CHHS Alum Wins National Championship

College of Health and Human Services alumna Marla Runyan won the Women’s 5000 Meters at the 2001 USA Track and Field National Championships.

Marla came to SDSU on an athletic scholarship. She participated in the high jump before becoming a nationally ranked heptathlete. However, Marla did not regard SDSU as merely an opportunity to continue competing; she was a scholar-athlete in the truest sense of the word, graduating cum laude from the Department of Communicative Disorders in 1991 and continuing on to receive her M.A. in Deaf Education. Marla lists working with the kids at the communication clinic in graduate school as her fondest SDSU memory.

After graduating from SDSU, Marla moved to Eugene, Oregon, to concentrate on her running. Despite injuries that slowed her down in 1998 and 1999, Marla has put together an impressive list of achievements. Over the last two years, in addition to winning the National Championship in the 5000 meters, Marla finished third in the 1500 meter race at the 2000 U.S. Olympic Trials and competed in the Olympic games in Sydney, where she finished eighth.

What makes these achievements even more impressive is that Marla is legally blind, and is the only legally blind athlete to ever participate in the summer Olympics.

At the age of 9 Marla was diagnosed with Stargardt’s disease, a macular degeneration that left gray splotches in the middle of her vision, which has steadily worsened and is now at 20–400. She uses special equipment to read, and a software program called Zoomtext Xtra allows her to use a computer.

Marla credits her parents with giving her the toughness to excel despite the challenges that she has had to face in her life. She hid her illness during high school and still refuses to accept the limitations normally associated with Stargardt’s disease, preferring to talk about her efforts on the track rather than her vision or Stargardt’s.

Marla continues to train and compete with an eye on this year’s National Championships and eventually an opportunity to compete in the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece.

To learn more about the achievements of this amazing SDSU alumna, please visit her home page at www.marlarunyan.com.
Message From The Dean

Much has changed in the world since September 11, 2001. It has acted as a wake-up call for those of us in health care whether we are providers of human resources or health care itself. Terms such as homeland security, bioterrorism, public health preparedness, and public safety have surfaced and governmental agencies and private industry are trying to determine what is involved in developing a strategic plan to fortify and sustain our country’s freedoms. The implications are great and so much has yet to be done.

This single event made us realize that public health and safety is the center of our nation’s concern. Questions are being asked about the readiness of the state health departments, adequate preparedness of health care providers, capability of existing laboratories, use of high technology in surveillance and detection, etc. Committees have been established to study the questions and provide recommendations.

I’m pleased to say that our College, in particular our School of Public Health, in cooperation with the Departments of Health and Human Services of San Diego and Imperial Counties are ready to respond to the public health needs of the San Diego community and our border constituents in maintaining the public’s health and safety.

The SDSU Nurses Now project continues to be successful. Additional support has been secured for student scholarships. Also, I am pleased to announce the approval of a master’s program in Gerontology. The first class is to be admitted this year. Other programs under review are doctoral programs in Audiology, Social Work, and Nursing.

The faculty, staff and students are to be commended for their efforts in securing program accreditation in Social Work, Nursing and Public Health.

Advisory Board Profile: Paul Downey, Advisory Board Chair

For the past seven months, the College of Health and Human Services has benefited greatly from the leadership of Advisory Board Chair Paul Downey. Under his leadership, the board has grown from four members to 15 members. The board now has a focused mission, and is moving steadily forward to advance key projects for the College of Health and Human Services, including further support for SDSU Nurses Now and the Consensus Organizing Project.

Downey graduated from SDSU with a degree in Journalism in 1981. After graduation he enjoyed a career as a broadcast and online journalist before serving as Press Secretary for former San Diego Mayor Maureen O’Connor, a position he held for seven years.

After leaving his position with the mayor’s office in 1992, Downey served as assistant chief executive officer for the San Diego Consortium and Private Industry Council. He then joined Senior Community Centers as President/CEO in 1995.

Under Downey’s leadership, Senior Community Centers provides 1,000 meals a day to urban seniors and serves a valuable advocate for more affordable housing. As a result of Downey’s work, ground will be broken later this year on Market Street Square, a 200 unit, low-income senior housing project in downtown San Diego.

His position at the Senior Community Centers reunited Downey with his alma mater, as gerontology and social work students serve as interns at Senior Community Centers. Fortunately for us, this time his affiliation is with the College of Health and Human Services. Downey was introduced to the CHHS Advisory Board through his relationship with Mike Mintun, who worked for Bank of America, a generous contributor to Senior Community Centers. Mintun, a former CHHS Advisory Board chair, recruited Downey to join the board a few years ago. The College thanks Paul for his time, talent and wonderful leadership.
Each spring the San Diego State University community honors a select alumnus and faculty member from each college with a Monty Award. The Monty Award recognizes the honorees for their contributions to the community, their leadership and for the recognition that they bring to SDSU. This year’s recipients from the College of Health and Human Services are Lawrence Gustafson (Alumni of Distinction Award) and Maria Zuniga, Ph.D. (Alumni Award for Outstanding Faculty Contributions).

Lawrence Gustafson

Lawrence Gustafson had what could be called a rough start. He was raised in the group home environment at Nazareth House and in several foster homes. Although this type of childhood does not often lead to a college degree and successful career, for Gustafson it served as motivation for his many accomplishments.

As a young adult, Gustafson’s goal was to be a career secretary for the YMCA. However, an opportunity to participate in the YMCA World Service Fellowship in Caracas, Venezuela, gave him an invaluable experience and greater ambition, leading him to enroll at SDSU, where he earned a degree in psychology in 1967. Two years later, Gustafson earned a Master of Social Work degree. When asked about his years at SDSU, Gustafson fondly remembered his graduate school study group, the extensive demonstrations and rallies on campus during the Vietnam War and the fight for civil rights – these events challenged the students to do what was right. He also remembered the tremendous football program under coaches Don Coryell, Joe Gibbs, and John Madden.

After graduating, Gustafson’s career eventually led to the “big six” accounting firm of Touche Ross & Company (now Deloitte & Touche), where Gustafson remained for 25 years, including a promotion to partner in 1980.

The moments of Gustafson’s career of which he is most proud are his service as national director of public sector consulting services for Deloitte & Touche Consulting Group; the development of the framework to measure success in government that Peter Drucker published in his Leader to Leader quarterly magazine; and his five-year contribution as Trustee for the National Court Group; the development of the framework to measure non-discriminatory policies and practices that ensure justice and equity. She is also a dedicated educator who brings her education, experience, and scholarship into the classroom.

Dr. Zuniga has shared her knowledge through numerous research projects and publications related to the Hispanic community and to the elderly – two important focus groups for social workers in Southern California. The organizations she has worked with include the San Diego Human Relations Council, the San Diego Police Department, Kaiser Hospital, and many others. Her participation on boards of directors for local and national organizations has led to a more equitable environment for all citizens.

One of the most exciting activities for which she has taken responsibility is the Youth Economic Enterprise Zone (YEZ) Program. She undertook this project upon the death of its creator, Dr. Arthur Ellis, an SDSU professor of social work. Dr. Zuniga has expanded the project so that students get a solid foundation for creating a future outside of a gang culture. Students in the program are encouraged to finish high school, they are taught business skills, develop a sense of purpose, pride in themselves, and the confidence that will allow them to move away from a gang lifestyle and toward a future that offers long-term satisfaction. Indeed, they will have a future because of Dr. Zuniga’s hard work and caring.

Dr. Zuniga has a passion for education and community development. She serves as a spark for addressing larger social issues, reminding us that our purpose is larger than ourselves and that everyone has a role to play in making our world a better place. She is tireless in her efforts and encourages students to identify and develop their own passion for learning, and personal and professional growth. We are proud to honor Dr. Zuniga with a Monty Award for Outstanding Faculty Contribution.

The Monty Awards will be presented on April 20, 2002. If you would like to attend this year’s Monty Awards celebration, contact the SDSU Alumni Association at 619-594-ALUM (2586) for event and ticket information.
Dorothy Lee Elliott Endowment Established

Dorothy Lee Elliott was a graduate of San Diego State College who held her college in fond memory and who spent her life giving to her community. In her will, she declared that she wanted to give something back to SDSU. Her goal was to establish an endowment to help provide students with an opportunity to learn and, in turn, give to the community.

Ms. Elliott was helped in her later years at the Communicative Disorders Clinic. She was impressed with the level of clinical preparation the students receive. She felt that providing some of our graduate audiology students with initial support would accomplish her goal to not only support her own university, but provide future professionals who will continue to serve the greater community. This past fall, in memoriam, the Dorothy Lee Elliott Endowment was established to support graduate student scholarships within the Department of Communicative Disorders’ audiology doctoral program (Au.D.) or, if a doctoral program is not available, to the Department of Communicative Disorders.

This scholarship will provide much needed support for our students and serve as an appropriate legacy for many of the ideals to which Ms. Elliott was dedicated.

Charitable Gift Annuities: A Welcome Addition In Today’s Economy

The economy has left many of us reeling from lower returns on our investments and uncertainty about what lies ahead. Yet, we want to continue supporting the programs and passions that have mattered to us in the past and that seem to matter even more now.

Consider the win-win situation available to you if you enter into a charitable gift annuity with San Diego State University. This life-income agreement is known as “the gift that gives back.” A minimum contribution of $10,000 will provide many benefits.

Unlike many other investments, a charitable gift annuity provides financial security of high rates of return on income that you cannot outlive. The return varies according to your age … ranging from 6.7% for someone who is 65, to 12.0% for a 90 year old.

There are many tax benefits as well. The initial gift is tax deductible the year you make the contribution. Each annuity payment the university makes to you is partially tax-free; this is not a benefit you receive from many other investments. Finally, if you use appreciated property to make the gift, you will receive a savings on capital gains tax.

If this seems like it would be a win-win situation for you, or if you have other planned giving questions, please call the SDSU Office of Planned Giving at 619-594-7090. (Or check out our new website below.)

Finally, we would be remiss not to mention that the most important benefit you receive from this investment is the satisfaction of leaving a legacy for those yet to come. Your gift in the long run will bring pleasure and purpose to the recipients you want to benefit, and your generosity will last the life of the university.

Office of Planned Giving Home Page Announced

The Office of Planned Giving now has an interactive Planned Giving Website called GiftLegacy. Director of Planned Giving, Patricia Moulton, encourages you to visit the site at advancement.sdsu.edu/giftlegacy/planned.html. You can create a Gift Annuity illustration according to your own personal parameters and see your actual benefits.

GiftLegacy provides current Planned Gift information with gift options, on-line calculations, personalized illustrations, and much more. The site offers a weekly Washington hotline, financial planning updates, and the option to sign up for a weekly e-newsletter containing cases for successful estate planning through tax-advantaged techniques. You are in control of your planning at this site.

Elissa Oransky Joins Development Team

The College Development Office recently welcomed Elissa Oransky as the new development coordinator. Elissa’s work experience includes a year as the director of special projects for Hillel of San Diego and three years as the director of young leadership and staff associate at the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. Prior to starting her career, Elissa earned her B.A. from Union College and her M.S.W. from the University of Pennsylvania. We are happy to have Elissa on staff and look forward to expanding our development efforts with our new team member.
Institute Of Public Health Expands Community Relationships

The Institute for Public Health (IPH) in the Graduate School of Public Health (GSPH) works to link public health academia with public health practice. It brings together SDSU GSPH faculty with local public health agencies and private organizations in the San Diego community and neighboring areas, including Mexico. Below are a few of the partnerships that have been developed.

The institute is involved with the County Health Department in efforts to coordinate public health preparedness for bioterrorism. Students from GSPH courses have assisted in project evaluation review of materials for countywide public education, and efforts have recently begun to provide training to county employees and the media on health risk communication.

One of the main activities the IPH performs for community agencies is capacity building. In this role, the IPH helps agencies develop data collection tools, manage data, produce reliable data and write project reports for the funding agency. These projects provide excellent opportunities for students to learn about local agencies, their programs and how to improve services.

IPH also serves as evaluator for various community-based programs. Lisa Kwizera, MPH, an evaluation specialist, is currently working on the evaluation of a case management program for preventing HIV infection among injection drug users, a case management program for preventing repeat STDs among clinic patients, an intervention that educates patients about chronic disease prevention and a project that provides medical care to indigent injection drug users. Raphelia Spisso, MPH, serves as the academic and student program coordinator for the IPH. Her responsibilities include coordinating a variety of academic programs and student activities on and off campus as well as with community-based agencies. Programs and activities include: the ASPH/HRSA practice coordinator’s project; the field placement opportunities program; the SDS (scholarships for disadvantaged students) scholarship program; and National Public Health Week activities.

For more information on the research being performed in the Institute of Public Health, visit them on the web at http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/dept/gsph/research.htm.

Aging Related Webcasts Offered

In collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Society on Aging (ASA), the NRCAI launched a series of Internet-based training opportunities to inform professionals about issues related to injury prevention among older adults. In cooperation with ExpoAccess, the NRCAI will host live webcasts for professionals from the fields of healthcare, injury prevention, gerontology, and social work. Topics will include falls among the elderly, motor vehicle injuries and the older driver, elder abuse, suicide prevention in older adults and others. These interactive events will feature audio and video streaming, and live question and answer sessions. For more information, contact Carol Yavno at 619-594-0986.

School Of Social Work Provides Training To Salvation Army Corps And Staff

On Saturday, September 29, the Professional Programs Office of the School of Social Work facilitated the sixth workshop in a groundbreaking three-year program designed especially for the Sierra Del Mar Division of the Salvation Army. The paraprofessional human services certificate program provides Salvation Army officers and staff with training in counseling with emphasis on grief and the healing role of spirituality. Since the launching of the program in August 2000, 48 hours of training have been provided to Salvation Army workers from San Diego, Riverside, Hemet, and other southern region communities.

“This program is a unique collaborative effort between the Professional Program’s Office and the Salvation Army,” said Louise Stanger, Ed.D., LCSW, director of the professional programs office and School of Social Work alumna, ’70.

Molly Drummond, LCSW, director of Volunteer and Bereavement Services, Vitas Hospice (and SDSU School of Social Work alumna ’85) was the instructor for the September 29 class. She presented the course “Are There Tennis Balls in Heaven? Helping Children Cope with Grief” to Salvation Army officers and staff. The class, along with Drummond and Stanger, spent part of the lunch break visiting the red, white and blue “healing tree” in Balboa Park. The tree honors the victims of the September 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. After the visit, the group decided to create collages of hope and encouragement for the children of Summit, New Jersey, who lost parents and other loved ones in the attack. Drummond traveled to Summit during the recent holiday season to help the community, which lost 100 community members on September 11. Prior to the holidays, the collages were on display at Vitas Hospice, providing comfort and hope to people in San Diego.
CHHS Faculty Continue Research Efforts To Improve Health Delivery

Each year, the College of Health and Human Services is one of SDSU’s leading colleges in receiving research grants. Last fiscal year, the faculty members in the college received over $37 million in grants and research contracts. Below we have highlighted four of the many projects that are being researched in the College of Health and Human Services.

A Clinical Approach to Reduce Environmental Tobacco Smoke Exposure in a Pediatric Population
The Center for Behavioral Epidemiology & Community Health (CBEACH), Graduate School of Public Health at San Diego State University, is a research center dealing with health-risk behaviors. CBEACH recently received a grant award supported by The American Heart Association titled, “Promoting Environmental Tobacco Smoke Exposure Reduction and Tobacco Cessation: A pediatric effectiveness trial.” The primary aim of this trial is to determine the effectiveness of physician and staff CME training for delivering brief counseling to help families protect their children from environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) exposure and to quit smoking, if possible, along with the aid of cotinine feedback provided to pediatricians. This study furthers the work at CBEACH focused on behavioral methods to intervene in reducing children’s exposure from ETS. Results will inform the effectiveness of similar services in routine pediatric care. Melbourne F. Hovell, Ph.D., M.P.H. will serve as Principal Investigator, Susan Meltzer, M.P.H., as Coordinator.

Alcohol Consumption in Latinas of Childbearing Age: The Healthy Mothers Study
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, alcohol-related birth defects and neurodevelopmental disorder represent the spectrum of consequences of alcohol abuse during pregnancy and may affect 1 in 100 live born infants. Reducing alcohol consumption during pregnancy is a priority within the Healthy People 2010 objectives. Although maternal alcohol use has been studied in a number of racial and ethnic groups, Latinas have received little attention in this regard. The objectives of the proposed research are: 1) to determine the frequency of self-reported alcohol consumption in a sample of low-income pregnant and non-pregnant Latinas of childbearing age, and to examine risk factors for alcohol use among women in this sample; and 2) In non-pregnant Latinas, to test the effectiveness of an educational feedback intervention on intent to change alcohol consuming behavior in a future pregnancy. Potential benefits include provision of valuable information for health practitioners and public health officials, as Latinas comprise a large and rapidly growing ethnic group in the U.S. Furthermore, effective behavioral interventions in pre-pregnant Latinas may be an important approach to preventing alcohol exposure during pregnancy, particularly in the critical early weeks prior to pregnancy recognition. This project has been funded by Association of Schools of Public Health/Centers for Disease Control. Melbourne Hovell, Ph.D., M.P.H. is Principal Investigator.

The San Diego Foundation Blasker-Rose-Miah Fund, Blasker Science and Technology Grants Program: The Development of an Objective Test for Ototoxicity in Humans
The goal of this project is to develop an objective test for determining ototoxicity. Hearing loss is the third most common disability following arthritis and hypertension. One cause of hearing loss is due to ototoxic medications. Ototoxic medications damage the auditory system, specifically the inner ear. These medications include, but are not limited to, antibiotics and chemotherapy. More than twenty-five percent of people taking ototoxic medications will suffer from a hearing loss. One way to prevent the hearing loss is to monitor a patient’s high-frequency hearing (> 10 kHz) to determine if the drug is causing damage. Benefits of this research include the development of an early warning system to help physicians identify hearing loss so that possible alterations in the medical therapy can occur before damage in the lower frequencies takes place, those frequencies critical to speech understanding. In addition, a fast, objective test developed for determining ototoxicity would be beneficial to patients, who would not have to actively participate in a hearing test when they are not feeling well, and to clinicians administering the tests.

National Resource Center on Aging and Injury
The Center on Aging, National Resource Center on Aging and Injury (NRCAI), headed by E. Percil Stanford, Ph.D., has received a 5-year grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Division of Unintentional Injury to continue its work in the area of unintentional injuries and older adults and to add a new dimension to focus on intentional injuries that include violence, abuse, neglect, and suicide.

The award will represent the first time that anyone has had the resources and mandate to focus specifically on the whole range of injuries to older adults. This award will help to expand the network of agencies and organizations representing aging, injury prevention, violence prevention, and the corporate sector. The NRCAI will be able to better serve as a national repository for information and data that will support professionals, providers, and consumers.
The SDSU-UCSD JDP is gaining an international reputation as a unique program offering high-quality opportunities to study language processing and neural systems in healthy and language-impaired children and adults. Currently, there are four international students in the JDP. These students entered the program with outstanding backgrounds in linguistics, cognitive science, neuroscience, communication sciences and disorders. Importantly, as can be seen by the following summaries, each one is involved in research that will further understanding of communicative disorders.

Cristina Saccuman (Italy, fifth year) is conducting research on how the brain organizes for language, whether differential functional neural systems are associated with different types of language disorders and whether languages that vary in key linguistic structures (English vs. Italian) organize differently in the brain. This year, she is spending some time in Milan, Italy where she is learning advance brain imaging techniques (fMRI, PET) from two of Italy’s leading neuroscientists while working on the Italian language component of her dissertation research. Here in San Diego, Cristina is conducting similar studies of brain imaging with English language children with language impairment.

Gowri Iyer (India, fourth year) has spent considerable time developing computer-controlled tasks designed to explore the development of vocabulary in children and lexical access abilities across the life span. Gowri just left for India where she will spend the next few months finalizing arrangements with Indian universities and speech and hearing clinics that will allow her to conduct bilingual (Hindi-English) studies of language and literacy development in typical-developing children. Upon completion of these studies, Gowri will then have reference data from which she can compare performance of bilingual children with language impairment.

Edwin Maas (The Netherlands, third year) is also interested in brain-language relations. He is currently involved in several studies of sentence processing both here in San Diego and with researchers at the University of Groningen in Holland. In addition, Edwin is involved in much-needed aphasia language treatment projects design to examine the efficacy of different clinical intervention techniques for aphasics.

Jenny Staab (Germany, first year) is just beginning the program but also wishes to study the neural basis of language processing. Currently, she is taking course work and doing a laboratory rotation designed to expand her skills with electrophysiology techniques (event-related potentials, ERPs) that she will be applying to the study of language in healthy adults and in those with focal brain damage acquired as a result of stroke.

Social Work Professor Wins Bautzer Award

Eichler and the Consensus Organizing Center have had much success during their short time on campus. His partnership with Hoover High School has been the motivating force which has led 17 inner city students to enroll in college, including eight at SDSU. This partnership has grown to include Crawford and Helix High Schools, which will begin offering consensus organizing classes this spring. Eichler has been active in development activities, acquiring a number of grants to support his efforts, including a two-year, $200,000 plus grant/gift from Alliance Healthcare.

The Bautzer Award was established in 1996 as a result of a gift from Nicola D. Bautzer, who presented the gift in memory of her husband, Gregson Bautzer, an attorney who served as a member of the CSU Board of Trustees and a Governor of the CSU Foundation Board.

Mike Eichler joins Patricia Wahl, Director of the School of Nursing, and Anita Harbert, Director of the School of Social Work, as Bautzer Award recipients from the College of Health and Human Services.
Trolley To Change The SDSU Landscape

Since it’s founding, SDSU has gone through a continuous evolution. Starting in temporary quarters downtown, the school moved into the area that is now known as University Heights before ultimately establishing itself on Montezuma Mesa. Each location offered challenges that were unique to that time. However, one that has been a problem since the late 1930’s is the issue of parking. While the number of students living in walking distance to the University is rising, many still need to use their private cars, and/or public transportation. For a number of years, buses have provided many with the necessary routes to get to school. However, the San Diego Trolley, which would avoid much of the rush hour traffic, has not had a stop on campus. This is now changing.

Anyone who has been to campus in the past few months has noticed large wooden walls near Aztec Center. For many alumni, this may bring back memories of the protective walls put up prior to a new building construction. However, unlike in the past, a building will not be appearing above the walls. In fact, the majority of the construction will occur underground, as an underground trolley stop is being constructed.

During the next three years, crews will be working diligently to build an underground station comparable to a 30-story building. The station will connect with the Mission Valley stop and the Grossmont Station in La Mesa. Coming from the west, the trolley will run along the south side of Interstate 8 and then turn southward on a bridge before entering a tunnel between Cox Arena and the West Commons. The tunnel will route the trolley under the tennis courts and softball field to the subterranean transit station, which will be located between Adams Humanities and Aztec Center. Continuing east, the trolley will emerge at street level on the east side of College Avenue. It will be routed behind Parking Structure 1, elevated on a bridge over Parking Lot C and Alvarado Road, then re-parallel I-8 to connect to the Grossmont Station.

The project will cost an estimated $435 million, which comes from a combination of federal, state and local resources. The federal government’s Transportation Appropriations bill will provide $330 million to the project.

Completion of the trolley will allow an increased number of students, faculty and staff to use public transportation, thus decreasing parking needs. For more information on the trolley and its progress towards SDSU, visit www.sdsutrolley.com.

SDSU Community Stands Together
To Remember Terror Victims

Following the tragic events of September 11, the SDSU community came together to support and comfort each other. Emotions shared, including fear, anger, and loss, were similar those felt around the nation and around the world.

More than 3,000 students, faculty and staff attended a university-wide memorial service on September 13. The service began with remarks from President Weber, Senate Chair Bonnie Zimmerman and Associated Students President Ron Williams. Following the remarks, the participants walked together to Scripps Cottage for a moment of silence.

During the walk, participants solemnly hung ribbons from trees, light poles and benches to show their support of those killed and injured during the terrorist attacks. “Let these multicolored ribbons symbolize our common ties, not only as Americans, but as citizens of the world,” President Weber said. The ribbons were removed on October 11 to mark the passing of one month since the attacks.

Hundreds lingered on the grass after the event, talking, crying and asking questions.

Later that evening, 300 people gathered on the Free Speech Steps for to light candles and talk about the events.

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On September 25, a Town Hall Meeting, which was attended by an estimated 1,500 people, was held in Montezuma Hall. A panel discussed what motivated the terrorists, the history of the region and the probability of future attacks. Among the issues discussed were the definition of terrorism, the implications of the U.S. military response and the long-term effects on the U.S. economy.

To help the healing process, SDSU faculty have extended their role as educators into the community, participating in countless interviews in local, regional and national media. On a college level, the School of Social Work held a symposium to discuss the effects of terrorism and how the attacks will affect our future.

Americans will never forget the tragic events of September 11. But along with the shocking events in New York, Washington, DC, and Pennsylvania, we will remember, with pride, the strength and unity that our country showed in response; and we will remember, with appreciation, the love and support that we received from our family, friends, and co-workers.

(Terrorist Response, continued)

San Diego State University’s Community/Collegiate Alcohol Prevention Partnership (C-CAPP) has been selected as a model program in the Department Education’s 2001 Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Models on College Campuses grant competition. Selection as a model program includes a $100,000 grant to further the work of this program.

The partnership, which is headed by School of Social Work faculty members John Clapp and Louise Stanger, is a science based, data driven program that strategically works to change environmental conditions related to alcohol use and misuse within the college student population residing in San Diego County.

The three goals of C-CAPP are:
- Reduce alcohol promotion on the SDSU campus
- Reduce heavy episodic drinking by SDSU students
- Reduce alcohol-related problems involving SDSU students

C-CAPP works with students, community leaders, law enforcement representatives, business representatives (including bar owners), and researchers to develop and enforce strategies which include increased law enforcement, responsible beverage service training, media advocacy, normative campaigns and policy development. These efforts have led to a reduction in the frequency of heavy episodic drinking at SDSU and a binge drinking prevalence rate of 25%, which is well below the national average.

Congratulations to Drs. Clapp and Stanger and the entire C-CAPP staff on receiving this honor. We are proud of the work they are doing to create a safer, healthier atmosphere for our students.

In addition to the award from the U.S. Department of Education, the C-CAPP program was awarded $268,000 to enhance the law enforcement component of this program. Congratulations to the entire C-CAPP team.

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Walid Bishawi, Ph.D., Senior Advisor, Center for Islamic & Arabic Studies, addresses students, faculty, and guests at a symposium on the effects of terrorism that was hosted by the School of Social Work.
CHHSSC President A True Leader

During each of her four years at SDSU, Jillian Poser has been involved with the College of Health and Human Services Student Council. As a freshman, she served as the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) representative on the council; Jillian was the counsel Vice President during her sophomore and junior years; and now as a senior, she is serving as CHHS Student Council President.

Even before arriving at SDSU, Jillian knew that she wanted to make the most of her college experience – not just sit in class. As a freshman, when the NSSLHA needed a representative to serve on the student council, Jillian saw an opportunity to get involved. Jillian’s involvement has been the CHHS Student Council’s win. When asked what she has gained from her service in student government, Jillian replied that her involvement has given her experience dealing with people at many different levels ranging from students to professors, department heads and deans, and serving in a leadership role has given her self-confidence as she prepares for graduate school.

Now in her final semester as an undergrad, Jillian lists getting into Mortar Board, a senior honor society, as her favorite SDSU memory. She first became aware of Mortar Board early in her freshman year, and she worked for four years to be accepted into this elite society.

As a communicative disorders major, Jillian will need a master’s degree to enter the workforce. SDSU is one of the grad schools that she has applied to. Please join us in wishing Jillian good luck in the future and thanking her for four great years of service and leadership to the students of the College of Health and Human Services. With luck, we will have Jillian back on campus in the fall as a grad student.

Yolanda T. Moses, Ph.D., To Speak At CHHS May 2002 Commencement

President of the American Association for Higher Education, Yolanda T. Moses, Ph.D., will be the speaker at the College of Health and Human Services’ May 2002 Commencement Ceremony.

Dr. Moses earned a Ph.D. in Anthropology from University of California, Riverside, where she graduated with the highest honors. Prior to accepting the leadership role with the American Association for Higher Education, Dr. Moses served as president of the City College of the City University of New York. She has had a long career in academia. Her teaching career began in 1978 as a lecturer in the Department of Social Sciences at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. Since that time, she has held a number of positions both as an educator and university administrator.

In addition to teaching positions, Dr. Moses has served as president of the American Anthropological Association, the world’s largest association of anthropologists. She has received numerous awards, including being named American Council of Education (ACE) Senior Scholar, a listing as one of Crains, New York Business’ Top 100 Minority Executives, and a Presidential Medal of Honor from California State University, San Bernardino.

The American Association for Higher Education is a Washington, D.C. based higher education membership association that is made up of faculty, administrators, and graduate students.

The College of Health and Human Services Commencement ceremony will be held in Cox Arena on Saturday, May 18, at noon. If you would like to join us or if you would like more information on the ceremony, contact the Dean’s Office at 619-594-6898 or via e-mail at chhs@mail.sdsu.edu.
There are lots of ways to stay involved with SDSU, whether you live across town, or across the country. We encourage you to stay connected, and be a part of the CHHS family. A few ways you can do this include: participating in any of our internship programs, attending continuing education seminars, donating to the College through the Annual Giving Program, listing open positions with the SDSU Career Center, reading about College highlights on our web page, joining the SDSU Alumni Association, cheering on the Aztecs at home and away sporting events, attending campus productions, or submitting class notes and updates for publication in our newsletter. (Notes may be edited for space and clarity.) You are an important part of our family, and we hope you will stay connected to the College and SDSU.

**Communicative Disorders**

Karen Ryan Cook, M.A. ’86…enjoys working in the school system at the Encinitas Elementary School as a speech pathologist. She works with the communicatively impaired. Occasionally she works with adult patients in private practice. Some of her valued achievements were going back to San Diego State University to finish her degree and establishing a private practice. She also learned how to sew and quilt and play the flute. Her favorite memory of San Diego State University is finishing her degree and graduate school.

Kris English, MA ’86…is employed through Duquesne University as an Assistant Professor. In addition to teaching at Duquesne, she teaches an on-line class for the Distance Learning Audiology Doctorate (AUD) program for Central Michigan University/Vanderbilt. She just published her third textbook and has two more on the way.

Wendy Neutz Roberts B.A. ’86…spent the last 15 years in private practice, at a variety of facilities, primarily specializing in adolescent language. During the past 3 years, she had her own limited private practice. She is currently only working 4 hours a week in order to spend time with her children Jake, age 8, and Cassie, age 6. She writes, “I love being a wife and a mom!”

David K. Woodruff, M.A. ’86…is presently the Director of Audiology at the Hearing and Balance Center. He is currently enrolled in the Doctoral Program for Audiologists at Arizona School of Health Sciences.

Stephanie G. Adkins, B.A. ’91, M.A. 94… is treating children and young adults up to twenty years old with various diagnosis at an outpatient Health Center in the Texas Children’s Hospital.

Tracie Bullock Dickson, M.A. ’91… earned a Ph.D. from Howard University in Communication Sciences and Disorders. Tracie recently accepted a tenure track Assistant Professor position in the Department of Speech Pathology at Loyola College in Baltimore. Her favorite memories of San Diego State University are working and mentoring with Dr. Donna Thal on her (Tracie’s) thesis, which later led to obtaining a doctorate degree, and working and mentoring with Dr. Ed Thile on the HCOP grant.

Christine McGovern, B.S. ’91… received a Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Redlands. Christine created The Entire World of R—a remediation program for the eight variations of /r/ controlled vowels—a teaching tool for speech therapy and reading. Her favorite SDSU memory is the football games.

Sandra Rae (Gronhovd) Schankin M.A. ’91…spent the last 10 years working in the schools mainly with her favorite population—preschoolers. She is affiliated with ASHA and CSHA and was a sign chair for CSHA conference in San Diego. Her favorite SDSU memory was parking in the same spot for the first 2 years—she hated to be late!

**Public Health**

Pricha Charusuntonsri, M.P.H. ’83…lives in Phrakanong, Thailand. She is currently employed as a Director of Health, by the Department of Health, Bangkok Metropolitan Administration.

Sarah Handelman Fainstein, M.P.H. ’83…received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from U.S.I.U. after battling breast cancer twice. She is an advocate for cancer patients and their families, mainly with the Latino community in San Diego. She is also active with the American Cancer Society, the Breast Cancer Early Detection Partnership and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society where she facilitates a support group for Spanish-speaking parents of children diagnosed with cancer at Children’s Hospital. She is now studying to become a licensed clinical psychologist in California.

Janice Hammond, M.P.H.’85…is working as a Nurse Midwife in Modesto, CA.

Luci Romero Serlet, B.S. ’85… works as Assistant City Manager for the City of Solana Beach.

Nancy S. Tietge, M.P.H. ’86… currently works as a 

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Christine Riccitelli, ’82, was inspired to pursue a nursing career when she met a school nurse while working as an instructional aide with physically handicapped and developmentally disabled students. She graduated from the SDSU in 1982, and her career as a school nurse started in 1987. Her achievements were clearly noted in 2001 when she was awarded the California School Nurse of the Year award, and she was a finalist in the “Nurses Week” California Nursing Excellence competition and the Nursing Spectrum National Nursing Nurse of the year. Her most recent achievement was being appointed to be the first School Nursing Services Program Specialist for the San Diego County Office of Education. This is a newly created position that the school nurses of San Diego County have been working towards for over 20 years. Her favorite memory from SDSU is studying with her now-colleague in school nursing Jackie Cotton.”
COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CLASS NOTES

R. Larry Meuli M.P.H. ’86…since 1991, Larry has been serving as the Director and Health Officer for the Cheyenne City Council Health Department. He plans on retiring in January 2002. Additionally, he is serving his third term in the Wyoming House of Representatives. Included in his accomplishments is that he was with the Wyoming Health Office from 1987 to 1991, and the Director of the Wyoming Improved Pregnancy Outcome Program from 1979 to 1984. The program reduced Wyoming’s infant mortality rates from above the national average to below. His fondest memory of San Diego State University is getting to know students from various countries.

Sofia Costas B.S.N. ’86…works for Adventist Medical Center where she is the Director of the Family Birth Place. She writes, “Nursing has given me the opportunity to travel and move. From a medical surgery nurse, to pediatric ICU, labor and delivery – to now director of Family Birth Place.” She has two great kids, Aaron 14 and Allison 9.

coordinator with the Scholarship Foundation. Previously, she worked for the San Diego Health Department as a Health Educator. She also worked at the Tri City Medical Center in the Education Department. For a short time, she returned to the field of physical therapy at Ocean View Convalescent Hospital. She fondly remembers laughing with Neef in Dr. Bender’s office

William B. Icenhower, M.P.H. ’90…is working at Saint Mary’s County Health Department in Maryland, as a Health Officer.

Shelly (Falkowski) Cloughley B.S. ’91…is a progressive physical therapist in Palmdale, California. She completed her Master’s Degree in physical therapy in 1995. She specializes in outpatient orthopedic care and is a clinical instructor for current physical therapy students from Southern California Universities. Shortly after graduating with her master’s degree from the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific in Pomona, she married David Cloughley. She is presently working on becoming a Maitland Manual Therapist Specialist. Her favorite SDSU memories are the friends she made: Georgia Decker, Anita Neff, and Kathleen McCarthy; being the president of the Heath Science Club; and Dr. Bender’s Computer Statistics class.

James H. Handsfield, M.P.H. ’91…now resides in Georgia. He is currently a statistician for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Kathryn (Kaiser) McGuire, M.P.H. ’91… got married in September 2000. She completed a one-year fellowship in the American Association of Health Plans Executive Leadership Program and earned her Certified Managed Care Executive title.

Lois M. Harrison M.P.H. ’91…is currently working as the Director of Continuing Education for the University of Minnesota’s Department of Health. During the past 10 years, Lois served as a researcher for the Minnesota Department of Health maternal and child health program. She shared many favorite memories including, Dr. C. Everett Koop (commencement speaker) trapped in a fog bank over San Luis Obispo during the time he was supposed to deliver the graduation address; 3 classmates, Karin Cyone, Linda Moore and Kathy Proctor who saw herto the end and kept her sane through too many delays.

Judy Fouts Mull, M.P.H. ’91… worked with geriatric patients for Team Rehab in San Diego after graduation. Judy and her husband traveled to China in November 1998 to adopt their first daughter, Haley. In September 1991, they returned to China to adopt their daughter, Chandler. Judy and her family are now living in Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, where Judy is a stay-at-home mom. Judy’s greatest achievement is being a mom in her 40’s. She says it takes some effort, but the experience is priceless! Her favorite SDSU memory is of a field trip to a hospital in Mexico with Carl Coffelt’s class.

Dikelete Tsukudu, M.P.H. …is the head of the Department of HIV/AIDS in the Western Cape. Partially due to Dikelete’s work, by June 2002 the Western Cape will be offering HIV counseling and testing to all women getting obstetric care through the public health system.

Nursing

Maryanne Garon B.S.N. ’73, M.S.N. ’86… After working for the San Diego VA Healthcare System for 25 years, most recently as the Clinical Services Director of the Outpatient Department, Maryanne retired and started a new career in academia. She has been at CSUF since August 2000, first as a lecturer and now in a tenure-track position. Her career change was made possible after earning her doctorate in 1999. Her favorite undergraduate memories are socializing in West Commons with other nursing students and great football games in the Coryell era. From her MSN Years she fondly remembers small intense classes with her buddy, Debbie Berg, and great supportive professors, like Claire Gulino.

Marlene Rosenwald-Becker M.P.H ’91, B.S.N. ’73…for the past 23 years, she has worked for Kaiser Permanente, most recently as a Family Nurse Practitioner. In addition, she recently received her certificate in Legal Nurse Consulting. She is working on her second book, “A Tail of Luminosity.” Her favorite memory from undergraduate work is studying in the anatomy lab late at night with dissection as a focus.

Mary E. Bachko, B.S.N. ’86… works as a nurse midwife at the Center for Women’s Health. In 1987, she had her third son and stayed home until 1988. Soon after she worked as an adult surgery registered nurse. In 1989, she joined the navy and was stationed in San Diego as a pediatric nurse. She then obtained her M.S.N. from USD. She moved to Seattle and worked in the Community Health Center as an FNP until 1999. She obtained her certification as a nurse

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midwife from the Institute of Midwife Women and Health. She currently is in the U.S. Navy Reserves as a Commander. Her greatest achievement was delivering her grandson. Her favorite memory of SDSU is her anatomy labs.

Kathleen Loveland B.S.N. ’86… after 20 years of active duty, and three years in the Reserves of the U.S. Navy, Kathleen will retire in March 2002. She will move to Florida in January to do volunteer environmental work. Her husband works for the NPS at Everglades National Park. Her achievements include earning her M.S.N in Cardiovascular Nursing with an emphasis in prevention, working in health promotion for two years, completing her Health Promotion Director Certificate through the Coopers Institute and being ranked as an LCDR in the Navy. Her favorite memories of SDSU are her anatomy labs.

Laurin (Lopata) Comeau, B.S.N. ’90… is currently working at Scripps Mercy Hospital where she is the nursing class pinning ceremony. Patricia was the last member of the class (alphabetically) to be pinned!

Theresa Morrison, B.S.N. ’86… is employed through the Children’s Hospital Staff Nurse Plan. She has worked for Children’s Hospital for 13 years and is pleased with the family time that it offers. Shortly, she will be returning to China to adopt a sister for her previously adopted daughter Madeline. Her fondest memories of SDSU are the County Mental Health, and being “locked in” with patients.

Jill Hollsien Urmy B.S.N. ’86… is an Emergency Room Registered Nurse at the French Hospital. She is also a Nursing Instructor at Cuesta College. Her achievements include obtaining an M.S.N. at CSU Dominguez Hills in 1998. She also earned her C.E.N., C.C.R.N., T.N.C.C., M.I.C.N.. Her most memorable experience of San Diego State University is the Clinical Nursing with an emphasis in prevention, working in health promotion for two years, completing her Health Promotion Director Certificate through the Coopers Institute and being ranked as an LCDR in the Navy. Her favorite memories of SDSU are the nursing class pinning ceremony. Patricia was the last member of the class (alphabetically) to be pinned!

Laurin (Lopata) Comeau, B.S.N. ’90… is currently working as an Infusion Room R.N. at the Norris Cotton Cancer Center at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. She has two boys, Jake and Daniel and is married to her husband Greg. Her favorite memory of SDSU is the beach.

Serena C. Arts B.S.N. ’91… earned her M.S.N. at USD as an Adult Nurse Practitioner in 1999. She currently works as a nurse practitioner for Dr. Kumar Gastro-enterologist and Hyperbaric Medicine as a nurse manager. She enjoys working two part-time jobs that allow her to keep her critical care skills. Her fondest memories of San Diego State University are the clinical days, making life friends and memories. She especially loved the “get-togethers” at Cass St. after finals.

Alesia Barnett Adams B.S.N. ’91… is happy in a season of raising her 6-year-old son Jordan and 5-year-old daughter Arin. Her husband is the Bishop/Pastor of Berean Christian Church in San Francisco. Previously, she was employed by Kaiser Permanente Telemetry Unit. She received the Community Service Award presented by Progressive Women of Excellence. Her favorite SDSU memory was hanging out on Friday at Monty’s after a long week of studying, nursing rotations, papers, and exams. It was Alesia, her friends, good food and laughter.

Susan White-Alocove, B.S.N. ’86… works as a clinical manager for Surgical Services at Mission Hospital Regional Medical Center and also works part-time as a Clinical Medical-Surgical instructor at Saddleback College. At Saddleback College, Susan usually has a class load of 15 students in the clinical area – a situation that Susan never could have imagined at graduation in 1986. Susan’s favorite SDSU memories are being scared the first semester as she looked up at the huge library building and wondered how she was going to make it through four years, and graduation day, sitting amongst her friends and family for the nursing ceremony.

Lisa Rigdon Dean, B.S.N. ’91… worked at Scripps for eight years before entering her current position as an Associate Instructor/Clinical Instructor for Maric College in San Diego in the Associate Degree Nursing Program. While at Scripps, Lisa received an “Excellence in Shared Governance” award. She is currently enrolled at USD in the Adult Nurse Practitioner master’s program. Lisa’s favorite memory of San Diego State University is when she and two fellow clarinetists surprised the SDSU Marching Band Director by wearing eyeglasses with an attached nose and moustache during a football halftime performance on Halloween.

Emirose Olaes (aka: Maria Emirose Olaes) B.S.N. ’91 is currently working at Scripps Mercy Hospital where she is the charge nurse for critical care.

Stacy Lyn Schoopin-Knight, B.S.N. ’91… is employed with Hoag Memorial Hospital in the emergency room as a registered nurse. She was a charge nurse on a telemetry unit for six years then transferred to the emergency department. She is also certified in medi-surge, public health, and emergency nursing.

Julia Anne Smith, B.S.N. ’91… is expecting to graduate in the summer of 2004 from the USD School of Nursing with
a Ph.D. She completed her M.S.N. and Health Services Credential at SDSU in May of 1997. She is currently employed at Sweetwater Union High School District as a school nurse, and is also a proud member of Sigma Theta Tau. Although there are many memories at San Diego State University, her fondest is the joy of graduating.

Deborah J. Soetenga (Thompson) M.S.N. ’91…has worked in three advance practice positions since graduating; CNS for CU surgery at Children’s Hospital in San Diego, Case Manager for PICU and cardiology at U.W. Children’s Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin, and in her current position as an Advance Practice Nurse for PICU and CU surgery at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Deborah enjoys working in a 24-bed PICU that cares for all ages and critical care problems related to infant and children. Deborah is currently in school working on her PNP, and she will present at the 2002 NTI in Atlanta. Her favorite SDSU memories are finishing her thesis and creating close bonds with her classmates and Professor Walker.

Barbara Stangl-Phelps, B.S.N. ’91…received her M.S.N. and FNP certification in 1996 from Cal State Long Beach. She now works in interventional cardiology for La Jolla CV Surgeons Group – International. Barbara has passed the national AACN NP exam. Her favorite SDSU memory is graduation day — Barbara’s husband-to-be celebrated the occasion with her and helped make the day even more special. They were married a month after graduation. Barbara’s husband passed away in June 1997. Barbara cherishes that special graduation day and every day that she spent with him.

Joy E. Mozdy, B.S.N. ’94, M.S.N. ’00…works in Provider Relations in the County of Sonoma CHDP program as a public health nurse. Previously, she worked as a Medical Surgery RN, School of Nursing and PHN. Her fondest memory of San Diego State University is the professors.

Shari Abdalla, B.S.N. ’91…is now an R.N. in Maternal Infant Services, and she loves her job. She received Sharps Mary Birch’s Nurse of the year award 2000-2001. Shari considers it a privilege to be able to take care of families and their new babies. Her favorite memory of SDSU is of professor Jane Rapps and her emphasis on love, compassion, and nurturing the human spirit!

Karen Ishizuka, M.S.W. ’72…Produced and directed a documentary film, “Toyo Miya: Infinite Shades of Grey.” The film is contending for an Oscar nomination.

James Yockim, M.S.W. ’79…has served as a state senator in North Dakota for 12 years.

Caroline Rideout Stewart, M.S.W. ’86…was recently elected to the board of the PATH Foundation as a legislative representative. She runs her own psychotherapy practice and teaches undergraduate and graduate level courses in the department of social work at SDSU. Her favorite SDSU memory was being selected “Top Grad” of her class, and also meeting her best friend, Cyndee Nerhood.

Sandra Scharn-Stevens, M.S.W. ’81…moved to the Mojave Desert where she began a career in Government contracting at the Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division, China Lake. She now works for the Military Sealift Command Far East in Yokohama, Japan. She, her husband, and son enjoy working in Japan and associating with a large international community of friends and associates. Sandra writes that she is especially proud of her work at China Lake as she developed self-managed work teams and empowered employees to do work-load distribution, monitoring, customer interface, and collecting annual customer satisfaction information to use for recommending performance awards.

Keith John Paul Horcasitas, M.S.W. ’84…is an L.C.S.W., practicing in the case Management Department of the Baton Rouge General Medical Center as a medical social worker. His favorite SDSU memory was his involvement at the Newman Center. Keith shares that his greatest personal achievement is the new release of his second C.D., “Still Storm.”

Diane Bergren-Hilliard B.S.W. ’86, M.S.W. ’88…Diane runs a part-time private practice. She is also working on a Prop 10 grant through the Turning Point Agency. She earned her LCSW and has recently starting working in the field of infant mental health prevention. She contributed to the development of a strong collaboration of agencies serving children 0-5 with speech needs. Diane fondly remembers pizza night with her classmates, especially since it was a time to vent and recuperate.

David George Damschen M.S.W. ’86…David is the Chief Executive Officer at the Copper Hills Youth center in Utah. He is in the process of developing an innovative female juvenile sexual offender program. He writes that he is still riding his motorcycle all over the world and is planning his next trip to New Zealand! His favorite SDSU memory is all of his strange and wonderful friends.

Kimberly (Clarkson) Hirschi M.S.W. ’86 …Kimberley writes, “Upon graduation, I worked for six years as a social worker for San Diego County Children’s Services Bureau. I then taught at SDSU’s School of Social Work for eight years as part of the Title IV-E Public Child Welfare Program. I am currently a stay-at-home mom and spend a significant amount of time volunteering. I earned my Ph.D. in Social Work from the University of Southern California in 1993. My biggest achievements are my five children. My favorite memory is helping coordinate an institute on agencies serving children 0-5 with speech needs. Diane fondly remembers pizza night with her classmates, especially since it was a time to vent and recuperate.”

Liz Quinnett, M.S.W. ’86…is now employed with the 

**M.S.W. Administration Track Alums**

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College of Health and Human Services Class Notes

Wendy Lanterman, B.S.W. ’87…works for a private investigation company that investigates insurance fraud, worker’s compensation fraud, liability cases and personal injury. While at SDSU, Wendy remembers that she used to ski everyday at the Mission Bay Aquatic Center and became good enough to be a professional water-skier at Marine World/Africa U.S.A. in Northern California. She skied there for approximately 12 years.

Mary Dorea, M.S.W. ’88…is currently working for the San Diego Hospital Inpatient Center as a Social Worker.

Lori M. Crawford, M.S.W. ’91…works as a primary therapist with the Day Treatment program. Her area of speciality has been on the grief/loss/bereavement issues. For nearly nine years, Lori worked in the field of HIV disease, providing services to individuals living with the disease. Lori earned her LCSW in 1995. Her greatest achievements are her marriage to her husband Michael (married in 1993) and the birth of their beautiful fraternal twin boys Cameron and Cody (11/4/97). She has two special memories from SDSU. One is walking across the stage to receive her diploma. The other is walking across the stage to receive her diploma.

Cathleen Jo, M.S.W. ’91…has been working as an Assistant Professor of Social Work and Director of the Social Work Department at Winona State University since 1997. She earned a Ph.D. in Psychology in 2000. In 1999, Cathleen was awarded the Governor’s award for Excellence in Community Partnerships, and she recently authored a book that will be published early in 2003 by University Press of America. Her fondest memory of SDSU is of the beautiful campus.

Lisa Henderson, M.S.W. ’91…works as an emergency department social worker in a prestigious Level 1 trauma center. She works the graveyard shift and helps trauma patients and their families, performs evaluations in psychiatric emergencies, assists sexual assault victims, domestic violence victims, child and elder abuse patients, and performs drug and alcohol evaluations. Lisa feels privileged to serve as a social worker in an arena of such intense need. Her favorite SDSU memory is studying at the beautiful SDSU campus during the spring and summer.

Mary (Rutherford) McCann, B.S.W. ’91…Mary is returning to work after being ill. She will be a substance abuse counselor, a position that would have been out of her reach without her social work background. This will be a new start for her, and she writes that she will always remember studying in groups after classes in the cafeteria and library with fellow students.

Betsy Stroll Melese, M.S.W. ’91…is a homemaker and mother. Her greatest achievement in life is raising her six year-old son. Her fondest memory of SDSU is the friends that she made.

Melissa Milne, M.S.W. ’91…works as an OB/Gyn and Renal Social Worker for St. Joseph’s Hospital in Santa Ana, California. Melissa earned her LCSW in 1999.

Candace Redcliff, B.S.W. ’91…received her M.S.W. from Florida State in 1993. Since leaving San Diego, she has lived in Virginia, Florida, Hawaii and finally settled back in Virginia. She is an LCSW in the three states listed above. Currently, she is a therapist in a group practice and is on call at two local hospital emergency rooms. She lectures on various life issues including the horrific events on September 11. Her favorite SDSU memories are hanging out with friends and graduating.

Karen M. Cabrera, M.S.W. ’94…is a Supervising Defense Investigator in the Department of the Public Defender Juvenile Delinquency office. She also works part time as a program social worker at a group home for adolescent girls. Her son is now attending San Diego State University. Her favorite memories of SDSU are climbing the endless stairs behind Storm Hall from the lower parking lot. She also loved Dr. Vince Sucato’s classes, as they were always fascinating.

Butch Froberg, M.S.W. ’98…worked with Kaiser Hospice in San Diego from graduation, until recently, when he moved to Montana. He is pursuing hospice work there and is now working on obtaining his L.C.S.W. He wishes the best to B.S.W. and M.S.W. students at SDSU.
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Social Work Continuing Education Workshops will be held throughout the spring and early summer. For a schedule of workshops, contact the Office of Professional Programs, SDSU School of Social Work, at 619-594-8477.  

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