



Founding Director of the RRC, CSP and EMP, Suzan Cioffi

After many wonderful years at UCSD, I am announcing to you my retirement in early 2023. It has been my distinct pleasure to serve the University of California San Diego and the Department of Human Resources for twenty-five years. In my twenty-year stint as the Director of the Retirement Association, and since 2006, as **Founding Director** of the UCSD Retirement Resource Center, which includes the UCSD Retirement and Emeriti Associations, as well as the Chancellor's Scholars and Emeriti Mentor Programs, I am very proud of my many significant accomplishments, namely:

- The five hundred percent growth in UCSD Retirement Association membership.
- The three hundred percent growth in UCSD Emeriti Association membership.
- The one thousand percent growth in the number of regular programs offered to members, with many varied program activity and interest groups options available now.
- The creation and development of a [Retiree and Emeriti YouTube channel \(REYT\)](#), now with 160+ programs, and multiple specialized playlists (senior seminars, financial seminars, etc.)
- The development structure and organization of the [Emeriti Mentor Program](#).
- The creation and development of [UCSD's Chancellor's Scholars Program](#).
- The creation and development of the [RA Networking Corps](#)
- The development of a multi-faceted retiree [Volunteer Program](#).
- The nourishment and development of a rich and inter-connected community of retirees.
- The creation and development of [Retirement](#) and [Emeriti](#) Association and [Chancellor's Scholars](#) websites
- The creation and development of [RA](#), [EA](#) and [CSP](#) RSVP platforms.
- The vast improvement in the look and feel of the newsletters of the [Retirement](#) and [Emeriti](#) Associations.
- The development of strong and well-organized leadership groups: [RA Board of Directors](#), [EA Executive Committee](#) and [Chancellor's Scholars and Emeriti Mentor Programs Leadership Council](#).

I believe I have truly left my mark on UC San Diego, and trust that these programs and associations will all continue to thrive after I am gone. I will be leaving the RA/EA/CSP/EMP in the very capable hands of Vania Bailon, who I have personally trained and mentored for some five years now.

I am especially pleased to have helped to nourish a thriving community for UCSD retirees, where they have many opportunities to interact with other members and with students, opportunities to learn and to continue to grow, and opportunities to give back in a meaningful way to our students, our campus and our community. I thank you all for your participation and creativity in support of the RA over the years. Please stick with it and the associations will continue to thrive and grow.

I am so very thankful for the many retired staff and faculty who have worked closely with me over the years on various aspects of the programs and projects listed above, especially those faculty and staff members who stepped up to serve in the various leadership positions in our associations and programs. Your generosity of spirit is the fire that burns at the center of our endeavors. Sharing this journey with so many of you who are passionate about our programs has been the most enjoyable and fulfilling part of my work.

What's next for me, many of you may wish to know. I have family in Houston, California and Barcelona, Spain. I plan to split my time between all three locals for a couple of years, before making the complete move to Barcelona. I am looking forward to doing some consulting work, and dabbling in support programs for budding young artists. I am interested in creating a series of Art & Music events in Barcelona, having learned much from our Art & Music events here at the RA. I will stay connected with the RA and EA. And, we all know the power of Zoom which will help to keep me connected. If you are ever passing through Barcelona, feel free to write to me (suzancioffi@gmail.com).

Warm regards,
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