



# Cool Women

Honoring Cool Women,  
Investing in Emerging Leaders



**Sahra Abdi**  
Class of 2012  
Director,  
United Women of East Africa  
Support Team



**Suzie Alarcón**  
Class of 2024  
Co-Founder, AUGenomics;  
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  
Proflowers.com



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



**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



**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



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



**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



**Marcela Celorio**  
Class of 2017  
Consul General of Mexico  
in San Diego



**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



**Rashmi Char**  
Class of 2023  
Vice President Engineering,  
Qualcomm



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



**Naila Chowdhury**  
Class of 2022  
CEO,  
Pillars 4 Dignity



**Mary Clark\***  
Class of 2007  
Community Volunteer



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



**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



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



**Elizabeth Copley**  
Class of 2010  
Community Volunteer



**Carol Rowell Council**  
Class of 2017  
Co-Founder,  
Department of Women's  
Studies, SDSU



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



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





**Ingrid Croce**  
Class of 2011  
Artist, Author,  
Businesswoman



**Melissa d'Arabian**  
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



**Judith Fox**  
Class of 2012  
Artist, Author,  
Businesswomen



**Ronne Froman**  
Class of 2003  
Chief Operating Officer,  
City of San Diego



**Joyce Gattas, PhD**  
Class of 2005  
Dean,  
SDSU College of Professional  
Studies and Fine Arts



**Zoe Ghahremani**  
Class of 2014  
Writer, Artist



**Wendy Gillespie**  
Class of 2007  
Principal,  
Frontier Trading, Inc.



**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



**Julie Dubick**  
Class of 2025  
Chief of Staff and Strategic  
Partners Advisor,  
The Conrad Prebys  
Foundation



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



**Martha Gilmer**  
Class of 2024  
CEO,  
San Diego  
Symphony Orchestra



**Rosie Gonzalez**  
Class of 2003  
Owner, Rosie's Calico  
Cupboard Quilt Shop



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



**Felena Hanson**  
Class of 2017  
Founder,  
Hera Hub



**Sheila Hardin\***  
Class of 2004  
Co-Chair,  
San Diego Multicultural  
Festival; Committee Member  
United Negro College Fund



**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



**Arlene Harris**  
Class of 2013  
President/Co-founder,  
Dyna



**Judith Harris\***  
Class of 2009  
Chair,  
San Diego Public Library  
Foundation, Community



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



**Lorie Hearn**  
Class of 2017  
Executive Director  
and Editor,  
inewssource



**Ruth Henricks**  
Class of 2001  
Founder,  
Special Delivery



**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



**Janine Hilger**  
Class of 2018  
Vice President,  
Communications Business  
Northrop Grumman



**Reena Horowitz**  
Class of 2015  
Businesswoman,  
Philanthropist,  
Jewelry Designer



**Doris Howell\*, MD**  
Class of 2006  
Pediatric Oncologist,  
UCSD



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



**Denise Pirrotti Hummel**  
Class of 2021  
CEO,  
RevWork, Inc.

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**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



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



**Carol LeBeau**  
Class of 2004  
News Anchor,  
KGTV 10News



**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



**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.



**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



**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



**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.



**Dr. Tina M King**  
Class of 2025  
President,  
San Diego College of  
Continuing Education



**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



**Patty Maysent**  
Class of 2017  
CEO,  
UC San Diego Health



**Patricia McArdle**  
Class of 2014  
Author, Environmentalist



**Luisa McCarthy**  
Class of 2025  
Co-Owner,  
La Vista Memorial Park and  
Mortuary



**Susan McClellan**  
Class of 2004  
Community Volunteer



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

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**Sammantha 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



**Patricia McQuater**  
Class of 2009  
Senior Corporate Counsel  
Solar Turbines, Inc.



**Kris Michell**  
Class of 2011  
President,  
Downtown San Diego  
Partnership



**Madeleine Anne Pickens**  
Class of 2010  
Founder,  
Saving America's  
Mustangs Foundation



**Margaret Porter-Troupe**  
Class of 2001  
Host,  
Harlem Arts Salon;  
Former Owner,  
Porter-Troupe Gallery



**Diane Powers**  
Class of 2010  
Entrepreneur



**Cathryn Ramirez**  
Class of 2008  
Vice President  
Southwest Region,  
Tiffany & Co.



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



**Tina Mickelson**  
Class of 2006  
Golf Channel Commentator;  
Professional Golf Instructor



**Fary Moini**  
Class of 2009  
Rotary International  
Representative;  
U.S. National Commission  
to UNESCO



**Cindy Moore**  
Class of 2004  
Girl Scout Volunteer;  
Chair, National  
Standards Commission,  
American Camp Association



**Molly Moores**  
Class of 2007  
Community Volunteer



**Pamela Mudd**  
Class of 2014  
Co-founder, Musicmatch;  
Community Volunteer



**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



**Debbie Rider**  
Class of 2025  
Assistant Dean of  
Development and Alumni  
Relations, University of San  
Diego School of Law



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



**Gail Naughton, PhD**  
Class of 2012  
CEO/Chairman,  
Histogen, Inc.



**Virginia Nelson**  
Class of 2019  
Attorney at Law



**Robin Nordhoff**  
Class of 2009  
Community Volunteer



**Tina Nova, PhD**  
Class of 2012  
President/Co-founder,  
Genoptix, Inc.



**Betty Peabody**  
Class of 2008  
Chair, Board of Directors,  
Friends of Balboa Park



**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



**Pamela Gray Payton**  
Class of 2024  
Vice President, Chief Impact  
and Partnerships Officer,  
San Diego Foundation



**Maxine Peoples**  
Class of 2003  
Past President Girl Scouts,  
San Diego-Imperial Council;  
Communication Specialist,  
Marsh, Risk & Insurance



**Inez González Perezchica**  
Class of 2022  
Executive Director,  
MANA de San Diego



**Coreen Petti**  
Class of 2019  
Associate Vice President,  
University of San Diego



**Regina Petty**  
Class of 2005  
Attorney,  
Wilson Petty Kosmo & Turner



**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

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



**Nancy Sasaki**  
Class of 2025  
President and CEO,  
United Way of San Diego  
County



**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



**Maureen Sullivan**  
Class of 2009  
President/Publisher,  
San Diego Magazine



**Carol Summerhays, DDS**  
Class of 2010  
Dentist, Community Volunteer



**Sue Swenson**  
Class of 2015  
Wireless Pioneer



**Deborah Szekely**  
Class of 2014  
Spa Business Pioneer,  
Community Activist



**Gayle Tauber**  
Class of 2011  
Co-Founder,  
Kashi Company



**Phyllis Schwartz**  
Class of 2005  
President/General Manager;  
NBC 7/39



**Deborah Scott**  
Class of 2009  
Executive Chef/Partner,  
Cohn Restaurant Group



**Laura Shawver, PhD**  
Class of 2018  
President, CEO, Director ,  
Synathorx, Inc.



**Darlene Marcos Shiley**  
Class of 2002  
Philanthropist,  
Community Volunteer



**June Shillman**  
Class of 2014  
President,  
San Diego-Yantai  
Friendship Society



**The Honorable  
Sherry Thompson-Taylor**  
Class of 2024  
Judge,  
San Diego Superior Court



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



**Isabelle Tihanyl**  
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



**Susan Shirk, PhD**  
Class of 2016  
Chair,  
21st Century China Program,  
UCSD



**Abby Silverman**  
Class of 2006  
Attorney,  
Baker & McKenzie LLP



**Carol Sing**  
Class of 2001  
English Channel Swimmer



**Suzy Spafford**  
Class of 2003  
Creator,  
Suzy's Zoo Studio



**Nancy A. Spector, Esq.**  
Class of 2014  
Estate Planning Attorney



**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



**Rozeanne Steckler**  
Class of 2003  
Scientist/Researcher,  
UCSD SuperComputer Center;  
Girl Scout Leader



**Summer Stephan**  
Class of 2021  
District Attorney,  
San Diego County



**Fran Styles\***  
Class of 2005  
Senior Athlete,  
Girl Scout Volunteer



**Revathi Subramanian**  
Class of 2022  
Global Managing Director,  
Accenture Operations



**Katie Sullivan**  
Class of 2006  
Community Volunteer,  
Girl Scout Leader



**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

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**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)



**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