

## **National University and San Diego Padres Honor Local Teachers at Teacher Appreciation Night**

May 11 event celebrates exceptional teaching by recognizing San Diego County District Teachers of the Year, including 18 National University Alumni

**San Diego, Calif. – May 8, 2018** – In recognition of exceptional PreK-12 teachers, [National University](#) joins the San Diego Padres in honoring San Diego County teachers as the presenting partner of the Padres' Annual Teacher Appreciation Night at their May 11 game against the St. Louis Cardinals at Petco Park.

During an on-field presentation, the Padres and National University will recognize San Diego County's 46 newly-named District Teachers of the Year, as well as the reigning 2018 Teachers of the Year. 18 of the newly-named teachers are graduates of [National University's Sanford College of Education](#).

"We are thrilled to be recognizing the wonderful work being done by these outstanding teachers, and to celebrate their dedication to students," said Dr. David Andrews, President of National University, who will greet the Teachers of the Year during the pre-game ceremonies. "We are committed to supporting the professional development of teachers, and we are pleased to have this opportunity to celebrate our exceptional alumni and others who have been selected to represent the best of San Diego County."

During Friday's game, National University will be hosting teachers and educational leaders who are alumni of its Sanford College of Education, which is known for its commitment to quality teaching, as well as its prominence in serving a diverse student population. Over the past 20-plus years, more than 100 National University alumni throughout the state of California have been recognized as teachers of the year at the local, state and national level. The University will also host a live broadcast on its [Facebook](#) page during the event, featuring Hall of Famer Trevor Hoffman and National University alumni who've earned the honor of Teacher of the Year.

"We are pleased to once again join National University in celebrating and thanking our outstanding teachers for their dedication to the success of our students," said Padres general partner Peter Seidler, who was named keynote speaker for National University's May 19 commencement ceremony in Petco Park. "Education is a pillar of the Padres Organization's commitment to the community."

In addition to its teacher education programs, National University is also supporting ongoing teacher development through its role leading the national expansion of two research-based programs that address student development and achievement. The programs are [Sanford Harmony](#) (PreK-6), a social emotional learning program for PreK-6 classrooms now reaching more than 1 million students, and [Sanford Inspire](#) (PreK-12), which offers training modules that feature research-based teaching approaches to create inspiring classrooms. Both programs are being disseminated nationally through

National University and the National University System, and with the generous support of philanthropist and entrepreneur T. Denny Sanford.

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