferson School of Law and SDSU, she transitioned to the top executive spot for Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices California Properties after nearly three decades of serving as legal counsel to the brokerage community, specializing in single-family, multifamily and commercial properties in Southern California.



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GREG MUELLER

CEO, TUCKER SADLER ARCHITECTS

The architecture and development of the San Diego waterfront have been reimagined by Tucker Sadler Architect's CEO, Greg Mueller. Waterfront development projects with his signature include Portside Pier, The Shell for The San Diego Symphony Orchestra and the Costa Vista RV Resort and Park. A graduate of Arizona State University, he is responsible for the overall design direction and implementation of large-scale projects for Tucker Sadler.



MICHAEL NEAL

PRESIDENT & CEO, H.G. FENTON COMPANY

Mike Neal heads one of the largest real estate owners and developers in San Diego County with a portfolio that includes more than 16 apartment communities. A graduate of SDSU with a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in real estate, he was inducted into the California Homebuilding Foundation's Hall of Fame in 2018. His passions are building things and fast cars.



TRACY MURPHY

PRESIDENT & FOUNDER, IQHQ

As president of IQHQ, Tracy Murphy oversees the \$1.5 billion Research and Development District (RaDD) that the company is building on San Diego's downtown waterfront. She co-founded IQHQ, a real estate investment trust, in 2019 after serving as executive vice president for life science of Kilroy Realty Corp. and senior vice president of BioMed, where she oversaw a 10-million-square-foot portfolio. She earned a bachelor's degree in business management and marketing from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.



ANDREW NELSON

PRESIDENT & CEO, WILLIS ALLEN REAL ESTATE

A Del Mar native and U.S. Navy veteran who served in Vietnam, Andy Nelson began working for Willis Allen Real Estate in 1977 and was named president in 1980. He purchased the remaining shares in the company from Willis Allen Sr. in 1995. Under his leadership, the firm has become the largest independently operated real estate company in Southern California with eight offices and 200 agents. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from UC Santa Barbara.



R. MICHAEL MURPHY

PRESIDENT & CEO, MURPHY DEVELOPMENT

Michael Murphy oversees a company that master plans and develops state-of-the-art corporate industrial, technology and life science parks in San Diego. In Otay Mesa, the company has developed or master-planned in excess of 10 million square feet and has concluded lease and build-to-suit transactions with numerous Fortune 500 companies. Headquartered in Otay Mesa, the company is also developing 31 acres in Scripps Ranch.



RYAN NESSEN

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT/CALIFORNIA, SUNDT CONSTRUCTION

A former U.S. Navy Seabee, Ryan Nessen joined Sundt in 2003 as a project manager and became a senior vice president and California district manager in 2020. He has more than 25 years of construction experience and has been in charge of several high-profile projects for the company including three at the San Diego International Airport and others at SDSU and the San Diego Community College District. He serves on the board of directors of the Sundt Foundation.

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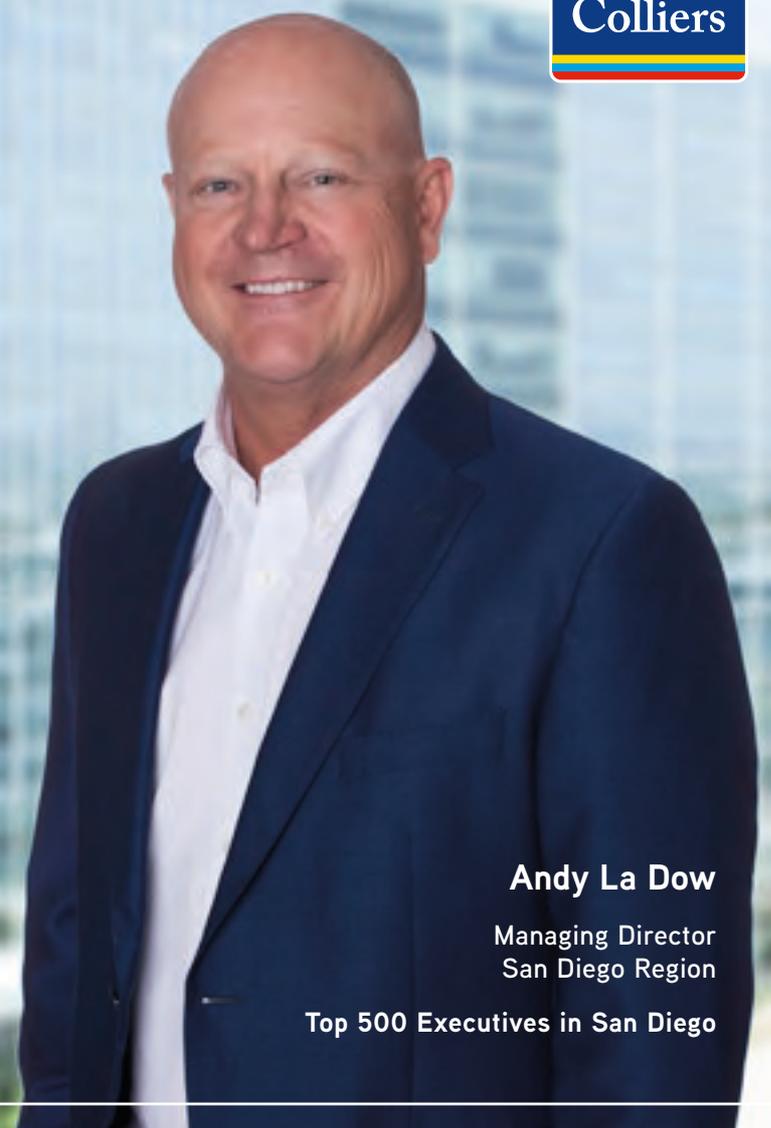
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ERIC NORTHBROOK
MANAGING DIRECTOR, VOIT REAL ESTATE SERVICES

Eric Northbrook is an achievement-focused and award-winning commercial real estate sales leader, advisor and investor with a passion for tenant and landlord advocacy and performance improvement. He is a mentor, coach and business developer for his team of sales professionals throughout Southern California. Northbrook has sold more than 18 million square feet of space and 100 acres of land. A graduate of Arizona State University, he is a founder of the Health North Fund at Sharp Healthcare Foundation.



TIM PENICK
PRESIDENT, T.B. PENICK & SONS, INC.

Tim Penick and his brother, Marc Penick, run the family business that was founded in 1905. The company has received safety awards from the Associated General Contractors of America and the American Society of Concrete Contractors, among others. Almost all of the company's work is LEED certified. Based in Carmel Valley, the company works in all 50 states and Guam.



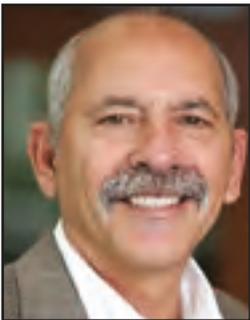
TIM OLSON
MARKET LEAD & SENIOR MANAGING DIRECTOR, JLL

Tim Olson oversees the coordination of JLL's local business lines, and the operations and strategy of the San Diego office. He is also an active broker specializing in representing building owners and tenants with the leasing of office, life science, and R&D space throughout central San Diego. A graduate USD, he has been involved in over 550 transactions totaling 11.5 million square feet with a value exceeding \$1.9 billion.



LORI HOLT PFEILER
PRESIDENT/CEO, BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF SAN DIEGO

A former mayor of Escondido, Lori Holt Pfeiler was appointed president and CEO of the Building Industry Association in 2021 after serving for more than 10 years as president and CEO of San Diego Habitat for Humanity. She is board chair of the San Diego Housing Federation and former chair of SANDAG and the North County Transit District. She earned a master's degree in business administration from CSU San Marcos.



MARC PENICK
CEO, T.B. PENICK & SONS, INC.

Marc Penick heads a family-owned company that has been in business since 1905. His brother, Tim Penick, is the company's president. T.B. Penick is one of the largest concrete contractors in the country. The company provides design-build, general contracting, construction management and concrete subcontracting services in the military, educational, institutional, commercial and public building sectors.



FRED PIERCE
PRESIDENT, PIERCE EDUCATION PROPERTIES

With nearly \$1 Billion in completed acquisitions totaling more than 23,000 beds, Price Education Properties led by Fred Pierce has been among the Top 10 largest buyers of student apartments in the country since 2007. The company has completed more than \$1.1 billion in acquisitions representing approximately 27,000 beds. A graduate of SDSU with a bachelor's degree in finance and a master's degree in real estate finance, he is a former trustee of the California University System and former redevelopment director of the SDSU Foundation.

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REGIONAL PRESIDENT, BROKERAGE, KIDDER MATHEWS

With more than 30 years in the commercial real estate industry, Mark Read has helped Kidder Mathews open offices in multiple locations including San Diego, Phoenix, Irvine, Carlsbad, the Inland Empire, Long Beach, Commerce, and Los Angeles, El Segundo and Pasadena. Before joining Kidder Mathews in 2015, he was broker and then senior managing director for CBRE and an executive managing director for Voit Real Estate Services. He earned a bachelor's degree from the UCLA.



STEVE ROSETTA
CEO, IQHQ

Steve Rosetta is a co-founder of IQHQ, the company that is remaking a large portion of San Diego's downtown waterfront with the \$1.5 billion Research and Development District (RaDD) targeting life science companies. He previously served as executive vice president and chief investment officer at Kilroy Realty and spent more than 20 years at Cushman & Wakefield. He earned a bachelor's degree from CSU San Marcos and a master's degree from UCLA.



ADAM ROBINSON
FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT, RPG

Adam Robinson leads RPG, an investment firm specializing in the acquisition, development, operations and management of commercial real estate. RPG specializes in mixed-use, office, retail, multifamily and creative industrial — a new product type integrating creative office features into state-of-the-art ground-up developed industrial buildings. RPG has acquired 4.8 million square feet of commercial real estate with a value over \$2 billion dollars and has completed aggressive repositioning to drive values.



CHRISTINA ROUSH
MANAGING PRINCIPAL, SAN DIEGO & NEVADA, CUSHMAN & WAKEFIELD

Christina Roush leads strategy for Cushman & Wakefield's San Diego and Nevada markets. She oversees multiple service lines including brokerage, property management, valuation and advisory, and private capital Investment sales. A graduate of USD with a bachelor's degree in business administration and marketing, she has more than 30 years of experience in commercial real estate. She transformed the Las Vegas office into one of the top commercial brokerages in the market.



RALPH ROESLING
PRINCIPAL, ROESLING NAKAMURA TERADA ARCHITECTS

Ralph Roesling founded Nakamura Terada Architects with Kotaro Nakamura in 1983. The firm has 45 professionals serving clients in the public and private sectors with a particular interest in neighborhood revitalization, climatic design and urban/historic preservation. A graduate of Arizona State University's School of Architecture, his architecture and planning projects have been recognized with more than 60 regional, state, national and international design awards. He is a member of the adjunct faculty at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.



SUMIT ROY
PRESIDENT & CEO, REALITY INCOME CORP.

Sumit Roy has served as Realty Income's CEO since October 2018 and president since 2015. He previously served as Realty Income's COO and oversaw the company's investments and business operations, including acquisitions, dispositions, asset management, portfolio management, information technology, internal audit and human resources. He earned a master's degree in finance and economics from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business and serves on the executive board and the Governance Committee for the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts.

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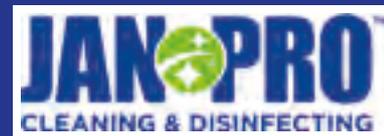
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SCOTT SASS

BUSINESS UNIT LEADER, DPR CONSTRUCTION

Scott Sass started his career in construction as a carpenter. Earning a bachelor's degree in construction management from the University of Nebraska, he joined DPR in 1999 as project executive. He moved to Texas in 2007, where he grew the company's Special Services Group for the Central Region from an annual revenue of \$40 million to \$172 million. He became business unit leader in San Diego in 2021, developing and growing high-performing teams and operations in the region.



CHRIS VEUM

PRESIDENT, AVR P STUDIOS

Chris Veum oversees the AVR P Studios' workplace and healthcare design projects. He focuses on the current and future needs of a divergent, multigenerational population and how those different generations have and will change the built environment. At 26, he was one of the youngest designers to receive a national AIA design award. His clients include Microsoft, Nokia, Intel, Cymer, Red Door Interactive, Sharp Hospital and Sharp Rees-Stealy. He is a frequent speaker at national conferences on healthcare design.



ERIC STENMAN

PRESIDENT U.S., BALFOUR BEATTY CONSTRUCTION

Eric Stenman began his career as a plumbing contractor, owned his own business, and later became a general contractor. In 2001, he became vice president and general counsel for Douglas E. Barnhart, Inc., which was acquired by Balfour Beatty in 2008. He holds a law degree from California Western School of Law and a bachelor's degree in political science from California State University, Northridge. In 2013, he was recognized by the Boy Scouts of America as "Good Scout of the Year" for the construction industry.



JOHN VORSHECK

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT/DISTRICT MANAGER, MARCUS & MILLICHAP

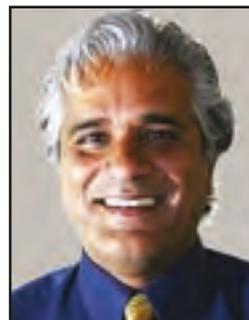
John Vorsheck oversees the San Diego, Denver, Las Vegas and Phoenix offices of Marcus & Millichap. A graduate of the University of Arizona, he joined the firm in 2006 as sales manager of the Newport Beach office, was promoted to regional manager of the Las Vegas office in 2007, and to regional manager of the San Diego office in 2011. Five years later, he was elevated to District Manager.



RANDEE STRATTON

MANAGING DIRECTOR, NEWMARK GRUBB KNIGHT FRANK

With more than 18 years of experience in real estate brokerage, Randee Stratton focuses on providing exclusive tenant representation for national and regional retail and restaurant tenants. A graduate of SDSU with a bachelor's degree in marketing, she is a member and past president of the Association of Real Estate Executive, a member of the Urban Land Institute, a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers and a member of Commercial Real Estate Women.



NAVEEN WANNEY

CO-OWNER, PLATT/WHITELAW ARCHITECTS

Naveen Waney was born in Mumbai on the west coast of India. His family immigrated to San Diego when he was 12 years-old. He joined Platt/Whitelaw in 1985 as an intern under the mentorship of Lee Platt, and later Alison Whitelaw. While going to school, he worked his way up in the firm and was made principal in 2020. A graduate of the NewSchool of Architecture & Design, he leads the firm with Sandra Gramley.



COLTON SADBERRY

PRESIDENT & CEO, SADBERRY PROPERTIES

Colton Sudberry has maintained the company's focus on mixed-use and town center developments with an emphasis on urban in-fill and master-planned communities. Major projects include the 235-acre master-planned community of Civita in Mission Valley, the 465-acre El Corazon mixed-use community and SoCal Sports Complex in Oceanside, and the 850,000-square-foot Watermark mixed-use project in San Diego's Scripps Ranch. A football standout at the University of Colorado Boulder, he is a member several industry groups, the San Diego City College Foundation and Santa Fe Christian Schools.



DOUGLAS WILSON

CEO, DOUGLAS WILSON COMPANIES

A nationally recognized expert in problem resolution, development and real estate management, Doug Wilson has overseen the development and management of nearly \$15 billion in assets and has served as a court appointed fiduciary for more than 1,200 matters in state and federal Courts. Prior to founding Douglas Wilson Companies in 1989, he was the managing general partner of the company that developed Symphony Towers, a \$160 million, 1.2 million square foot office and hotel complex in downtown San Diego.



BRAD TERMINI

CO-CEO, ZEPHYR

Brad Termini co-founded Zephyr in 2006 with a commitment to enhancing communities in California. His focus on large scale developments that have positive impact in specific communities remains central to the company's guiding ethos. He manages a development portfolio of more than \$1 billion. Through the Zephyr Foundation, he has been deeply involved in the communities in which Zephyr does business, supporting homeless causes and youth organizations including Boys and Girls Club, Solana Beach School Foundation and Elmwood Franklin School.



JOSEPH WONG

FOUNDER & PRINCIPAL, JOSEPH WONG DESIGN ASSOCIATES

The architectural firm that Joseph Wong founded in 1977 has been responsible for many of the projects that have dramatically changed the skyline of San Diego and created sophisticatedly designed buildings throughout the region. The firm has earned more than 50 local and national design awards. With master's degrees from Harvard University and the University of California Berkeley, Wong is a fellow with the American Institute of Architects.



THOMAS TURNER

VICE PRESIDENT, CBRE ADVISORY AND TRANSACTION SERVICES

Thomas Turner specializes in helping law firms, technology, biotech, healthcare companies and others in real estate transactions. He is a former managing partner and real estate leader at Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch. A graduate of UCLA with a law degree from the University of California Berkeley, his volunteer work includes serving as a mentor at the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies at USD.



ALEX ZIKAKIS

FOUNDER & PRESIDENT, CAPSTONE ADVISORS

Alex Zikakas founded the diverse real estate investment and development company in 1997. The firm has been an equity investor in more than \$2 billion of residential development ventures, purchased five million square feet of commercial properties, overseen third-party asset management services for millions of square feet of retail and office properties, and is developing multiple commercial, residential and hospitality projects. He has a master's degree in business administration from Cornell University and a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Colorado Boulder.



CRISTIANO AMON

PRESIDENT & CEO, QUALCOMM INC.

Since taking over the chief executive role at Qualcomm Inc. last year, Cristiano Amon has overseen massive growth at what was already San Diego's largest public company. Qualcomm has leveraged its expertise in cellular technologies to advance an "intelligently connected" world through edge computing in automobiles, virtual reality, gaming, AI, 5G and more. Amon started at Qualcomm in 1995 and prior to CEO served as company president as well as head of its semiconductor business.



STACEY ANFUSO

PRESIDENT & CEO, LA JOLLA LOGIC

Stacey Anfuso has over 20 years of experience in cybersecurity, computing technologies, systems engineering and software design. As CEO of La Jolla Logic, which she founded, Anfuso leads a team that engages with engineers, policy makers and program offices to achieve continuity and successful development and implementation of new security directives and processes.



CHRIS ANTHONY

CO-CEO & CO-FOUNDER, APTERA MOTORS

Chris Anthony is co-founder and co-CEO at Apera Motors, maker of three-wheeled electric vehicles that will have built-in solar panels allowing them to travel up to 40 miles on solar power alone. Apera has pre-orders from more than 20,000 customers. Apera opened a production facility in Carlsbad this year and plans to produce its first vehicles in 2023. Prior to leading Apera, Anthony founded and was CEO of lithium battery company Flux, which is headquartered in Vista.



ARDY ARIANPOUR

FOUNDER & CEO, SEQSTER

Ardy Arianpour is a visionary health tech executive and serial entrepreneur in biotech and digital health. He leads Seqster, a "patient-centric" SaaS healthcare technology company he founded in 2016. Prior to starting Seqster, he launched several clinical and consumer-based genetic tests as CCO of Pathway Genomics and served as SVP of Ambray Genetics. Arianpour was a key player in the 2013 landmark SCOTUS decision scrapping gene patents.



SAM ATTISHA

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FIELD OPERATIONS, COX COMMUNICATIONS

Sam Attisha leads a national team focused on growth initiatives. Last year, he was promoted to Cox's senior VP of field operations, in charge of the company's interests in 16 Western states. Attisha has held various leadership roles at Cox since 2007. He is also a board member of the San Diego Regional EDC and also sits on the management council of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.



CODY BARBO

FOUNDER & CEO, TRUST & WILL

Cody Barbo started Trust & Will in 2017 with a mission to make estate planning an affordable and inclusive option for all American families. Before launching the firm, Barbo was founder and CEO of Industry, a 'LinkedIn' for the service and hospitality industry. Barbo also serves on the San Diego State University Alumni Board of Advisors, Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity's National Foundation Board and is a member of Founders Pledge.



JOE BEERY

CEO, LUNA

Joe Beery is dedicated at Luna to advancing the genomics and health data to give families of children with rare diseases opportunities for treatment. His own twin children were born with a rare genetic disorder that was undiagnosable until they became the first case of clinical outcomes for next-gen sequencing. He also serves on the boards of Rady Children's Institute for Genomic Medicine, The Rare Genomics Institute, and is a founding member of Hope Knows No Boundaries.



GERRY BORJA

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION HEAD OF VETERAN & MILITARY SPOUSE PROGRAMS, ORACLE

Gerry Borja is the Veteran Transition Program Manager at Oracle. Borja grew up in a Navy family and served in the Army. He has worked at all levels in recruiting to include operations and management for both large corporations and startups in the Silicon Valley and San Diego. While primarily a technical and engineering recruiter, Borja has also hired employees for the healthcare, financial services and sales industries. He was previously a corporate recruiter at Qualcomm.



NICHOLAS BULCAO

CO-FOUNDER & CEO, AIRSPACE

Nicholas Bulcao and his partner, Ryan Rusnak, built Airspace into a modern logistics company that uses artificial intelligence and machine learning to find the best and fastest delivery routes. Airspace's platform creates the optimal shipping route within seconds, then automatically finds an experienced driver to dispatch, relaying to company clients all of the time-critical progress of their shipment in real time. This year, the company secured \$70 million in financing to expand global operations.



DUANE CAMERON

VICE PRESIDENT, COX BUSINESS

Since joining Cox in 2018, Duane Cameron has elevated the prestige of Cox's San Diego region team. During the transition to remote work, Cameron ensured he stayed connected to his frontline employees, promoted continued professional development opportunities, created team building and social engagement touch points, operational transparency and diversity and inclusion initiatives. Cameron has more than 25 years of telecommunications and tech experience and is also a former team member of USA Volleyball.



DANIEL CHANG

FOUNDER & CHAIRMAN, AEM COMPONENTS

As an entrepreneur who started from ground zero, Daniel Chang grew AEM Components to a leading position in the micro-fuse world – and a value of more than \$200 million. He is a mentor and leader not only at his company but also for the passive component industry and the local community. AEM products have been adopted globally in customer applications from Earth to space, with AEM represented in products and services used by virtually every modern family.



SCOT CHISHOLM

FOUNDER & STRATEGIC ADVISOR, CLASSY

Scot Chisholm founded Classy, an online fundraising platform that enables nonprofits to connect supporters with the causes they care about. Since 2011, Classy's platform has helped raise over \$4 billion for nonprofits. Chisholm is founder of farming advocacy nonprofit Save Farmland, co-owner of the Albion Soccer Club and sits on the leadership council advisory board at The Nature Conservancy.



MIKE CORDONNIER

CO-FOUNDER & CEO, CARLSMED

Mike Cordonnier is an accomplished MedTech executive who has dedicated his career to building private and public companies that can improve lives – millions of lives. He is co-founder and CEO of Carlsmed and volunteers his time to support the San Diego Life Science and Tech startup community. Prior to launching Carlsmed, Cordonnier held leadership roles at NuVasive, Zimmer Biomet and Orchid Orthopedics as well as startups Ellipse Technologies and X-Spine Systems.



LARRY COVAL

WEST REGION VICE PRESIDENT, COX BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

Larry Coval leads Cox Business' sales and service delivery groups for Arizona, California, Louisiana, Nebraska and Nevada. He has been with Cox since 2006, and previously oversaw a \$220 million revenue line of business in the Southern California area, with responsibilities encompassing product development, marketing, sales, technical engineering and design, installation and account management.



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WIN CRAMER
CEO, JLAB

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SHAHAB ELMI
CO-FOUNDER & CEO, CYMBIOTIKA LLC

Shahab Elmi, together with a business partner, formed Cymbiotika in 2018 to provide cutting-edge, pure products that improve energy levels and mental focus. Elmi has had significant entrepreneurial success in diverse markets. He founded Cricket Wireless, which now operates 173 stores in six states and DASH Radio, a digital audio platform. He also founded Day Group, a maker of customizable phone cases. Each company became a dominant player in its respective markets.



MARITZA DIAZ
CEO, ITJ, INC.

With a wealth of experience in engineering, digital transformation and building high-performing teams for the biotech industry, Maritza Diaz helms ITJ, a technology services company based in San Diego that enables customers to create technology centers of excellence in Tijuana. Diaz was appointed by the Tijuana EDC as leader of its Innovation and Emerging Sectors Commission, and also serves on the Forbes Technology Council and the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.



CESAR ENCISO
FOUNDER & CEO, EVOTEK, INC.

Cesar Enciso has a 25-year track record of leadership across different facets of tech business. He founded EVOTEK in 2014 and currently serves as the company’s CEO. EVOTEK provides cross-functional solutions with offerings that span an integrated set of technical domains. In 2021, Enciso was the EY Entrepreneur of the Year Pacific Southwest – San Diego Award winner. In addition to leading EVOTEK, he has been a board member of Junior Achievement of San Diego County since 2017.



ZEB EVANS
CO-FOUNDER & CEO, CLICKUP

Zeb Evans leads ClickUp, a productivity platform company valued at \$4 billion. Evans co-founded ClickUp in 2018 and oversaw its meteoric growth from a company living and working in the same house to now employing more than 800 spread across offices around the world. Before ClickUp, Evans in 2011 founded advertising services company Fast Followerz, which he later sold to fund ClickUp.



STEVE FAMBRO
CO-FOUNDER & CO-CEO, APTERA MOTORS

As co-CEO and co-founder at Apera Motors, Steve Fambro is working to create the world’s most efficient and technologically advanced Solar Electric Vehicle. He was also venture partner and COO at Ocean Holding, an investment and development company where he was dedicated to clean energy and ag-tech deals. Fambro also founded Famgro, where he raised \$8 million to launch a super-efficient pesticide/herbicide-free indoor food-production system.

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Sam Attisha



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SEAN FERREL
FOUNDER & CHAIRMAN, MANAGED SOLUTION

Sean Ferrel founded Managed Solution because he believed there was a better way to provide IT talent to help businesses with their exponential growth of data, technology needs and business challenges. Ferrel believes the gap between people and technology has gotten even smaller and at the end of the line, his company helps connect the digital landscape and is a critical component to empowering the technology platforms that empower our everyday lives.



ADAM HARRIS
CO-FOUNDER & CEO, CLOUDBEDS

Adam Harris leads Cloudbeds, a cloud-based hospitality management software platform that simplifies the working lives of professional property owners, operators and employees. Hotels, hostels, vacation rentals and groups in around the world use Cloudbeds' award-winning software to generate billions of dollars in room sales annually. This year, Cloudbeds raised \$150 million in a Series D round, bringing its total venture backing to \$253 million.



JEFFREY GERARDI
CEO, PROEST, INC.

Jeffrey Gerardi has been CEO of ProEst since 1992 and has led the firm from a small tech company to its current position as the construction industry's leading estimating software, with over 8,000 active users around the world. Gerardi's pioneering development of an online cloud platform allows businesses to maintain productivity and collaboration amidst unprecedented challenges. As CEO, Girardi oversees all aspects of the business including sales, development, client support, and customer service.



INGO HENTSCHEL
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND REGION MANAGER, COX COMMUNICATIONS

Ingo Hentschel oversees Cox Communications' day-to-day operations and employees in San Diego, Orange County, Palos Verdes and Santa Barbara. He has a record leading large, complex operational groups to high performance during competitive and high change periods. Prior to joining Cox in 1992, Hentschel was a crew chief in the U.S. Marine Corps. He sits on the boards of the USS Midway Museum, California State University San Marcos Foundation and San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation.



ALEX GOODE
CEO, GOSITE

Alex Goode launched GoSite in 2013 as a website design platform that builds webpages for small businesses. GoSite, now operating in all 50 states and with 250 employees in San Diego, has expanded into an enablement platform helping small businesses engage and transact with customers. The company has partnered with more than 6,000 merchants and recently raised \$40 million in a Series B round to fuel further expansion and growth.



MIKE HALL
CO-FOUNDER & CEO - BORREGO SOLAR

Mike Hall was one of the original co-founders of Borrego, joining his brother Aaron in 2002. In 2009 he transitioned into the role of CEO, after leading the company's sales and marketing organization for seven years. Over the last 40 years, Borrego has established itself as one of the nation's most reliable solar and energy storage companies, known for its focus on safety, integrity, quality, and deep staff expertise.



AFIF KHOURY
CEO, SOCI

Afif Khoury is a former attorney, venture capitalist and now founder and CEO of one of the largest enterprise SaaS platforms in the world. Khoury has raised more than \$200 million in his career and has driven SOCI to become an INC. 5000 Fastest Growing Companies in America for five years straight. SOCI now employs more than 300 people across nine countries and supports more than 3 million businesses.



KEVIN MARSHALL
CO-FOUNDER & PRESIDENT, COPYLINK

Kevin Marshall is the president and co-founder of CopyLink, a successful office equipment company headquartered in Chula Vista that Marshall launched in 1990. The company offers programs that include copying/printing systems as well as scanning solutions and the new electronic document filing software programs. Marshall is also board chair of the YMCA and Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce president.



STEVE MCMILLAN
PRESIDENT & CEO, TERADATA

Steve McMillan has led Teradata since 2020. He is a seasoned executive with a more than two decade track record of transforming enterprise services and product businesses into industry-leading cloud portfolio offerings. Prior to joining Teradata, McMillan served as the EVP of Global Services for F5 Networks where he was responsible for more than half of worldwide operations and achieved significant top-line growth and industry-leading customer satisfaction.



Congratulations, **Maritza Diaz** on being acknowledged as **Business Woman of the Year for 2022!**

We appreciate your passion for enhancing **San Diego's Life Science and Technology** industries to expand and become more competitive in the world, and your dedication to enabling companies to accelerate their digital innovation in the CaliBaja region.

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GIOIA MESSINGER

FOUNDER & PRINCIPAL, LINKEDOBJECTS, INC.

Gioia Messinger is an accomplished entrepreneur and senior executive who launched LinkedObjects in 2012. The firm provides strategy and technology services focused on the digital transformation brought about by AI and IoT. Previously, Messinger was founder and CEO of Avaak, now Arlo Technologies. She currently serves as an independent director for One Stop Systems, Indyme Solutions, CARI Health, and sits on the Council of Advisors at UCSD Jacobs School of Engineering.



ERIC SPOMER

PRESIDENT & CEO – ENERGYSOURCE MINERALS

Eric Spomer has led EnergySource Minerals (ESM) as president and CEO since 2015. Over the course of his leadership, ESM further developed a direct lithium extraction (DLE) technology called ILiAD (Integrated Lithium Absorption Desorption) that is the cleanest process for mining lithium to date. The company is now poised to be a leader in the supply chain needed to electrify transportation.



DUSTIN NIGLIO

CEO, PAYMENT LOGISTICS LIMITED

Dustin Niglio started Payment Logistics with his brother Britton in 2003 in response to a need in the industry to provide reliable and secure merchant account services while addressing the technical needs presented by a complex and ever-changing electronic payment processing industry. Named one of SDBJ's 100 Fastest Growing Companies, Payment Logistics offers everything from mobile payments and payment processing to a gift and loyalty program.



A.J. VAN DE VEN

CO-FOUNDER & CEO, CALSENSE

A.J. van de Ven began his career with irrigation solutions leader Calsense in 2005, where he started as a software engineer. After 10 years, he expanded his involvement within the business and became president in 2016. In 2018 he became CEO of Calsense. In addition to leading Calsense, van de Ven is involved with Young Presidents Organization, dedicated to making "Better Leaders Through Education and Idea Exchange."



CHRIS ORLANDO

CO-FOUNDER & CSMO, SCALEMATRIX

Chris Orlando is the co-founder of ScaleMatrix and DDC Cabinet Technology and leads the company's commercial and strategic efforts. Prior to ScaleMatrix, Orlando served as president of the Complex Drive Data Center Group for four years, in addition to developing a number of hosting and colocation brands in the early 2000's. Today, he is involved in expanding the reach and breadth of the ScaleMatrix brand, which offers clients some of the highest density and most energy-efficient hosting platforms in the world.



LÂLE WHITE

CO-FOUNDER & CEO – XIFIN

Lâle White founded XIFIN in 1997 with a vision of using technology to optimize the economics of healthcare – creating an environment in which patients receive the best healthcare at the lowest cost to themselves and the healthcare system as a whole. XIFIN has helped diagnostic labs and health systems process more than 70 million lab visits per year, realizing more than \$3 billion in cumulative net cash collection gains.



MIKE ROBERTS

FOUNDER & CEO, CREATING CODING CAREERS

During his career, Mike Roberts has worn many hats, from software engineer to CEO. Most recently, he is the founder and CEO of Creating Coding Careers (formerly San Diego Code School) where he has helped launch more than 100 student careers and has grads working at IBM/RedHat, Apple, WalmartLabs, Sony, AWS and other leading tech companies. Roberts is a Fullstack JavaScript practitioner with more than 30 years of coding experience. He is a board member of San Diego JavaScript Community.



DOUG WINTER

CO-FOUNDER & CEO, SEISMIC SOFTWARE

Doug Winter is the chief executive officer and co-founder of Seismic, the global leader in sales enablement. A veteran entrepreneur, Winter was also a co-founder of Objectiva Software Solutions. In collaboration with his co-founders, Winter has grown Seismic from a small startup to an international organization that recently reached an annual run rate of \$300 million.



GORDON SCHENK

PRESIDENT & CEO, UCAP POWER

Gordon Schenk has been the leader at UCAP Power since the firm's inception in 2019. UCAP Power provides ultracapacitor-based solutions across a wide range of renewable markets. Ultracapacitor systems are a long-lasting, renewable source of reliable power storage that can eliminate lead-acid or other hazardous batteries. Previously Schenk was VP of sales for Americas at Maxwell Technologies prior to its acquisition by Telsa.



OREN ZASLANSKY

FOUNDER & CEO, FLOCK FREIGHT

Oren Zaslansky put together a 100-truck fleet at age 20 and a brokerage called "SolSource," which opened his eyes to the inefficiencies of LTL shipping. Zaslansky founded Encinitas-based Flock Freight in 2015 and has turned the firm into one of the area's fastest-growing privately held companies -- and one of San Diego's newest "unicorns." Flock Freight's proprietary software allows shippers to pool less-than-full loads to maximize available space on trucks and eliminate tons of carbon dioxide emissions.



SHAYNE SKAFF

CEO, BLOOMA

Shayne Skaff is a strategic visionary and serial entrepreneur and operator dedicated to building emerging technology companies. In 2004, he co-founded MaintenanceNet, a SaaS platform that automated how companies managed and transacted annuity businesses. Skaff sold the company to Cisco Systems in 2015 for \$139 million. In 2018, he co-founded Blooma, which employs artificial intelligence machine learning solutions to help commercial real estate professionals handle data gathering, number crunching and document reading.



DOUG AUSTIN AIA
OWNER, AVRP STUDIOS

Architect Doug Austin founded AVRP Studios and has served as the prestigious firm's chairman for nearly a decade. A graduate of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and the Harvard University Graduate School of Design, Austin's many specialties include mixed-use, urban planning and green building. He began his career in 1976 after graduating from the Punahou School in Hawaii, where former President Barack Obama was also an alumni.



AL BALDWIN
CEO/CHAIRMAN, BALDWIN & SONS

Al Baldwin's career in homebuilding has spanned more than three generations and positively impacted homebuyers from San Diego to Los Angeles. Baldwin has built more than 20,000 homes and developed more than a dozen neighborhoods and communities that are flourishing today, including South County's Otay Ranch. His commitment to architectural innovation and quality craftsmanship has earned him praise from homeowners and industry peers alike.



DOUGLAS BARNHART
CHAIRMAN, BARNHART-REESE CONSTRUCTION

The company that Doug Barnhart founded in 1983, Douglas E. Barnhart, Inc., built many of San Diego's most recognizable projects, including enhancements to the San Diego Convention Center Sails Pavilion, Tony Gwynn Stadium at San Diego State University and Terminal 2 at San Diego International Airport. Barnhart sold the company in 2008 and became chairman of the newly formed company that became Barnhart-Reese Construction, with his daughter, Tami Barnhart Reese, as president and his son-in-law, West Reese, as CEO.



PHIL BLAIR
EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MANPOWER SAN DIEGO

Phil Blair is a keen observer of the world of work: He thinks about work, talks about work and writes about work. Together with partner Mel Katz, Blair is co-owner of the Manpower of San Diego employment agency franchise, also overseeing operations in other Western cities. He appears frequently in the region's business press, on television and radio and also is the author of the job-hunting guide "Job Won!" Blair is involved in multiple civic and business organizations. A Kansas native, he received his business degree from Oklahoma State.



KEN BLANCHARD
FOUNDER, THE KEN BLANCHARD COS.

Ken Blanchard has written scores of business books on topics including Servant Leadership. His most iconic book, "The One Minute Manager," has been in print 40 years. In 2015, Blanchard and co-author Spencer Johnson, M.D. released an updated edition of the slim volume that still serves as foundational text for business managers today. A New Jersey native who grew up in New York, Blanchard — along with his wife Marjorie — formed Blanchard Training and Development, which eventually became The Ken Blanchard Cos.



J. NEAL BLUE
CEO/CHAIRMAN, GENERAL ATOMICS

J. Neal Blue oversees General Atomics (GA) and its affiliated companies. GA is based in La Jolla and also has a massive manufacturing facility and presence in Poway, where it builds the Predator drone. Blue's son is now CEO of GA Aeronautical Systems Inc. Blue is intensely private and makes few public appearances. GA's portfolio of business encompasses aviation, uranium mining, nuclear engineering, real estate, and oil and gas exploration.



LINDEN S. BLUE
VICE CHAIRMAN, GENERAL ATOMICS

Linden Stanley Blue is a familiar figure in San Diego defense contracting circles. He and brother Neal Blue bought General Atomics from Chevron in 1986. The brothers spent their early years in agriculture in Central America, and Linden Blue tells a harrowing tale of being imprisoned in Cuba prior to the Bay of Pigs invasion. Blue, who sits on the board of the Hudson Institute, is the author of "Losing Freedom," a critique of left-wing politics. Blue's nephew, Linden P. Blue, runs General Atomics Aeronautical Systems Inc.



CHARLES BRANDES
FOUNDER, BRANDES INVESTMENT PARTNERS LP

Charles Brandes established his reputation, in part, by developing an investing approach based on undervalued stocks. At its peak, Brandes grew his namesake asset firm to manage nearly \$120 billion. In 2018, he retired from the firm, which now has about \$28 billion in assets under management. Through the Manzanita Foundation, Brandes has supported a number of organizations, including the San Diego Symphony, San Diego Jewish Academy and Rady School of Management and several local charities.



MALIN BURNHAM
CHAIRMAN, THE BURNHAM FOUNDATION

Malin Burnham founded the Burnham Center for Community Advancement in 2021. The organization, which Burnham calls a "think-and-do tank," is working in multifaceted ways to improve San Diego. For six decades, Burnham helped build and lead his family's insurance and commercial real estate businesses until Cushman & Wakefield bought the company in 2008. Organizations such as the Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute and USD's Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate have benefited from Burnham's philanthropic support.



GORDON CARRIER
OWNER, CHAIRMAN & DESIGN PRINCIPAL,
CARRIER JOHNSON + CULTURE

Gordon Carrier leads Carrier Johnson + CULTURE, a unique design laboratory emphasizing the value of brand strategy in three dimensional environments. Carrier, a University of Michigan grad, has been called a "great motivator of people" and a "change agent." His firm's approach focuses on clarifying "actual" client needs versus industry assumptions to avoid unnecessary expense. Carrier Johnson + CULTURE's specialties include brand strategy, architecture and all types of design.



CONSTANCE CARROLL
RETIRED CHANCELLOR, SD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT

Constance Carroll retired in 2021 as chancellor of San Diego Community College District, a position she had held since 2004. As chancellor, Carroll guided the state's second-largest community college district, with more than 102,000 total students, through unprecedented expansion funded by a \$1.5 billion bond program. Carroll was previously president of San Diego Mesa College for 11 years, and served a six-year term on the National Council on the Humanities.



DAVID COHN
CO-FOUNDER, PRESIDENT COHN RESTAURANT GROUP

David Cohn and his wife Lesley opened their first restaurant in 1982, a burger joint on Mission Gorge Road. Since then, they have amassed an eclectic collection of nearly two dozen restaurants throughout San Diego County, including Coasterra, The Prado at Balboa Park, Indigo Grill, BO-beau and 333 Pacific. David Cohn is currently a board member of the SDSU Hospitality and Tourism Management Program, California Restaurant Association and Gaslamp Quarter Association.



LESLEY COHN
CO-FOUNDER, COHN RESTAURANT GROUP

Lesley Cohn, together with her husband and business partner David, was inducted into Junior Achievement's San Diego Business Hall of Fame in 2021. Over the decades, the Cohn Restaurant Group has grown to two dozen outlets, which the Cohn family runs with imagination, flair and a sense of style. The Cohns also give back. In 1996, they founded a culinary arts program for at-risk youth. More recently, when the COVID-19 pandemic swept through San Diego, the Cohns put together a program to support out-of-work hospitality staff.



GENEVIEVE CRAIG
FOUNDER, JENNY CRAIG

Jenny Craig turned her given name into an enduring brand, launching the Jenny Craig weight loss business in Australia in 1983. She and her husband brought their business to North County in 1985. Now owned by H.I.G. Capital, Jenny Craig Weight Loss Clinics & Diet Centers, based in Carlsbad, has nearly 500 company-owned and franchised locations in the U.S. and Canada, and approximately 600 centers worldwide. Craig has long been involved in the horse racing scene, and her name adorns the University of San Diego Jenny Craig Pavilion, affectionately known as the Slim Gym.



STANLEY CROOKE
FOUNDER, N-LOREM FOUNDATION

Stanley Crooke founded the company that would eventually become Ionis Pharmaceuticals in 1989 and was its CEO until 2020. In 2021 he retired from his role as executive chairman on Ionis' board, shifting his focus to his scientific interests and the nonprofit organization he founded, n-Lorem Foundation, which provides free individualized antisense treatments to patients living with ultra-rare diseases. Crooke has published nearly 600 scientific publications, edited more than 20 books, and is a named inventor on numerous patents.



STEPHEN CUSHMAN
PRESIDENT, CUSH ENTERPRISES

Stephen Cushman is a fourth-generation San Diegan whose career has included real estate development and running auto dealerships. Cushman has also been a key adviser to mayors, councils and commissions. He was a commissioner for the San Diego Unified Port District from 1998 to 2010 and in total has served on more than 70 boards. In 2021, Federal Realty Trust of Maryland bought a 60% interest in the Grossmont Center retail property from the Cushman family, whose foundation has donated millions to local causes, including the Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank.



MARK DANKBERG
CHAIRMAN, CEO & CO-FOUNDER, VIASAT INC.

Mark Dankberg co-founded Viasat Inc. in 1986 and has been CEO for most of the company's history. Dankberg focuses on advancing the strategic technology and business initiatives at the company, including the "transformative combination" with London-based Inmarsat, which Viasat merged with in 2021. Dankberg also contributes to the debate on space and broadband policy, both nationally and globally and is an acknowledged industry expert in aerospace, defense and satellite communications.



JOAN EMBERY
FOUNDER, EMBERY INSTITUTE FOR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

A generation of Americans became familiar with Joan Embery and her then-employer, the Zoological Society of San Diego, with her more than 100 appearances with Johnny Carson on "The Tonight Show." A high-profile animal and environmental advocate, Embery has logged more than 1,000 television appearances, written four books and still makes numerous speaking engagements. She serves on many boards focusing on conservation and wildlife issues and is an accomplished horsewoman who lives on a 50-acre ranch in Lakeside.



ANNE EVANS
CHAIR EMERITUS, EVANS HOTELS

Anne Evans co-founded Evans Hotels in 1953 along with her late husband, William D. Evans. During her 30 years of active leadership as chairman, Evans has grown the company properties to include the Bahia Resort Hotel on Mission Bay, the Catamaran Resort in Pacific Beach and The Lodge at Torrey Pines. She has served on many influential state and local boards and is a member of the California Tourism Hall of Fame. The Evans family was awarded the first long-term lease on Mission Bay for a 14-acre parcel of waterfront property then known as Bahia Point.



PETER FARRELL
FOUNDER & BOARD CHAIR, RESMED

Peter Farrell, Ph.D., is founder, former CEO and board chair at ResMed, whose digital health technologies and cloud-connected medical devices transform care for people with sleep apnea, COPD, and other chronic diseases. ResMed serves customers in more than 140 countries. Earlier in his career, Dr. Farrell served as VP of R&D at Baxter International and was also foundation director for the Graduate School of Biomedical Engineering at the University of New South Wales.



MICHAEL FASULO
RETIRED PRESIDENT COO, SONY ELECTRONICS

Michael Fasulo retired as president and COO of Sony Electronics in 2021. Fasulo led Sony Electronics' operations in North America for seven years, engineering the strategic turnaround of the business in North America, achieving record results, cutting the number of products and emphasizing Sony's status as a premium brand. He is on the boards of the Consumer Technology Association and the national Boys & Girls Clubs of America. In 2020 at the annual CEO of the Year Awards, Fasulo received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the San Diego Business Journal.



JAY FLATLEY
FORMER CHAIR & CEO, ILLUMINA INC.

Jay Flatley successfully led Illumina through landmark product development, commercialization and large-scale growth. He became CEO in 1999 when the company had 30 employees and by the time he became executive chairman, Illumina had become San Diego's largest life science company, with about 7,800 employees and \$3.2 billion in annual revenue. Today, Illumina is among the world's leading genomic companies. Its broad portfolio of leading-edge sequencing and array-based solutions is powering the next generation of life science breakthroughs.



DeLINDA FORSYTHE
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AMBASSADOR,
CONSCIOUS CAPITALISM

DeLinda Forsythe, the former CEO of ICE (Innovative Commercial Environments), ran a successful contract furniture business for more than 35 years. Since retiring and selling her business, Forsythe has become a best-selling author and vocal advocate for the global nonprofit movement known as Conscious Capitalism, which was started by former Whole Foods CEO John Mackey. Forsythe's book, "Inspiring Generational Leadership," is an Amazon bestseller. In it, Forsythe shares her passion and life lessons while also offering a road map for developing tomorrow's leaders.



RON FOWLER
CHAIRMAN & CEO, LIQUID INVESTMENTS INC.

Ron Fowler is chairman and CEO of San Diego-based beer distributor Liquid Investments, Inc. and a principal and board member of Columbia Distributing in Oregon and Washington. In 2016, Fowler and his wife, Alexis, gave \$25 million to San Diego State University's business school, now known as the Fowler College of Business Administration.



ALAN D. GOLD
CHAIRMAN EMERITUS, BIOMED REALTY

Philanthropist Alan Gold served as chairman, CEO and president of BioMed Realty Trust, Inc. from its inception in 2004 through the sale of the company to Blackstone Group for \$8 billion in 2016. BioMed specialized in acquiring, leasing, developing and managing laboratory and office space for the life science industry. Gold also served as chairman, president and chief executive officer of BioMed Realty's privately held predecessor, Bernardo Property Advisors, Inc. The San Diego State alum currently serves as a member of the board of trustees for the Salk Institute for Biological Studies.



DAVID HALE
CEO, HALE BIOPHARMA VENTURES

David Hale, one of San Diego's most prolific life science company creators and investors, has more than 30 years of experience leading biotech and pharma companies. Hale has co-founded and led a dozen successful ventures, including Pemix Sleep, Hybritech, Gensia, Viagene and Biocept. His civic involvement includes serving as chairman for Rady Children's Hospital and Rady Children's Genomics Institute. Among Hale's recent accomplishments is his part in helping get the Rady Children's Genomics Institute up and running. In 2019, he was inducted into Connect San Diego's Hall of Fame.



ERNIE HAHN
CHAIRMAN, DREAM HAHN

Ernie Hahn, chairman of Dream Hahn, has been a leader in marketing, sports and entertainment for the last 30 years in San Diego. Until recently, his career was tied closely to the San Diego Sports Arena (now Pechanga Arena). Hahn was the general manager of the venue from 1996-2021, and had a hand in thousands of events. Today he leads an experiential full-service marketing company that includes Wonderbus Entertainment, which debuted in 2021. He was founding partner in the Wonderfront Festival.



JOE HARPER
PRESIDENT & CEO, DEL MAR THOROUGHBRED CLUB

Joe Harper had bit parts in his grandfather Cecil B. DeMille's movies "The Ten Commandments" and "Greatest Show on Earth," but he's had a starring role in growing one of the nation's top racetracks, the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, which he joined in 1978. Since becoming president and CEO of the historic track in 1990, Harper has boosted attendance and the club's profile. He's a former president of the Thoroughbred Racing Association of North America and has served for many years on the board of the San Dieguito Boys & Girls Clubs.



KAREN HAYNES
FORMER PRESIDENT, CAL STATE SAN MARCOS

Karen Haynes excelled for more than three decades as a university administrator. Haynes was president of California State University San Marcos from 2004 until her retirement in 2019. At CSUSM, she oversaw record expansion of the North County campus footprint and student population. She was president of the University of Houston-Victoria from 1995 to 2004 and dean of the graduate school of social work at the University of Houston from 1985 to 1995. She is a trustee of Sanford Burnham Prebys, the research institute on Torrey Pines Mesa.



TINA HOWE
VP, BILL HOWE FAMILY OF COMPANIES

Tina Howe, vice president of the Bill Howe Family of Companies, is at the forefront of the firm's brand management and daily operations. For 34 years, she has helped build and support one of the largest plumbing, heating and air, and restoration and flood service company in San Diego. Tina Howe is also an active philanthropist and supports a number of San Diego area causes, including empowering women in the workplace and supporting various animal rescue organizations.



T.W. (BILL) HOEHN III
PRESIDENT, HOEHN MOTORS

Bill Hoehn is the third generation of Hoehns in the car dealership business. He succeeded his grandfather, Theodore W. Hoehn, and his father, Theodore W. "Bill" Hoehn Jr., and is nurturing a fourth generation to carry on the family's legacy at the Hoehn Family of Dealerships in Carlsbad. Hoehn has served on the boards of the San Diego County YMCA, Fuller Foundation and The Bishop's School and has been a member of the San Diego Motor Car Dealers Association, Audi National Dealer Council, and Mercedes Benz National Dealer Council. The Hoehn family supports numerous local charities and nonprofits.



SELWYN ISAKOW
CHAIRMAN, CALPRIVATE BANK

Real estate investor Selwyn Isakow is founder, chairman and CEO of the Oxford Investment Group Inc., a private equity, real estate and venture investment firm that has built a portfolio of over 80 manufacturing, financial services and niche distribution companies in 17 countries since 1985. A native of South Africa, Isakow has founded several commercial banks and been a board member at firms traded on the New York Stock Exchange. He is currently chairman of CalPrivate Bank and is chair of City of Hope, one of the largest cancer treatment and research hospitals in the country.



BILL HOWE
PRESIDENT, BILL HOWE FAMILY OF COMPANIES

Bill Howe oversees a rapidly growing business that has been family-owned and operated for three generations. Bill Howe started his business, AM/PM Sewer and Drain Cleaning, in 1985, operating initially out of the garage of his studio apartment in Pacific Beach. Today, the firm is one of the area's largest and most active building maintenance companies, offering 24/7 service delivered by one of the largest service fleets in San Diego. In 2022, Howe and his wife Tina transitioned day-to-day management of the company to their three daughters.



JO DEE JACOB
FORMER CEO, GIRL SCOUTS SAN DIEGO

A Girl Scout program unique to San Diego, Operation Thin Mint, is now headed into its third decade thanks to the early organizing efforts of Jo Dee Jacob. The retired U.S. Navy captain served as CEO of Girl Scouts San Diego from 2001 to 2016. Since 2002, under Operation Thin Mint, the Girl Scouts have shipped more than 3 million boxes of cookies to military troops overseas. During her time in the Navy, Jacob oversaw U.S. military assets in Guam. She is past president of Rotary Club 33.

CONGRATULATIONS
KEVIN MARSHALL
PRESIDENT & CO-FOUNDER, COPY LINK

Copy Link and Flex Technology Group proudly congratulate Kevin Marshall for being recognized as one of San Diego's Top 500 influential business executives of 2022. Your commitment to our company, our community, and the office technology industry as a whole is worthy of imitation. Thank you for always going the extra mile, as seen in your personal contributions as President of the Business Technology Association-Western Division, mentor with Junior Achievement, and active board member with the YMCA, Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce, Southwest College, Chula Vista Charitable Foundation, and Atrius.

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IRWIN JACOBS
CO-FOUNDER, QUALCOMM INC.

Irwin Jacobs was one of the co-founders of Qualcomm Inc., which developed the CDMA technology that paved the way for cellphones and today is one of the world's leading chip makers and San Diego's largest, publicly traded company. Jacobs served as Qualcomm's CEO for two decades. He and his wife Joan are among the region's most generous philanthropists and have given more than \$100 million to each of the San Diego Symphony, UC San Diego and the UC San Diego Health system. The Jacobses also donated \$11 million to the Symphony to assist with the development of its new outdoor venue, named Jacobs Park in their honor.



STATH KARRAS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BURNHAM-MOORES CENTER FOR REAL ESTATE

Stath Karras served as the executive managing director at Cushman & Wakefield and also was CEO of Burnham Real Estate Services before taking the helm at the University of San Diego Knauss School of Business's prestigious Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate. Karras serves as co-chair of LEAD San Diego and has served as chairman of CONNECT and the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corp. He also sits on the board of HG Fenton and currently serves as an advisor to multiple local companies.



BARRY JANTZ
RETIRED CEO, GROSSMONT HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Barry Jantz is an unabashed champion of East County. Jantz served as CEO of Grossmont Healthcare District from 2004 until his retirement in 2021, leading the effort to complete over \$260 million in Proposition G improvements at Grossmont Hospital, as well as a successful 2014 ballot measure to continue the lease of the hospital to Sharp HealthCare until 2051. Jantz served four terms on the La Mesa City Council and currently runs Jantz Communications, which specializes in government and community affairs and executive coaching.



MEL KATZ
EXECUTIVE OFFICER & CO-OWNER, MANPOWER SAN DIEGO

Mel Katz and partner Phil Blair bought the local Manpower franchise in 1977 and have built it into the largest in the United States. Katz has been active in many local organizations, including his leadership role with the e3Civic High charter school. He serves as a board member of San Diego Foundation, the UC San Diego Foundation, the San Diego Rotary Foundation and inewsources. Other organizations he has worked with include the San Diego Workforce Partnership and San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.



TOM KARLO
GM EMERITUS, KPBS

Tom Karlo retired from KPBS in 2020 and is now the local public media center's general manager emeritus. Karlo began his career at KPBS in 1973 as a part-time assistant while studying television and film at SDSU, serving in numerous roles from assistant cameraman to associate general manager of business, finance and operations. He was named general manager in 2009 and during more than a decade at the helm, the station merged the TV, radio and digital departments into one content producing center. KPBS won 419 journalism awards and saw impressive staff, audience and fundraising growth during his leadership.



JOHN D. KLINEDINST
FOUNDER & CHAIRMAN EMERITUS, KLINEDINST PC

John D. Klinedinst has achieved remarkable results in both the legal and business communities. Klinedinst started his business law firm in 1983, oversaw its growth to five West Coast offices and took the title of chairman emeritus in 2021. His practice focuses on business litigation, where he has tried dozens of cases, including professional liability and IP disputes. He has served on the boards of many professional groups, nonprofits, and educational institutions and was recognized by the San Diego Business Journal as one of San Diego's Most Admired CEOs in 2019.



JESSIE KNIGHT JR.
FORMER CEO & CHAIRMAN, SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC

Jessie Knight Jr. is best known for his tenure as CEO of San Diego Gas & Electric. Knight also served on the California Public Utilities Commission, was CEO of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce and held several key leadership roles with Sempra Energy, SDG&E's parent company. He is managing director of Knight Angels LLC, a private equity investor and also serves on the boards of Alaska Airlines, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the UC San Diego Foundation and the Timken Museum of Art.



BOB LEONE
RETIRED CEO & PRESIDENT, MRC SMART TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS

Bob Leone is the founder and former president and CEO of MRC, a Xerox Company and leading technology firm focused on helping businesses increase productivity and reduce costs. In July 2021, Leone retired after 48 years of service during which he transformed MRC from a single San Diego office to operating locations in Cypress, Pleasanton, Sunnyvale, Hayward and as far as Hawaii. A five-time recipient of the San Diego Business Journal's CEO of the Year Award, Leone is now a business consultant and also volunteers with multiple homeless service agencies in the area.



SUSAN LEW
FOUNDER & CEO, S. LEW & ASSOCIATES INC.

Since founding her real estate firm in 1978, Susan Lew has overseen the acquisition of over \$1 billion of multifamily and commercial investments, including retail and shopping centers, industrial and office buildings. Lew, who also founded Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant and Pearl Chinese Cuisine, served two terms on the San Diego Port Commission and has been a member of numerous area boards, including 1st Pacific Bancorp and Bank of Commerce. She is a trustee of the UC San Diego Foundation.

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KURT LISTUG
CO-FOUNDER, TAYLOR GUITARS

San Diego native Kurt Listug, together with Bob Taylor, founded El Cajon-based Taylor Guitars in 1974. The innovative company, one of the world's leading manufacturers of high-quality acoustic and electric guitars, recently became 100% employee-owned under a long-term business plan engineered by Listug. He and Taylor first met while working at a guitar shop in Lemon Grove, borrowing \$10,000 from family and friends to buy the business, American Dream Musical Instrument Manufacturing, and ultimately changing its name to Taylor Guitars.



SEAN MAHONEY
REGIONAL CEO, AMERICAN RED CROSS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION

Sean Mahoney joined the Red Cross in 2017 as regional CEO of San Diego and Imperial Counties. In 2020, his position was extended to the entire Southern California region to also serve Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. He leads the region's disaster preparedness initiatives, emergency relief efforts, service to the armed forces and more. Mahoney is a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard, having served 27 years before retiring with rank of Captain.



DOUG MANCHESTER
CHAIRMAN EMERITUS, MANCHESTER FINANCIAL GROUP

Known affectionately as "Papa Doug," Doug Manchester is one of the region's most prolific developers and philanthropists. Manchester built Manchester Grand Hyatt, the Marriott Marquis and Marina and the Fairmont Grand Del Mar. He also once owned the San Diego Union-Tribune. He donated \$5 million each to San Diego State University and also made multimillion dollar donations to the University of San Diego and The Bishop's School. At San Diego State, Centennial Hall was renamed Manchester Hall in his honor.



LIDIA S. MARTINEZ
MANAGER OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH (RET.), SOUTHWEST AIRLINES

For 30 years, Lidia Martinez has been a high-profile, vocal advocate of Southwest Airlines' commitment to corporate social responsibility. Her career trajectory took her from the border town of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, where her mother was a housekeeper in El Paso, to the halls of corporate power. Martinez built goodwill for Southwest in the Latinx community and throughout the region. Today she is a mentor and volunteers for several organizations. In 2020, Martinez received the Lifetime Achievement Award from SDBJ.



ARMON MILLS
PUBLISHER EMERITUS, SAN DIEGO BUSINESS JOURNAL

Armon Mills began his professional career in public accounting, spending over 25 years in the field. Mills also spent more than 30 years working for several local business publications. He was president of American City Business Journals and was involved with starting and acquiring local Business Journals nationwide. Mills was named President & Publisher of the San Diego Business Journal in 2004. He retired from that position in 2016.



STEVE MOLLENKOPF
RETIRED CEO, QUALCOMM

Steve Mollenkopf led Qualcomm from 2014 to his retirement in 2021. Mollenkopf, who joined the company in 1994, grew the firm to \$33.6 billion in revenue, shepherded fifth generation (5G) wireless technology from the lab to commercialization and successfully navigated several crises, including a hostile takeover attempt by Broadcom, a legal fight with Apple and an antitrust dispute with U.S. authorities. In 2020, Mollenkopf joined the board of Boeing Co., where he sits on the aerospace safety and compensation committees. He previously served as a director for General Electric.



JOHN MOORES
PRINCIPAL, JMI SERVICES INC.

Philanthropist, venture capitalist and software entrepreneur John Moores, who once owned the San Diego Padres, led the redevelopment of East Village, overseeing more than \$3 billion in projects. His companies include JMI Realty and JMI Equity. Moores made his fortune building BMC Software in Texas and Peregrine Systems and ServiceNow locally. He's donated hundreds of millions to San Diego State University, the Scripps Research Institute, UC San Diego and the University of San Diego and also is an active supporter of the San Diego Symphony and the Boys and Girls Clubs.



JERRY NAVARRA
CHAIRMAN, JEROME'S FURNITURE

Jerry Navarra runs Jerome's Furniture, a company founded by his father in 1954. Navarra became president in 1974 and has appeared in thousands of Jerome's television commercials over the years. Today the business includes multiple generations of family and has a presence in San Diego, the Inland Empire, Orange County and Los Angeles County with 14 home furnishings retail locations, one Urban Outlet showroom and 10 stand-alone mattress retail locations.



MARK PAYNE
FORMER VP & GENERAL MANAGER, SWINERTON

Mark Payne, who retired in January, worked at Swinerton for 23 years, managing divisions and operations at the San Diego-based national construction firm. Payne studied civil engineering and earned a business degree from University of Phoenix and also worked at Sundt Construction for 17 years. A LEED Accredited Professional, he is a board member of the Downtown San Diego Partnership and a major supporter of the American Heart Association's San Diego operations.



JOE PANETTA
CEO, BIOCUM CALIFORNIA

Joe Panetta is the face of the biotech and life science industry in California. The president and CEO of Biocom California received the Lifetime Achievement Award at SDBJ's CEO of the Year Awards in 2021. Panetta oversees an organization that sets strategic direction, guides policy priorities and champions the industry at the local, state, national and international levels. He expanded Biocom's footprint to include offices in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Tokyo and Washington, D.C. In 2021, Biocom California launched a statewide Diversity, Equity and Inclusion member pledge.



MICHAEL PERSALL
FOUNDER & CHAIRMAN, C3 BANK, ABP CAPITAL

Michael Persall is founder and chairman of ABP Capital and is the owner and chairman of C3Bank. Persall is also a founder and board member of Blooma — an AI-powered loan origination platform — and is a lead investor and board member for Vuori, a performance apparel company headquartered in Encinitas. He is a member of the board of trustees for his alma mater, the University of San Diego and as a CPA who began his career with Ernst & Young LLP, Persall also has extensive experience in construction, real estate and finance.



ROBERT PRICE
CHAIRMAN, PRICESMART INC.

Robert E. Price is co-founder of PriceSmart, the successful warehouse-retail firm that operates 47 stores in 12 countries, primarily in Latin America and the Caribbean, and one U.S. territory. Robert Price and his father, Sol Price, started Price Club in 1974 and sold it to Costco Wholesale in 1993. A San Diego native, Price is manager of The Price Group LLC and president of Price Charities and Price Philanthropies Foundation. The latter supports charitable activities locally and in the markets where the company operates.



ROB QUIGLEY
PRINCIPAL, ROB WELLINGTON QUIGLEY, FAIA

The \$185 million Central Library designed by Rob Quigley opened in East Village almost a decade ago, a milestone in Quigley's architecture practice, which is now in its fifth decade. The architect's portfolio includes academic buildings, cultural centers, high-rise towers and master plans for neighborhoods, campuses, parks and transit corridors. Quigley's firm, with offices in San Diego and Palo Alto, has won more than 70 regional and national awards. Other recent designs include Bayside Fire Station No. 2; Fire Station No. 5; and an \$81 million affordable housing complex in Mid-City.



ERNEST RADY

FOUNDER, AMERICAN ASSETS INC.

Canadian native Ernest Rady founded several financial services and real estate firms, the most prominent of which, Westcorp, was bought by banking giant Wachovia for \$3.8 billion in 2005. The Rady family are among the most generous philanthropists in the region. Gifts include more than \$300 million to the San Diego Children's Hospital, which bears the Rady name; and more than \$150 million to UC San Diego, including the initial gift to create the Rady School of Management. The Radys also donated the lead gift of \$15 million to the San Diego Symphony to create its iconic outdoor venue – The Rady Shell.



LYNN REASER

CHIEF ECONOMIST, FERMANIAN BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC INSTITUTE, PLNU

Lynn Reaser, Ph.D. is an adjunct professor at Point Loma Nazarene University and chief economist at the college's Fermanian Business and Economic Institute. Earlier in her career, Reaser served as chief economist and managing director of Ban of America's Investment Strategies Group. She is a past member of the California Governor's Council of Economic Advisors and has been a fiscal advisor to the cities of Los Angeles and San Francisco.



DEBRA L. REED

RETIRED CHAIR & CEO, SEMPRA ENERGY

Debra L. Reed had a trailblazing career with Sempra Energy beginning in 1978. Reed began her career as a civil engineer but quickly established her leadership skills, and at age 32 became the first female officer in the history of the energy holding company. She held top executive roles at subsidiaries San Diego Gas & Electric and Southern California Gas Co. and served as Sempra's CEO from 2011 to 2018. During her tenure as CEO, Sempra doubled its business.



GARRY RIDGE

FORMER CEO, WD-40 CO.

Garry Ridge, a native of Australia, often referred to himself as "the chief" of the WD-40 tribe. Ridge began his illustrious career at WD-40 Co. in 1987 and was named CEO in 1997. In 2017, Inc. Magazine named Ridge fourth on the list of the World's Top Ten CEOs who lead their companies in unique ways. Ridge retired in September 2022 as WD-40 CEO but remains on the company's board. He teaches leadership development, talent management and succession planning at the University of San Diego's Business School.



PATTI ROSCOE

RETIRED OWNER, ROSCOE & ASSOCIATES

Tourism professional Patti Roscoe got her first taste of San Diego as a tourist before moving to the region from Buffalo, N.Y., in the mid-1960s. Roscoe founded, ran and franchised a successful destination management company from 1981 to 2017 before selling to Allied International. Now retired, she continues to support and contribute to many local causes and organizations, including San Diego State University, the Comic-Con Museum and Girl Scouts San Diego.



IVOR ROYSTON

CEO & PRESIDENT, VIRACTA THERAPEUTICS

In 1978, Ivor Royston, M.D. co-founded Hybritech Inc., one of San Diego's first biotechnology firms. An oncologist, researcher, scientist, entrepreneur and venture capitalist, Royston today is considered one of the founding fathers of the region's booming life science sector. After Hybritech was purchased by Eli Lilly in 1986, Royston founded and invested in dozens of biotech firms over the years. At the helm of Viracta Therapeutics since 2015, Royston also sits on the board at Biocept.



RALPH RUBIO

CO-FOUNDER, RUBIO'S RESTAURANTS INC.

Ralph Rubio has sold more than 200 million fish tacos since opening his first restaurant on Mission Bay Drive in 1983. Rubio became acquainted with the Mexican delicacy during surfing trips to San Felipe south of the border. The business, originally a family affair, was bought by Mill Road Capital in 2010. Today, Carlsbad-based Rubio's Restaurants has more than 150 outlets. Rubio no longer carries a formal executive title but remains active in the menu planning and remains a champion of his alma mater, San Diego State, and his hometown.



SUSAN SALKA

CEO, PRESIDENT & DIRECTOR, AMN HEALTHCARE

Under Susan Salka's leadership, AMN has become known as an innovator in healthcare workforce solutions and is the largest diversified healthcare staffing company in the nation. Salka is a vocal proponent of promoting women to leadership roles and has prioritized gender equity at AMN. She joined the company in 1990 and served in several other executive positions, including CFO, COO and senior vice president of business development. Over the years, Salka has expanded, diversified and strengthened the firm's offerings through dozens of acquisitions.



JERRY SANDERS

CEO, SAN DIEGO REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Jerry Sanders has been president and CEO of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce since 2013. One of San Diego's most visible leaders, Sanders served as mayor of San Diego from 2005 to 2012, originally taking office after the resignation of a sitting mayor while the city faced a pension debt crisis. Sanders spent 26 years with the San Diego Police Department, finishing his career as chief. He's also led the local chapters of the American Red Cross and the United Way.



JIM SCHMID

FOUNDER/CEO, CHELSEA INVESTMENT CORPORATION

During his 40-year career, Jim Schmid's responsibilities have included project acquisition, financing, design, construction, marketing and property management of commercial, industrial and residential projects throughout the country. Since 1993, he has focused on development of affordable housing. Schmid, a sought-after panelist and speaker, is a former lecturer for the MSRE degree program at USD, past chair of the San Diego Building Industry Association and an inductee into the Building Industry of San Diego Hall of Fame.



PETER SEIDLER

CHAIRMAN, SAN DIEGO PADRES

Peter Seidler is chairman of the San Diego Padres and lead investor in the ballclub. Seidler is a founder and managing partner of Seidler Equity Partners, a family-oriented private equity fund that provides capital and management support to growing entrepreneurial companies across the United States and Australia. The fund manages equity capital valued at \$3 billion. Seidler also is a driving force behind the "Tuesday Group" of civic leaders focused on San Diego's homeless problem and sits on the board of the University of San Diego.



K. BARRY SHARPLESS

PROFESSOR, SCRIPPS RESEARCH

In 2022, Professor K. Barry Sharpless was awarded a Nobel Prize – his second – for his groundbreaking research in developing "click chemistry" – an ingenious method for building molecules. Sharpless also won a Nobel in Chemistry in 2001 for his work on chirally catalyzed oxidation reactions. Before joining Scripps Research, he was a professor of chemistry at MIT and Stanford. Today, the Sharpless lab at Scripps pursues useful new reactivity and general methods for selectively controlling chemical reactions.



DAN SHEA

CEO, FEEDING SAN DIEGO

Dan Shea has run Feeding San Diego, the county's leading hunger relief and food rescue organization, since 2020. A longtime area restaurant owner and business executive, Shea has served on a number of area nonprofit boards and is passionate about ending food insecurity among San Diego County residents. At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Feeding San Diego served over 700,000 meals per month. In 2022, Shea has partnered with the Lucky Duck Foundation and basketball legend Bill Walton to address San Diego's homelessness issues.



JUDI SHEPPARD MISSETT

FOUNDER, JAZZERCISE

Jazzercise traces its roots to 1969, when Judi Sheppard Missett started teaching a dance fitness class in Chicago. Those classes eventually grew into the iconic dance fitness company now based in Carlsbad. In 2010, daughter Shanna Missett Nelson became company president and in 2020, granddaughter Skyla Nelson certified as a Jazzercise instructor. Jazzercise has helped raise more than \$28 million for a wide range of charitable organizations.



THOMAS SADBERRY
CHAIRMAN, SADBERRY PROPERTIES

Thomas Sudberry founded Sudberry Properties in 1979. The business has developed numerous high-profile projects throughout the region, notably the 230-acre Civita community on former quarry land in the heart of Mission Valley. Farther north, Sudberry is at work on the 465-acre El Corazon development in Oceanside, which will include a \$40 million arena for the San Diego Sockers as well as housing and commercial space. Sudberry has been inducted into the California Homebuilding Foundation Hall of Fame.



MARY WALSHOK
ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR PUBLIC PROGRAMS (RET.), UCSD

A self-described “academic entrepreneur,” over the course of 40 years, Mary Walshok has built UC San Diego Extension into a powerhouse, with 100,000 students enrolled and a continuing education portfolio admired nationwide. The author of six books and many articles, Walshok, who has been at UCSD since 1972, is a thought leader in the field of workforce and economic development. In 2022, she spearheaded the opening of UCSD’s new downtown center at Park and Market.



ROBERT SULLIVAN
FOUNDING DEAN EMERITUS, RADY SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT, UCSD

As the founding dean of the Rady School, Robert Sullivan’s leadership, passion and vision were instrumental in building the school’s philanthropic foundation as well as its reputation for excellence, innovation and economic impact. During his time as dean, from 2003 to 2019, Sullivan led the recruitment of world-class faculty who were consistently recognized as among the world’s leading scholars and educators. He received UC San Diego’s Revelle Medal in 2021.



BILL WALTON
EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, SAN DIEGO SPORT INNOVATORS

Bill Walton has been executive chairman of San Diego Sport Innovators since the business accelerator spun out of Connect in 2010. Walton, a San Diego native and NBA Hall of Famer, has helped support more than 80 local nonprofits and also has a successful broadcasting career. As a motivational speaker he tells of how he overcame depression and back pain to live an active life, along the way helping the Challenged Athletes Foundation achieve world-class status. In 2022, he teamed with the Lucky Duck Foundation to help find solutions to alleviate the city’s homelessness crisis.



DEBORAH SZEKELY
FOUNDER, RANCHO LA PUERTA

Centenarian Deborah Szekely has been called “the godmother of the wellness movement” and is best known locally for founding the Golden Door Luxury Resort & Spa in Escondido. Szekely, who turned 100 years old earlier this year, is also an accomplished writer and activist. In 1940, she opened Rancho La Puerta, a wellness camp in Mexico that was part commune, part spa. Today, the 3,000-acre resort is a favorite of celebrities and wellness gurus while the Golden Door attracts fiercely loyal regulars, including Oprah Winfrey and Martha Stewart.



BOB WATKINS
PRESIDENT & CHAIRMAN, R.J. WATKINS & CO. LTD.

Since Bob Watkins created his executive search company in 1980, he has identified and placed over 1,000 senior executives at corporations, government agencies, educational institutions and nonprofits throughout the San Diego area. Watkins was responsible for recruiting leaders for the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corp., San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, United Way, the business school at San Diego State University and the San Diego County Water Authority. He continues to serve on a variety of civic and nonprofit boards.



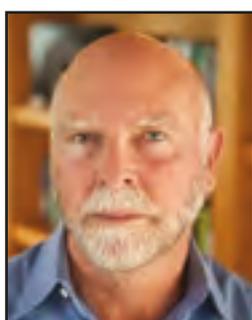
BOB TAYLOR
CO-FOUNDER, TAYLOR GUITARS

World-renowned guitar maker Bob Taylor started El Cajon-based Taylor Guitars in 1974 together with Kurt Listug. The innovative company, one of the world’s leading manufacturers of high-quality acoustic and electric guitars, recently became 100% employee-owned. Taylor was just 19 when he and then 21-year-old Listug started the company, which today employs more than 1,200 in two factories in the U.S. and Mexico. Today, Taylor continues to steward the company as its president.



GARY AND MARY WEST
FOUNDERS, WEST HEALTH CORP.

Gary and Mary West were pioneers in the telemarketing industry, eventually netting \$1.45 billion from the 2006 sale of their stake in West Corp. Since then, the Wests have dedicated themselves to advancing sustainable high-quality health care for vulnerable seniors. The couple established West Health, a family of three nonprofits, to help seniors lower healthcare costs and age in place. Their San Marcos-based PACE program provides mobile healthcare services to seniors while their Gary and Mary West Foundation has awarded \$133 million to senior-focused community organizations since 2006.



J. CRAIG VENTER
FOUNDER, CHAIRMAN & CEO, J. CRAIG VENTER INSTITUTE

Biotechnologist and businessman J. Craig Venter is best known for his role in mapping the human genome. Venter, who founded Celera Genomics to sequence the human genome using new tools and techniques he and his team developed, has been named one of the most influential people in the world by Time magazine. In 2008, he received the National Medal of Science. Venter has led The Institute for Genomic Research, the J. Craig Venter Institute, Synthetic Genomics Inc. and Human Longevity Inc., from which he recently retired.



ALISON WHITELAW
RETIRED FOUNDER, PLATT/WHITELAW ARCHITECTS

Growing up near the English city of Coventry, which was heavily bombed during World War II, Alison Whitelaw was inspired to become an architect in part by the construction of a new cathedral to replace the gothic medieval cathedral that was destroyed in the bombing. She became a principal in the San Diego architectural firm of Platt/Whitelaw Architects and was awarded a lifetime achievement award in 2021 by the San Diego Chapter of the American Institute of Architecture after retiring in 2020.



ANDREW VITERBI
CO-FOUNDER, QUALCOMM INC.

Electrical engineer Andrew Viterbi co-founded Linkabit Corp. and Qualcomm Inc., and invented the Viterbi algorithm. Viterbi has worked in academia in both engineering and applied science at UCLA and UC San Diego. The Viterbi algorithm is used in most digital cellular phones and digital satellite receivers, as well as magnetic recording, speech recognition, search engines and DNA sequence analysis. USC’s engineering school is named after the Viterbi family, recognizing a \$52 million gift to the school. He also recently gave \$50 million to UC San Diego.



THOMAS WORNHAM
DIRECTOR, CALPRIVATE BANK

Since retiring as the bank’s chief executive officer, Thomas Wornham continues to serve on the board of Private Bancorp of America, the publicly traded parent company of CalPrivate Bank (formerly known as San Diego Private Bank). Before leading CalPrivate, Wornham spent 40 years at Wells Fargo as an executive VP and regional manager. His civic work has included serving on the board of the San Diego County Water Authority, where he worked to help approve, finance and construct Carlsbad’s \$1 billion desalination plant. He is currently the agency’s chairman emeritus.

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