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To: All University of San Diego Students
From: Melissa Halter, PhD – Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Student Wellness
Re: USD Alcohol and Other Drug Resources & Policies – Part 86 letter

Dear USD Student,

As you are well aware, the use of alcohol and other drugs can have a negative impact on the well-being of college students and on our USD community. In an effort to educate, call our community to action, help those in need, and comply with Part 86 of the Drug Free Schools and Campuses regulations, this in-depth memorandum is being provided to the USD student community. I ask for your compliance with alcohol and other drug policies and encourage your active participation in fostering a responsible, safe, and caring community. Please keep this memorandum as a resource for you to refer to throughout the academic year.

This memorandum will outline the following: (1) a description of campus resources available to students including prevention and treatment resources, (2) applicable federal, state, and legal laws, (3) USD sanctions and policies, as outlined in the USD Student Code of Rights and Responsibilities, and (4) a description of the health risks associated with the use and/or abuse of alcohol and other drugs.

CAMPUS RESOURCES:

Knowing how to cope with challenges and keeping yourself informed are important steps in successfully navigating the rigorous demands of college life.

Resources and referrals are available for students who have concerns regarding their own or someone else's use of alcohol and/or other drugs. For information and assistance, students are encouraged to contact one of the following offices:

Center for Health and Wellness Promotion
Hahn University Center, Room 161
619-260-4618
www.sandiego.edu/health-wellness

Counseling Center
Serra Hall, Room 300
619-260-4655
www.sandiego.edu/counseling-center

Student Health Center
Maher Hall, Room 140

619-260-4595
www.sandiego.edu/health-center

USD Public Safety
Hughes Administration Hall, Room 151
619-260-7777 (non-emergency number)
619-260-2222 (24 hour emergency number)
www.sandiego.edu/safety

- If you discover someone who is excessively intoxicated, unconscious, or in need of emergency assistance, do not hesitate to immediately dial the Department of Public Safety at 619-260-2222 (extension x.2222 if on campus), or 911 if off campus. Doing so may save someone's life.

Further, USD provides useful and informative preventative educational experiences throughout the year. A variety of departments sponsor programs, workshops, and lectures on alcohol and other drug issues to support healthy lifestyles. For an up to date listing of events, refer to the *You are USD* webpage and please consider engaging in the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week events next week.

LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEGAL SANCTIONS:

Local, state and federal laws establish severe penalties for unlawful possession or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol.

California has a variety of state laws related to illicit drugs and alcohol. In California it is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to consume, purchase, or possess alcohol. If you violate these laws you may be subject to penalties, which can include fines and suspension of driving privileges.

- For more information about San Diego and California laws visit the [San Diego Superior Courts Standard Sentencing Guidelines](#) and the [California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control](#).
- For information on California DUI penalties, please visit: www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/vctop/vc/tocd11_5c2a2.htm
- For information on California alcohol laws related to underage drinking, please visit: www.alcoholpolicy.niaaa.nih.gov/APIS_State_Profile.html?state=CA
- For a comprehensive statement of all of California's alcohol laws, please visit: https://www.abc.ca.gov/forms/ABCAct_2016.pdf

Under Federal law, the sanctions for possession and distribution of illegal drugs include the seizure and summary forfeiture of property, including vehicles. In addition, federal law penalties for illegally distributing drugs include life imprisonment and fines in excess of \$1,000,000. For a detailed list of federal penalties related to controlled substances, please visit: <http://www.justice.gov/dea/druginfo/ftp3.shtml>

CAMPUS POLICIES:

Campus standards of conduct are outlined in the USD Student Code of Rights and Responsibilities (The Code). As a member of the USD student community, you are responsible for your behavior and are fully accountable for your actions, both on and off campus.

Campus standards prohibit the sale, distribution, use, and possession of illicit drugs on University property or as part of any University-sponsored events or activities. Students who violate these standards of conduct will face conduct proceedings and may face suspension or expulsion from the University. In addition, the University will cooperate with governmental authorities in criminal and civil actions. The University does not accept alcohol or other drug use as an excuse for any conduct violation. For a complete outline of the University's alcohol and other drug policies, please visit www.sandiego.edu/conduct/the-code.

Students who possess, use, or distribute illegal or controlled substances (e.g. marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamines, unauthorized prescription medications) are subject to fines, arrest, and imprisonment in accordance with University policies regarding illicit drugs and state and federal laws. Possession, consumption, or sale of beer or wine is only permitted at designated campus locations with prior written approval from the designated representative of the Vice President, Student Affairs.

The University prohibits smoking and the use of any smoking or tobacco products at all times on or in any USD-owned or USD-leased property or facility, either indoor or outdoor. Effective August 18, 2015, all USD property shall be smoking and tobacco free. For more information about the smoking and tobacco free policy, please visit www.sandiego.edu/smokefree/policy.php

Residential Life, Athletics, Greek Life and other programs have additional policies regarding alcohol and other drugs. Please contact the relevant administrative offices for more information.

In accordance with FERPA 34 C.R.F. & 99.31 and the Higher Education Amendment of 1998, the parent(s) of a student who is under the age of 21 may be notified by a representative from the Office of Student Affairs in connection with the use or possession of alcohol and/or an illegal or controlled substance which is in violation of law or institutional policy.

USD is a private university and considered private property. The USD Department of Public Safety is charged with the primary responsibility of maintaining a safe campus environment. The USD Department of Public Safety is granted the authority to enforce USD policy as established by the Board of Trustees. Pursuant to a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the San Diego Police Department, SDPD is the primary reporting and investigating agency for all violent crimes occurring on USD property. The USD Department of Public Safety enforces all other crimes occurring on USD property including alcohol and drug law violations. The USD Department of Public Safety may call upon SDPD to assist with misdemeanor crimes occurring on USD property. For additional information about the Department of Public Safety, please visit www.sandiego.edu/safety.

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG HEALTH RISKS:

The use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs can cause a number of problematic changes in behavior and physiology. Alcohol or other substance use disorders occur when a person continues their use despite recurrent social, interpersonal, physical consequences. For basic information about the risk of alcohol and other drugs, please visit <http://www.sandiego.edu/health-wellness/resources/drug-health-risks.php>.

USD is committed to upholding the alcohol and other drug policies outlined in the USD Student Code of Rights and Responsibilities. These policies, combined with alcohol and other drug prevention programs, intervention resources and environmental management strategies, contribute greatly to the overall wellness and safety of both the individual student and the greater USD community.

Sincerely,

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