Cool Women Alumnae

2001-2024
Sahra Abdi  
Class of 2012  
Director, United Women of East Africa Support Team

Suzie Alarcón  
Class of 2024  
Co-Founder, A1Genomics; Director of the Next Generation Sequencing Core, La Jolla Institute for Immunology

Doris Anderson  
Class of 2002  
Executive Director, Elementary Institute of Science

Mary Jean Anderson  
Class of 2017  
Owner/President, Anderson Plumbing, Heating and Air

Karen Archipley  
Class of 2015  
Co-founder, Archi’s Acres

Kathryn Ashworth  
Class of 2013  
Co-founder, Voices for Children

Paola Avila  
Class of 2018  
Chief of Staff, Office of Mayor Todd Gloria

Irene Barajas  
Class of 2008  
Businesswoman, Girl Scout

Beatriz Barraza  
Class of 2005  
Director of Health Promotion, Colaborativo SABER Project

Dawn Barry  
Class of 2019  
President and Founder, LunaPBC

Marissa Bejarano  
Class of 2007  
California Deputy Attorney General

Arlene Bernstein  
Class of 2015  
Rabbi Cantor, Beth Israel

Betty Beyster  
Class of 2016  
Philanthropist, Community Volunteer

Mary Ann “M.A.” Beyster  
Class of 2016  
Film Producer; President, Foundation for Enterprise Development

Darcy C. Bingham  
Class of 2016  
Catalyst, Philanthropreneur

Joye Blount  
Class of 2013  
Wealth Management Advisor, US Bank

Barbara J. Brown  
Class of 2010  
Community Volunteer

Janice Brown  
Class of 2007  
Founder, Brown Law Group

Julia R. Brown  
Class of 2005  
Advisor to CEO, Amylin Pharmaceuticals

Sandra Brue  
Class of 2003  
Founder and CEO, Sandicast  
USD Board of Directors
Betty Bulen*
Class of 2011
Founder,
The Elizabeth Hospice

Beth Burns
Class of 2012
Women's Basketball Coach,
San Diego State University

Maria Cabrera
Class of 2002
Captain,
San Diego Fire Department

Cathryn Campbell
Class of 2002
Biotechnology Attorney;
Founder Campbell & Flores Arts Foundation

Molly Cartmill
Class of 2008
Corp. Comm. Director,
Sempra Energy;
Executive Director,
Sempra

Irma Castro
Class of 2001
Program Director,
Casa Familiar

Geni Cavitt
Class of 2008
Weathercaster/Reporter,
10News

Lesley Cohn
Class of 2015
Co-founder,
Cohn Restaurant Group

Constance Carroll, PhD
Class of 2005
Chancellor,
San Diego Community College District

Maria Chavez
Class of 2002
Senior Director,
Migrant Education Program
San Diego and Orange Counties

Mary Clark*
Class of 2007
Community Volunteer

Jenny Craig
Class of 2008
Co-Founder and Vice Chairwoman,
Jenny Craig International

Bink Cook
Class of 2001
President
The Brighter Side,
A Boutique for Women with Cancer

Liza Crisafi
Class of 2023
Chief Investment Officer,
San Diego Retirement System (retired)

Barbara Bry
Class of 2001
Co-founder,
"I'm There For You, Baby!" radio talk show; Athena;
Proflowers.com

Maria Cabrera
Class of 2022
CEO,
Pillars 4 Dignity

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Biotechnology Attorney;
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Marcela Celorio
Class of 2017
Consul General of Mexico in San Diego

Rashmi Char
Class of 2023
Vice President Engineering,
Qualcomm

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Artist, Author, Businesswoman

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Class of 2014  
Celebrity Chef, Author

Adela de la Torre, PhD  
Class of 2021  
President, San Diego State University

Gemma Deleon  
Class of 2019  
President, WISE San Diego

Martha Dennis, PhD  
Class of 2016  
Technology Entrepreneur

Norma Diaz  
Class of 2023  
Chief Executive Officer, Community Health Group

Angelika Drake  
Class of 2010  
Triathlete, Psychologist, Artist

Theresa Drew  
Class of 2005  
Managing Partner, Deloitte & Touche LLP

Ann Durst, SHCJ, Esq.  
Class of 2014  
Founder, Casa Cornelia Law Center

Sue Ebner  
Class of 2004  
Managing Director, Marsh Risk & Insurance Services; President, UCSD Athena

Joan Embery  
Class of 2012  
Wildlife and Environmental Advocate

Phyllis Epstein  
Class of 2017  
Community Volunteer Philanthropist

Anne Evans  
Class of 2006  
Chairman, Evans Hotels

Nora Faine, MD, MPH  
Class of 2004  
VP/Chief Medical Officer, Sharp Health Plan; Commissioner, San Diego County

Anne S. Fege, PhD  
Class of 2016  
Forester, Educator and Nature Advocate

Arline Fisch  
Class of 2010  
Artist; Professor of Art Emerita, San Diego State University

Cheryl Fisher  
Class of 2006  
Director of Diversity and Equity, San Diego State University

Kim Folsom  
Class of 2024  
Founder and CEO, Founders First Capital Partners

Pauline Foster*  
Class of 2013  
Chair, Foster Family Foundation; President, Foster Investments

Judith Fox  
Class of 2012  
Artist, Author, Businesswomen

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CMDCM Kathleen Hansen, USN  
Class of 2005  
Command Master Chief, USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76)

Dr. Karen S. Haynes  
Class of 2015  
President, California State University San Marcos

Felena Hanson  
Class of 2017  
Founder, Hera Hub

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Class of 2006  
Pediatric Oncologist, UCSD

Dolores Huerta  
Class of 2013  
Co-founder, United Farm Workers; President, Dolores Huerta Foundation

Dea Hurston  
Class of 2018  
Arts Advocate, Philanthropist, Playwright
JJ Isler
Class of 2002
Olympic Sailing Medalist, Author

Rachel Teresa Ivanovich, MBA, EA
Class of 2021
Chief Leadership Officer, Easy Life Management, Inc.

Jo Dee C. Jacob
Class of 2016
Former CEO, Girl Scouts San Diego

Nancy Jamison*
Class of 2019
President and CEO, San Diego Grantmakers

Tracy Jarman
Class of 2007
Fire Chief, City of San Diego

Jackie Jennings
Class of 2008
President, Johnson & Jennings General Contracting

Peggy Johnson
Class of 2007
Executive Vice President of the Americas and India, Qualcomm

Jeanne Jones
Class of 2012
Author, Philanthropist

Divya Kakaiya, PhD
Class of 2009
Founder/Clinical Supervisor, Healthy Within Inc.

Diane Kastama
Class of 2003
Horse Breeder, Senior Software Engineer

Linda Katz
Class of 2002
Community Volunteer

Awetash Keflezighi
Class of 2015
Immigrant Success Story

Karen Keltner
Class of 2006
Conductor, San Diego Opera

Lee Ann Kim
Class of 2013
Founder/Executive Director, Pacific Arts Movement

Heidi Squier Kraft
Class of 2011
Clinical Psychologist, Author

Carol Lam
Class of 2007
U.S. Attorney, Southern District of California

Yvonne Larsen*
Class of 2011
Community Volunteer

Kimberley Layton
Class of 2023
Chief Advancement and Communications Officer, Jacobs and Cushman San Diego Food Bank

Carol Lazier
Class of 2015
President, San Diego Opera Board of Directors

Carol LeBeau
Class of 2004
News Anchor, KGTV 10News

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Marcella Lee
Class of 2021
Anchor and Reporter, CBS News 8

Gail Vetter Levin
Class of 2009
Chair, Alzheimer’s Association Board; Community Volunteer

Susan Lew
Class of 2001
Vice President, 1st Pacific Bank

Rosibel Mancillas Lopez
Class of 2013
University of San Diego School of Law

Mary Lyons, PhD
Class of 2004
President, University of San Diego; Captain, U.S. Naval Reserve (retired)

Deanna Mackey
Class of 2023
General Manager, KPBS

Susan B. Major
Class of 2022
Founder & CEO, Major Executive Search

Susan Ten Eyck Mallory
Class of 2004
Region President, Northern Trust Bank

Cindy Marten
Class of 2013
Superintendent, San Diego Unified School District

Lidia S. Martinez
Class of 2006
West Coast Multicultural Community Affairs Manager, Southwest Airlines

Magda Marquet, PhD
Class of 2014
Founder/Co-Chairman, Althea Technologies

Anna Mathews
Class of 2001
Chair and Vice Chair, City of San Diego Human Relations Commission

Connie Matsui
Class of 2005
Vice President, Corporate Strategy and Communications, Biogen Idec, Inc.

Patricia McArdle
Class of 2014
Author, Environmentalist

Susan McClellan
Class of 2004
Community Volunteer

Judith McConnell
Class of 2014
Presiding Justice, 4th District Court of Appeal

Samantha McDonald
Class of 2003
President, Susan G. Komen Foundation

M. Margaret McKeown
Class of 2004
U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit

Delores McNeely
Class of 2008
Senior Vice President, Union Bank of California
Marion Ross
Class of 2011
Actress

Rana Sampson
Class of 2008
International Crime Consultant; Author

Susan Polis Schutz
Class of 2012
Filmmaker, Poet, Businesswoman

Erica Ollmann Saphire,
PhD
Class of 2016
Ebola Researcher, The Scripps Research Institute

Debra L. Reed
Class of 2016
Chairman and CEO, Sempra Energy

Brittney Reese
Class of 2017
Olympic Medalist; Coach, San Diego Mesa College

Sarah Reinertsen
Class of 2009
Paralympian

Zandra Rhodes
Class of 2013
Fashion/Textile Designer

Angele Ringo
Class of 2011
Broadcast Journalist, U.S. Army Reserve

Rosalba Rodriguez, MD
Class of 2001
Chief of Staff, Medical Director, Sharp South Bay Medical Infusion Center

Zenaida Rosario
Class of 2004
Teacher, La Mirada Elementary School

Patti Roscoe
Class of 2008
Founder, PRA Destination Management Co; Director, Allied International

Marion Ross
Class of 2011
Actress

Georgia Robins Sadler,
PhD
Class of 2006
Clinical Professor of Surgery, UCSD

BGen Angela Salinas,
USMC
Class of 2008
Commanding General, USMC Recruit Depot San Diego; Commanding General, Western Recruiting Region

Susan Salka
Class of 2015
CEO and President, AMN Healthcare

Leyla Sampson
Class of 2016
U.S. Poet Laureate’s Muse, Educator

Rana Sampson
Class of 2008
International Crime Consultant; Author

Dee Sanford
Class of 2003
Founder, African American Business Women of Vision; President, Dee Sanford International

Erica Ollmann Saphire,
PhD
Class of 2016
Ebola Researcher, The Scripps Research Institute

Lynn Schenk
Class of 2017
Former U.S. Congresswoman; Attorney

Rose Schindler*
Class of 2015
Holocaust Survivor and Educator

Susan Polis Schutz
Class of 2012
Filmmaker, Poet, Businesswoman
The Honorable Sherry Thompson-Taylor  
Class of 2024  
Judge, San Diego Superior Court

Sally B. Thornton*  
Class of 2011  
Historian, Community Leader

Isabelle Tihanyi  
Class of 2001  
Owner, Surf Diva

Ashley Nell Tipton  
Class of 2016  
Fashion Designer

Robin Toft  
Class of 2022  
Co-Founder, We Can Rise; Global Life Sciences Leader, ZRG Partners

The Honorable Randa M. Trapp  
Class of 2021  
Judge, San Diego Superior Court

Major Karen Tribbett, USMC  
Class of 2002  
F/A-18 Fighter Pilot, U.S. Marine Corps

Debbie Turner  
Class of 2016  
Philanthropist

VADM Nora Tyson, USN  
Class of 2016  
Commander, U.S. Third Fleet

Wendy Urushima-Conn  
Class of 2017  
President and CEO, Asian Business Association

Carmen Vann  
Class of 2015  
Project Executive, Turner Construction

Joan Waitt  
Class of 2009  
Philanthropist, Community Volunteer

Gale Walker  
Class of 2002  
President, Bronze Triangle Community Development Corporation

Mary Walshok  
Class of 2003  
Associate Vice Chancellor for Public Programs; Dean of University Extension; Adjunct Professor of Sociology, UCSD

Lori M. Walton  
Class of 2011  
Psychologist

Geri Ann Warnke  
Class of 2010  
Physical Therapist, Community Volunteer

Maggie Watkins  
Class of 2002  
Vice President for Advancement and Alumni Relations, National University

Rhonda Welch-Scalco  
Class of 2007  
Tribal Chairwoman, Barona Band of Mission Indians

Ellen Whelan*  
Class of 2013  
Partner, Senior Trust and Estates

Gayle Edlund Wilson  
Class of 2010  
Education Advocate First Lady of California (1991-1999)

* Deceased
Caroline Winn
Class of 2018
CEO,
San Diego Gas & Electric

Karin Winner
Class of 2012
Journalist, Businesswoman

Wilma Wooten, MD, MPH
Class of 2013
Public Health Officer,
County of San Diego

Elizabeth Yamada*
Class of 2006
Education and
Community Leader

Su-Mei Yu
Class of 2012
Chef, Author

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