applied research center for civility

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**NCRC and UC San Diego enjoy a long and mutually beneficial partnership. Notable collaborations include the Galinson/Glickman Campus Civility Initiative, branded as Tritons Together, which provides communications training through the Department of Student Services for all student club leaders.**

**THE NATIONAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION CENTER**

Since 1983, NCRC has provided training, community engagement and mediation services that empower people and transform cultures. NCRC seeks to utilize research-based best practices to improve existing programs as well as to discover new conflict resolution methods. Data-driven strategies will yield replicable models that further civility across the country.

**UC SAN DIEGO**

UC San Diego’s heritage of breakthrough research helps us apply the same lens of relentless curiosity and experimentation across all our disciplines. The university has earned over $1 billion in research funding every year since 2011 and is the 4th-ranked public university in the nation for high-quality science. Connecting UC San Diego’s world-class research to problems addressed directly by NCRC elevates service to the university’s local, national and international communities.

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THE FOCUS
The Applied Research Center for Civility will facilitate research, evaluation and dissemination of best practices in addressing the most challenging issues of our time. UC San Diego’s faculty, visiting fellows, post-doctoral fellows and graduate students will pursue topics at the intersection of the Center’s focus and UC San Diego’s wide span of specialization and expertise.

CASE STUDIES AND IN-HOUSE PUBLICATIONS
ARCC will facilitate the documentation and publication of case study vignettes, transforming Center research into forums that shape community programs nationwide. These case studies will be published as white papers, presented at conferences, and developed into curricula. The findings will also be disseminated via website, blog posts and press releases.

SYMPOSIA AND NETWORKING
ARCC will host symposia and events to highlight research findings and enhance NCRC and UC San Diego’s network of community partners, philanthropists and scholars.

RESEARCH GRANTS
Center activities will rely on resources from funders of all types. ARCC will identify and seek potential grant-funding opportunities for either or both UC San Diego’s and NCRC’s participation. Findings will lead to publications and media promotion, increasing visibility.

CIVILITY SCIENCE AWARDS
ARCC will recognize scholars whose work advances the Center’s mission, simultaneously furthering their work and raising the Center’s credibility as the leading authority on civility. To that end, ARCC will grant Civility Scholars Awards to key scholars whose work aligns with its core mission and values.

INTERVENTIONAL PROGRAM EVALUATION
With the NCRC’s effective programming as a springboard, ARCC will discover best practices nationwide by selecting researchers to design studies, collect data and conduct quantitative analysis. The Center will report these findings in various formats, including white paper reports, conference proceedings and academic journal publications.
The joint leadership of the Applied Research Center for Civility invites contributions from philanthropists who recognize the value of rigorous, data-supported civility programs. Your gift of any size will catalyze partnerships between UC San Diego researchers and NCRC’s knowledgeable, effective educators, enhancing civility here in San Diego and providing models for the entire country.

Your support of the Applied Research Center for Civility builds programmatic bridges between evidence and the living practice of civility in our community.

Thank you for sharing our commitment to greater peace and fellowship in our communities.
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