Reggie Smith still remembers the day she first saw the bronze statue of San Diego de Alcalá on the lawn outside Copley Library. One hand was outstretched. The other hand carried a basket of fruit. For her, this statue, which that day had a ray of sunshine glistening off the shoulder, represented both the social teachings of the Catholic Church and the higher calling of everyone at USD — to live justly, to walk humbly and to help those less fortunate.

It was that higher calling that made her fall in love with the University of San Diego and it’s why she’s remained an active volunteer and a supportive donor for more than a half century. “This place is special,” says Smith, who first visited campus in the early 1960s and is the parent of a School of Law graduate. “Its beautiful gardens, fountains, art and architecture — combined with a broad and deep liberal arts education — also make its students special.

“They aren’t just earning a degree, they’re learning a philosophy of life,” she continues. “They’re learning a respect for dignity, the value of hard work and accomplishment, a commitment to individuals and community, and a love of lifelong learning.”

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 7, 10 a.m.
Bridges Academy, Degheri Alumni Center

Wednesday, April 13, 10 a.m.
“Monitoring and Mitigating Human Impacts on Coral Reefs” with Dr. Sarah Gray
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Thursday, April 14, 12-2:15 p.m.
“Creative Collaborations,” a showcase of undergraduate research
Hahn University Center

Thursday, April 14, through Sunday, April 17
Graduate Theatre presents “Acquainted with the Night”
Studio Theatre, Sacred Heart Hall

Wednesday, April 20, 10 a.m.
“We Will Be the Largest Hair of your Retirement Plan?” with Jeanne Bradford-Odorico
Bridges Academy, Degheri Alumni Center

Friday, April 22, 7:30 p.m.
“Let The River Run,” Choral Concert
Shiley Theatre, Camino Hall

Tuesday, May 3, 7-30 p.m.
Concert Band performance
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A Lasting Impression
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BY KRISTEN SHRIEVE

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