

2023
IMPACT
REPORT

**Thank you for
supporting
UC San Diego
this year.**

Big change starts small
— with one person,
one gift, one hour. Your
continued generosity
means the next
generation of students,
thinkers and leaders can
imagine their future with
curiosity and hope. Read
how your small, simple
actions created big,
collective change in the
past year.



AREAS OF SUPPORT

Research and Innovation **38%**

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

Campus and Community **27%**

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

Student Support and Success **35%**

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

57% of gifts were less than **\$100**

9 out of 10 gifts were **less than \$1,000** totaling **\$2,126,459**

Gifts of **less than \$25,000** from **20,122** donors added up to **\$15,839,216**

3,863 alumni contributed **\$2,718,589** in gifts under **\$25,000**

This year, **1,209 faculty and staff donors** contributed **\$972,788** in gifts under **\$25,000**

52% of alumni who made a gift last year also gave this year.

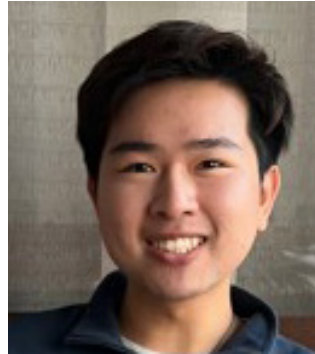
3,725 alumni volunteers

supported students, advised fellow alumni, and connected to help in times of distance. Engaged alumni strengthen UC San Diego and support our community.



**UC San Diego's
Day of Caring
raised
\$1,593,858
from
3,560 gifts**

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**Alumnus Starts Career
with Tesla Internship**

The UC San Diego Career Center is helping students like Andrew Lin '23 discover their career path and build a rewarding future.

Lin, a Warren College alumnus, has a promising career ahead of him. After completing a successful 10-month internship in Human Resources and People Teams at Tesla, he's expanding his studies in Japan.

"The most useful resources to me have been from friends and people I work with, especially those in Business Council and those I met while working at the Career Center," says Lin. "Networking has exponentially pushed my career journey forward since I was able to learn from those who have the experience."



**Triton
Parent
Paves the
Way for
Women
in STEM**

Triton parent Monica Bajaj knows what it's like to forge her own path. She was the only woman in her undergraduate engineering class and one of four in her master's program. Now, almost 25 years later, she's instilling the same values in her daughter, a rising UC San Diego senior studying cognitive science.

Before she started her work as the vice president of engineering at Okta, a security and identity services company, Bajaj was a professor of computer engineering in India. The Bajajs' support the UC San Diego Parents Fund because of Monica's passion for education and mentoring the next generation of women in STEM.

"A lot of investment we are doing is in mid-career and careers at my level or higher. We need to invest to create the future generation leaders," she says. "I'm very passionate about giving back to the younger generation because they need it more than ever."



Scholarship Coordinator Invests in Future Generations of Tritons

Michelle Ojeda has worked in scholarships for 25 of her 40 years in higher education. It's her work that inspired her to give back to UC San Diego. To Ojeda, philanthropy means leaving something better than you found it. That's why she chose to maximize her impact by committing to a recurring gift that uplifts students for years to come.

"UC San Diego can feel huge and overwhelming to our students. Many times, they don't feel seen or heard in their large lecture halls, walking through Geisel, or meandering along Library Walk," says Ojeda. "Scholarships have a way of lighting the path, of reminding them of their worth, that they matter, that UC San Diego sees them and recognizes all they've gone through to get to today."



A Gift from the Heart for Transplant Patients

In April 2018, Leo Finkelstein's life changed unexpectedly when he found out he needed a heart transplant. Today, Finkelstein is thriving thanks to care he received at UC San Diego Health.

He and his wife, Ella, decided to give back by starting the Finkelstein Family Heart Transplant Patient Assistance Fund. The fund provides financial support to eligible heart transplant patients and their families for meals, transportation and unexpected expenses associated with their medical care.

"If it weren't for the transplant, I would not be alive. I would not see our granddaughters grow up or be able to live life to the fullest extent," says Finkelstein. "I got a second chance in life."

Corrected photo of Leo and Ella Finkelstein



GOLD Alumna Contributes to Success of Future Triton Scholars

The best advice Nitzana Alzalde, Preuss '14, '18 was given came from her grandmother who said that education was the key to changing her circumstances. Receiving a Chancellor's Associates Scholarship — and gaining access to the resources and support services that are part of the larger program — opened doors to a life she had never dreamed of. She went from first-generation university graduate to U.S. Department of Justice intern to beginning her legal career in the Bay Area.

Alzalde's success meant that she could hold the door open for other scholars like her by becoming a Chancellor's Associates Graduate of the Last Decade (GOLD) donor. Paying forward the generosity that changed her life through a recurring gift meant she could help fellow Tritons get the resources they need to create change in their communities, their families, and most importantly, for themselves.