

# Your Gifts in Action



FALL 2010 PHILANTHROPY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

## THANK YOU!

The holidays are a time when we reflect on everything for which we are truly grateful. It is also the perfect time to again express our thanks to all of you who generously made gifts in support of the Student Life Pavilion. Just more than a year ago, the Student Life Pavilion opened its doors and thus began an exciting new era on campus.

Outstanding dining, state-of-the-art facilities and fun and creative meeting spaces make this building the hottest spot on campus and none of it could have been possible without your financial support.

Senior Zein Nour is thankful that the Student Life Pavilion opened in time for him to enjoy it before he graduated. He's also grateful to the donors who, through their generosity, made the building a reality.

"We are so grateful," says Nour, who majors in international relations. "We can't thank the donors enough. The students will always appreciate what they did for us."

We hope you find the articles in this newsletter interesting and informative and, most important, we hope they help you truly understand the impact of your giving.



## After the Dedication — The SLP One Year Later

After the ceremonial ribbons were cut and the last echo of inspiring speeches faded into the breeze, Cold War Kids took the stage on the Plaza Mayor for a once-in-a-lifetime concert open only to Toreros. The Student Life Pavilion reverberated with an exhilaration that's inevitable when you mix a crowd of ecstatic students and the thrill of something new with a kick drum, a bass guitar and a gigantic amp.

That was Sept. 24, 2009. Today, the three-story, 50,000-square-foot Student Life Pavilion is still filled with a buzz that can be seen, heard and felt.

The Student Life Pavilion truly is the place where students gather to eat, meet, study and hang out. The first floor is home to Pavilion dining, where chefs work at live-action cooking stations preparing Spanish, Latin, Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese, Italian and classic American cuisines. The second floor features Tu Mercado. It's a combination grocery store, deli, culinary workshop and spirit shop where students can stock their pantries, shop for Torero gear, pick up a prepared meal or order a gelato. The third floor is where students make things happen. It's where you can find Associated Students, Greek Life and other student organizations. It's also where students are busy working on the Vista student newspaper, USD Radio, USDtv and the yearbook.



# Sustainability at the SLP

## Going for the Gold, While Keeping it Green



The Student Life Pavilion is seeking to earn the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) gold certification — the highest rating that can be bestowed on a commercial building in the United States.

Here are just some of the SLP's innovative and environmentally friendly features:

- An innovative decomposition unit that breaks food waste into water, which will allow USD to reduce its food waste by up to 40 percent, and cut its CO2 and greenhouse gas emissions
- A tray-less dining system that last year led to approximately \$400,000 in savings on wasted food
- Fixtures that reduce water consumption by 20-30 percent



- A rooftop herb and vegetable garden that not only yields award-winning produce, but also helps insulate the building and prevent excessive rainwater run-off



### SLP BY THE NUMBERS

- Total meals served: 808,611
- Rice bowls served: 163,600
- Tortillas made: 390,525
- Slices of pizza served: 35,228
- Types of herbs grown in the rooftop garden: 20
- Meals served after midnight: 1,635

## Commemorate Your Commitment

### SET IT IN STONE

Paver stones in the Student Life Pavilion's Plaza Mayor are an expression of your connection to USD and your commitment to today's students and generations of students yet to experience life at Alcalá Park. Paver stones are \$2,500 each and can be engraved with the name of a student, alumnus, student organization or business. Order yours today at [www.sandiego.edu/studentlifepavilion](http://www.sandiego.edu/studentlifepavilion).



## You Can Still Be Part of the Legacy

Philanthropic investments by those who believe in enhancing the experiences of USD students continue to be essential to USD's success. Help us complete the campaign.



Junior Cowas Jehangir finds a healthy snack at Tu Mercado in the SLP.

## What Did We Do Without This Place?

Now that the SLP is open, students can't help but ask themselves, "What did we ever do without this place?"

Senior Jonathan Fein likes the open floor plan, especially on the third floor where student clubs and organizations are always busy planning the next big thing.

"I'm a commuter," says Fein, who drives from La Jolla. "But with everything the SLP offers, I don't have to drive off campus to get what I need — it's all here."

Senior Andrea Warren loves the technology that allows her go wireless and even show projects on the big screens while working with friends on class projects. But maybe what they love the most is the food. Junior Andrea Warren at the SLP. Kittric Lovel says she loves the diversity of the food— everything from Chinese, Japanese and Vietnamese to Spanish, Latin and Italian. Cowas Jehangir, a junior, loves to watch the chefs who work with what's known as the "secret ingredient."



"One day the secret ingredient was duck!" says Jehangir, who studies real estate. "What other college do you know that serves duck? This place is incredible!"