

We are San Diego State University, a diverse community of students, faculty, and staff who are deeply committed to making an impact in San Diego and beyond.

Together, we are producing exceptional graduates who are making a difference on campus, in our surrounding communities, across the border, and around the world.

No matter where we are, we are one.

Over the past year, we have shown our resilience, creativity and innovation. We have achieved extraordinary progress and national recognition through our collaboration and shared vision.

Over 3,000 scholarship awards were given and nearly \$100,000 was raised to support students in need through the Economic Crisis Response Team.

With tremendous donor support, we achieved our highest fundraising year in the university's history with over \$127 million raised.

Before COVID-19 forced us away from campus, we had several noteworthy celebrations.

50 years of women's studies.

50 years of Chicano and Chicana studies.

The opening of the Latinx Resource Center to enhance support for Latinx students, helping them thrive academically, socially and mentally.

The opening of a Native Resource Center and the hiring of a tribal liaison, expanding our commitment to supporting Native and Indigenous students and working in collaboration with tribal nations.

The first annual RE:BORDER Binational conference brought together more than 500 students, faculty, staff, elected officials, business leaders, and community members — to San Diego and Tijuana — to help us reimagine our transborder region.

And we can't forget that SDSU's annual Aztecs Rock Hunger food drive collected a record-setting 601,607 pounds of food for The Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank.

This year, an estimated 10,500 SDSU degree candidates participated in the university's 2019 virtual graduation celebration, which included graduates from SDSU San Diego, SDSU Imperial Valley, and SDSU Georgia.

Research is thriving at SDSU!

Our dedicated and resilient faculty received \$144.4 million in grant funding to support their work during the 2019-20 fiscal year.

They submitted a record 1,251 proposals to federal, state, and other sponsors.

The National Science Foundation awarded a record \$15.7 million to 48 faculty members.

That's an increase of nearly 70% over the previous year.

The National Institutes of Health awarded 89 faculty \$31.9 million, a 10.8% percent increase from the previous year.

And the National Science Foundation awarded two prestigious career awards to professors Daniel Reinholz and Nick Shikuma.

Earlier this year, COVID-19 forced us to shift instruction and student support to the virtual space and put an early end to our season, but before that SDSU sports created a sense of pride and enthusiasm in our community!

Men's basketball became the last undefeated team in the nation, with a 26-0 record.

Two MVPs Kawhi Leonard (NBA Finals MVP) and Stephen Strasburg (World Series MVP) became the first players from the same university to be named MVPs in one of the four major US sports championships in the same year.

SDSU Swimming and Diving finished the season with a perfect 8-0 record in dual meets and won its second consecutive Mountain West Conference championship.

And San Diego State joined only 23 schools in the country to have a student-athlete selected in the 2019 NBA, MLB and NFL Drafts.

Together we have navigated the COVID-19 pandemic at record speed.

Raising tens of thousands of dollars for students in need.

Donating medical supplies to health care workers.

Transitioning everyone to virtual learning, fast.

Launching SDSU Flex to prepare for a new academic year.

And answering the call for critical research.

Here are a few examples: Our faculty, researchers, and students are tracing how COVID-19 spreads and mutates in the environment.

Providing crucial resources for the public through SDSU's Research HUB.

Partnering with San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency to deploy contact tracers within underserved communities.

And SDSU also made national news as our engineers responded to the national challenge to create an assisted breathing device prototype.

Finally, we also formally welcomed new deans and leaders who are now part of our SDSU family.

Vice President for Student Affairs and Campus Diversity Dr. J. Luke Wood.

Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Dr. Stefan Hyman.

Dean of the College of Arts and Letters Dr. Monica Casper.

Dean of the Library Dr. Scott Walter.

These are demanding times for the whole world, but our Aztec family is rising to the occasion and defying expectations every day.

Though we will continue to overcome challenges, we can look at the future we are creating together.

Guided by our new strategic plan.

And launching our Mission Valley vision — at last.

To continue building on the strong foundation that has made SDSU one of the most sought after universities in the nation.

With more than 400,000 living alumni all over the world, together, along with all our students, faculty, and staff — we can look forward to working together to rise stronger than ever before.

Together, we are ONE San Diego State University community!