

## **EXTENDED LEARNING ADVISORY COUNCIL**

### **Point Loma Nazarene University**



#### **RYAN S. PONSFORD**

##### **Director of Main Street Philanthropy**

Ryan specializes in public speaking and group facilitation, family continuity planning, asset management, Legacy Planning, Business Consulting, Certified Financial Planner, Chartered Financial Consultant, Real Estate Broker, Legacy Advisor, Advisor in Philanthropy and Alternative Investments. "Being "wealthy" is a manner of traveling, not a destination." For over 15 years, Ryan has been "traveling" with families, educating and advising them on understanding the significance of their wealth, becoming aware of the impact of wealth on heirs, designing solutions for more effective accumulation, and family continuity. Ryan is seeking to build relationships with families and business partners that share his passion for family unity and professional excellence. He is the Principal at Four Seas Holding Corp, a residential and Commercial Real Estate Brokerage. Ryan is also alum of Point Loma Nazarene University.



#### **ANN ANDERSON**

##### **Director of the American Red Cross Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program**

Ann Anderson currently supports San Diego's most vulnerable families as the Director of the American Red Cross Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program. A few of Ann's major responsibilities include leading approximately 85 employees, managing 16 WIC sites across San Diego county, and budget responsibility of over \$6M. The American Red Cross WIC program serves 35,000 people per month, providing them with nutrition education and breastfeeding support, along with checks for healthy foods and referrals to valuable community resources. Also at the American Red Cross, Ann supported military families during emergencies by managing its Service to the Armed Forces program before joining WIC in 2008. Prior to entering the non-profit sector, Ann worked at Xerox for 17 years. Ann had a well-rounded career at Xerox which included seven years in Human Resources, two in Finance, and eight in Operations Management. She received her B.S. in Management from St. John Fisher College in Rochester, NY, and her M.S. in Executive Leadership (2011) from the University of San Diego. When Ann isn't making her community a better place through her hard work and dedication to WIC, she happily spends time with her husband, Brad, and toddler, Jaxon. Ann also enjoys volunteering her time, especially teaching Sunday school, and designing fresh floral arrangements, playing volleyball and softball, listening to live music, and walking along the water.



**KRISTEN CHERRY**

**Vice Principal of The Rock Academy**

Kristen currently serves as the Vice Principal of The Rock Academy. She has earned her BA in Human Development and a Secondary Teaching Credential in English from Christian Heritage College; Masters in Education and an Administrative Credential from Point Loma Nazarene University. In 1998, Kristen went back to school and earned a BA in Human Development and a Secondary Teaching Credential in English from Christian Heritage College, graduating Summa Cum Laude. Immediately following, she applied to Pt. Loma Nazarene University and earned a Masters degree in Education along with an Administrative Credential. She taught for 7 years at Foothills Christian High School where she was the English Department Chair and the AVID site coordinator. She then took over the Counseling Department and worked closely with students as their academic counselor and advisor. In 2007, Kristen moved over to the Rock Academy to help develop and maintain a counseling center for the new high school. Besides running the counseling office, she also teaches high school English. Kristen believes that academic advising is a key to the success of every student and should begin as early as possible. Kristen is also a Master Teacher and has helped to train new teachers in their student teaching programs. Recently she began teaching online education courses for Ashford University.



**ANDREW STRONG**

**Chief, Support Services for Planning and Development Services at County of San Diego**

Andrew Strong is the Chief, Support Services for Planning and Development Services at County of San Diego. He oversees the Performance Improvement Team, responsible for integrating operational improvements and information technology for continuous improvement innovations such as automation, online tools, and reengineering efforts. Prior to his current position Strong has managed communication between the Chief Administrative Office (CAO), Deputy Chief Administrative Offices (DCAO), Board of Supervisors, and County departments and courts along with being a Human Resource Analyst for the County of San Diego. Andrew has also honorably served his country for 9 years as a Hospital Corpsman in the United States Navy from June 1998 to October 2007. Andrew has a Bachelor of Science in Workforce

Education from Southern Illinois University and a Master of Arts in Human Resource Management from National University.



**KATHLEEN SMITH**

**HR Director, Customer and Member Services, Kaiser Permanente**

Kathleen is the HR Director, Customer and Member Services, supporting Kaiser Permanente's health plan. Prior to joining KP in February this year she worked for Sodexo as a Human Resources Director in their Government Services division, which provides food and facilities services to branches of the US Military, in Federal buildings and for the public schools on Guam. Prior to moving to the United States in 2006 she worked in both Human Resources and Operational leadership roles in Canada and New Zealand in food and facilities services, call center, business process solutions services and retail environments.

Kathleen holds a Bachelor of Business studies in HR and a Bachelor of Arts in history both from Massey University in New Zealand as well as Senior Professional in Human Resources (with California designation) and Global Professional in Human Resources certifications through the HR Certification Institute.

## **REAR ADMIRAL JAMES MCNEAL**

### **Commander, NAVSUP Global Logistics Support**

Rear Adm. James R. McNeal graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a bachelor's degree in 1986 and holds a Master of Science in Organizational Management from Chadron State College. He graduated from the Advanced Joint Professional Military Education program at the Joint Forces Staff College and is Joint Qualified System (JQS) level II qualified.



His sea duty assignments include USS Constellation (CV-64) as the disbursing and wardroom officer and the assistant supply officer aboard USS Merrill (DD-976).

His shore assignments include serving as the supply officer of SEAL Team 1. After transitioning to the reserve component, McNeal served as commodore, 5th Navy Expeditionary Logistics Regiment; commanding officer, Navy Reserve (NR) Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) Logistics Operations Center; commanding officer, Navy Cargo Handling Battalion 5; officer-in-charge, Fuels Company F; executive officer, Logistics Task Force-Pacific; and assistant officer-in-charge, Defense Contingency Support Team (DCST) Logistics Assistance Team, San Diego.

McNeal was mobilized in 2013 as the commander of Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group (NAVELSG) Forward and also in 2009 as the commanding officer of DCST-Kuwait and, later, as the deputy director of the Central Command Deployment and Distribution Operations Center, in support of Operations Noble Eagle, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

McNeal currently serves as commander, NAVSUP Global Logistics Support, headquarters to a network of eight fleet logistics centers around the world that provide an extensive array of integrated global logistics and contracting services to Navy and Joint operational units across all warfare enterprises.

His personal decorations include Legion of Merit (two awards), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards) and other unit and campaign

commendations. He is a qualified Surface Warfare Supply Corps officer and Navy Expeditionary Supply Corps officer.

### **Harrison C. Kennedy**

#### **Major, Judge Advocate, United States Army Reserve**

Major Kennedy is currently assigned to 63d Regional Support Command where he serves in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. He practices in the areas of Administrative Law, Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA), and has been appointed as the Command's Special Victims Counsel (SVC). Previously, Major Kennedy served as the San Diego Team Chief for the 78th Legal Operations Detachment.

In May of 2010, Major Kennedy deployed to Southern Afghanistan with the 2d Stryker Cavalry Regiment. He served as the Regimental Trial Counsel and Fiscal Law Attorney. During this one year mobilization, Major Kennedy handled over 300 military justice actions, drafted 800 written fiscal law opinions, and implemented a drug prevention program throughout three provinces in Southern Afghanistan.

In January of 2009, Major Kennedy returned from deployment to Taji, Iraq with the 2d Stryker Brigade Combat Team of the 25th Infantry Division. While in Iraq, Major Kennedy worked to strengthen the civilian judicial and law enforcement systems in the Northwest and Southern Baghdad Provinces. He also adjudicated several thousand foreign claims lodged against the United States by Iraqi citizens and provided legal assistance to the Soldiers of the Brigade he served with.

Major Kennedy began his military career after receiving his direct commission to the JAG Corps on November 28, 2005. He attended the 170th JAG OBC at Fort Lee, Virginia in June of 2006. Major Kennedy graduated from the Judge Advocate Officer Advanced Course in 2009. He graduated from the University of San Diego Law School in 2000, and was admitted to the California Bar that same year.

Major Kennedy's military decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two Campaign Stars, Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Mobilization Device.

In his civilian career, Major Kennedy is a Deputy District Attorney for the County of San Diego. He serves as a liaison with San Diego's large military community and is the prosecutor assigned to the San Diego County Veteran's Court. The Veterans Treatment Court was established in 2011 and aims to provide effective rehabilitation to Veterans that committed crimes as a result of Post-Traumatic Stress or other mental health issues related to military service.

Major Kennedy is a native of San Diego, where he resides with his two children.

### **Kimberly Gallo**

#### **Executive Director of First 5 San Diego**

I am thrilled to have been appointed as the new Executive Director of First 5, San Diego. The vision of our Commission is something I believe strongly in as a mother of four children and as a San Diegan. Our vision is that all children ages 0-5 are healthy, are loved and nurtured, and enter school as active learners.

The First 5 Commission of San Diego County was formed as a result of a CA ballot initiative

passed in 1998. Prop 10 increased the tax on tobacco products to fund early childhood programs and services. Graduated from San Diego State University with a degree in Public Administration.