



Annual Leadership Summit



Aztec CORE Retreat



# Leadership Starts Here

San Diego State University is on track to create an internationally renowned program that will provide leadership development for students, faculty, staff and the community.

The new undertaking will consist of the Leadership Center, to be located in the new Aztec Student Union in 2013 (see article on p. 14). SDSU is also providing a leadership curriculum through the Leadership Certificate Program, resulting in a co-curricular transcript that will be available to students along with their diploma.

## Leadership Development

The Leadership Center will offer high quality and meaningful leadership development programs and services to SDSU students.

"To be successful in the global professional world, job seekers must possess far more than technical skills," said Associate Vice President Eric Rivera. "Employers are looking for candidates with leadership skills and the ability to add value to their organization on day one. San Diego State's program can help provide a competitive edge."

Vice President for Student Affairs James R. Kitchen is spearheading the initiative to make San Diego State University the premier public university in leadership development.

"We've had some great feedback and support from the community for our leadership initiative," said Kitchen. "This is something that has the power to change student lives, and also the community."

## Leadership Education

The initial step for students is the Leadership Certificate Program, which is a comprehensive approach that combines academics, opportunities to practice and develop skills, and consideration of lessons learned.

"The Leadership Certificate Program will be the foundation for students to create a leadership toolbox that will carry them into their careers," said Randall Timm, director of Student Life and Leadership, which oversees the Leadership Certificate Program. "Guided by faculty, employers and alumni mentors, recipients of the Leadership Certificate will graduate SDSU with the tools they need to succeed and the confidence that mastery brings."

## Leadership Circle

The Leadership Circle consists of community members, parents, alumni and former student leaders who are committed to ensuring SDSU students gain a competitive edge as they embark on their chosen professions. Members are investing a minimum of \$50,000 to build the leadership program.

"Leadership is a top initiative at SDSU," said Vice President Kitchen. "It's no coincidence that the tagline for The Campaign for SDSU is 'Leadership Starts Here.' I'm committed to ensuring that our students are recognized as world-class leaders when they graduate from our university."

### Leadership development opportunities include:

- On-campus student leadership development
- Residential living/learning communities
- Participation in an annual Leadership Summit Regional Conference
- Aztec TEAM and CORE immersion retreats
- Mentoring relationships with prominent alumni in chosen career fields
- Internships
- Undergraduate research
- Study abroad
- Community service
- Scholarship stipends for emerging leaders
- "Quest for the Best" all university recognition
- Leadership Certificate Program