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MILESTONE REUNIONS

Milestone Reunions: Classes of 2021, 2016, 2006, 2001, 1996, 1986, 1976

Celebrating Milestone Reunions: Reconnect, Reflect, and Reignite Your USD Law Legacy

Every year, USD School of Law marks a meaningful tradition — welcoming back alumni to celebrate milestone reunions. These special occasions are more than just a social event; they are powerful reminders of the journeys we've taken, the careers we've built, and the friendships we formed.



Meet the Moment: Torero Tuesday 2026

Same day. Bigger stakes — here's why 2026 is different.

1. Law school just got much harder to afford.

The federal government has eliminated Grad PLUS loan funding

for law students and capped federal graduate loans at \$50,000 per year — an amount that falls well short of tuition, San Diego housing, and basic living expenses. As a result, some of the most promising students may no longer be able to afford law school. Scholarship support is no longer supplemental, it is essential.

2. USD Law is building a Bridge to Practice for those who are ready to serve!

Public defenders. Legal Aid. DA's offices—these are the agencies doing hard and necessary work on behalf of those who are most vulnerable in our communities. They need our support to hire law school graduates awaiting their bar results. The Bridge to Practice Program solves the financial shortfall. This unique program provides stipends to close the gap between "graduated" and "licensed" to ensure passionate USD Law grads don't walk away from public service employment opportunities pending formal licensure.

3. The legal world is moving forward. Warren Hall needs to catch up.

Legal technology has changed. Practice areas have shifted. The profession students are preparing for looks very different. The Law Facilities Improvement Campaign has raised \$12.5 million toward a \$100 million goal to deliver modern classrooms, collaborative study areas, and upgraded public spaces. It's time to reimagine legal education in all its forms.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS



Susanne Stanford '75 (JD) to Receive USD's 2026 Mother Rosalie Clifton Hill Award at Alumni Honors



Three USD Law Alumni Named 2026 Federal Bar Association Award Recipients



USD Law Alumni Recognized in *San Diego Magazine's* 2026 Top Lawyers List



USD Law Board of Visitors Member Ed McPherson '82 (JD) Recognized Among *Billboard's* 2026 Top Music Lawyers

OUR COMMUNITY IN THE NEWS



USD Law Faculty Review of 2025-26 U.S. Supreme Court Term



USD Earns Top National Marks in *Princeton Review's 2027 Best Colleges* Edition



USD Law Transgender Name and Gender-Marker Change Clinic Recognized by the San Diego City Council



USD Law Faculty and Students Bring Legal Education to Comic-Con International

YOUR IMPACT, OUR SHARED FUTURE



The Gift of Honoring Alumni: The David S. Robbin Memorial Scholarship

CONTINUING EDUCATION



Develop Practical Skills for Research, Drafting, Prompting, and Ethical Practice

Topics will include: AI literacy, ethics in AI, prompting techniques hygiene, AI for legal research, AI governance, practical application of AI for attorneys, and data privacy and security law.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September

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Los Angeles Alumni Social at El Coyote Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

Thurs., Sept. 17 | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
El Coyote

September

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Las Vegas Alumni Social at Firefly SW

Tues., Sept. 22 | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Firefly Southwest

September

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The 40th Annual Nathaniel L. Nathanson Memorial Lecture Featuring Hiroshi Motomura

Tues., Sept. 29 | 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Mother Rosalie Hall, Warren Auditorium

September

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**The Revolution Will Not Be Disciplined:
Democracy in an Imperfect World**

Wed., Sept. 30 | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, Theater

October

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Phoenix Alumni @ Topgolf

Thurs., Oct. 1 | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Topgolf Scottsdale

October

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The Red Mass & Reception

Mon., Oct. 5 | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Founders Chapel

October

16-18

Class of 1976 50-Year Golden Toreros Weekend

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 16-18

Private Residence, Warren Hall, La Gran Terraza

October

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Sat., Oct. 24 | 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

La Gran Terraza

October

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New York Alumni Oktoberfest

Thurs., Oct. 29 | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Bierhaus NYC



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