



## NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

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### Peter Seidler to Deliver Keynote Address at National University Southern California Commencement

Padres General Partner to speak at Petco Park at the May 19 ceremony

**San Diego, CA – May 11, 2018** – Peter Seidler, General Partner of the San Diego Padres, will be the keynote speaker at the May 19 Southern California Commencement of [National University](#). Seidler, a leader in the San Diego community whose philanthropic efforts focus on helping the most vulnerable segments of the homeless population, will address approximately 20,000 attendees including graduates, their families and guests at Petco Park, which is the home of the Padres.

Seidler, founder and Managing Partner of Seidler Equity Partners (“SEP”), a family-oriented private equity fund, sits on the Major League Baseball’s Ownership Committee and Investment Committee. His efforts to reduce homelessness in San Diego resulted in recognition as the 2017 San Diego Public Official of the Year by the Building Owners and Managers Association, the 2017 San Diego Nice Guy of the Year, the National Conflict Resolution Center 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Peacemaker Award (2018) and the 2018 San Diego Chamber of Commerce Award for Regional Collaboration. As a two-time cancer survivor (Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma), Seidler’s philanthropic activities also include the American Cancer Society, the San Diego Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, The Turning Point Home, and various health and wellness initiatives at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

“Peter Seidler is a dedicated public servant in San Diego, who contributes tirelessly and passionately to make our community better,” said National University President Dr. David Andrews. “He exemplifies great leadership and working collaboratively to affect measurable and impactful change in our society, and we are honored to have him address National University’s graduating class of 2018.”

National University, which is among the largest private, nonprofit universities in California, is the exclusive higher education partner of the San Diego Padres. The organizations share a firm

commitment to the San Diego community and collaborate on several events and academic scholarships throughout the year.

"Often at Petco Park, we cheer on ball players as they strive toward victory. I am honored to participate in this special day to address National University's dedicated population of lifelong learners and help celebrate their victory as they embark on the next phase of their lives," Seidler said. "The educational component of the Padres partnership with National University is a wonderful complement to our longstanding commitment to community leadership and service."

The Padres organization and its owners remain dedicated to making positive, sustainable contributions throughout the San Diego community. The partnership with National University highlights this commitment with events such as Teacher Appreciation Night, which celebrates exceptional teaching by recognizing San Diego County District Teachers of the Year. The University is ranked fifth nationally in granting master's degrees in education to minority students, and it recommends more teachers for credentials than any other university in the state. Also, Military Appreciation Day at Petco Park honors the military community and awards scholarships to military students in recognition of their hard work. National University, which is the anchor university of the National University System, serves a diverse student population, and about 25 percent of its students are from the military community.

The Southern California Commencement is set to begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 19.

### **About National University**

Founded in 1971, National University is among the largest, private, nonprofit universities in California. With more than 150,000 alumni, National University is the flagship institution of the National University System. National University is dedicated to making lifelong learning opportunities accessible, challenging, and relevant to a diverse population of students. Four schools and two colleges – the College of Letters and Sciences; the Sanford College of Education; the School of Business and Management; the School of Engineering and Computing; the School of Health and Human Services; and the School of Professional Studies – offer more than 100 graduate and undergraduate degrees and 23 teacher credentials. Programs are offered at locations throughout California and across the nation, and are also available online. National University is headquartered in La Jolla, California. <http://www.nu.edu/>