LEGACY OF TRANSFORMATION

Honoring University Librarian Brian Schottlaender

Brian Schottlaender’s Bold Vision and Leadership. As University Librarian, Brian Schottlaender matched this campus’ future-facing character with a zeal that kept pace with our rapid evolution. He embraced technology as a means for preserving knowledge and expanding its accessibility. He innovated systems for curating troves of data generated by campus research, and he successfully reorganized The Library for greater future operational sustainability. Brian has been a cherished partner to scholars at all levels of experience, both at UC San Diego and throughout his profession.

After nearly two decades of distinguished service at the UC San Diego Library, and over 30 years as a nationally recognized library leader, Brian has announced that he will retire on June 29, 2017. As he closes out his distinguished career with the University of California, he is focusing his vision on a primary goal:

To Ensure the Success of the Geisel Library Revitalization Initiative.

The ambitious Geisel Library Revitalization Initiative was launched in 2015 with a generous $3 million gift from Audrey Geisel, setting in motion a campaign to renovate floors 1, 2, and 8, reconfiguring and revitalizing them in order to modernize the interior of the campus’ landmark building. As a friend of the Library, we invite you to commemorate Brian’s visionary tenure by making a gift in support of this important initiative, which represents the culmination of his career at UC San Diego. Your support will help ensure its success and will be matched by the Chancellor’s $1 million challenge grant, doubling its impact.
Honoring Brian’s Legacy

MILESTONES AND MEMORIES
Brian E. C. Schottlaender was appointed University Librarian at the University of California San Diego in 1999. He is recognized as one of the most prominent leaders in the academic library world. Under Brian’s direction, the Library has built world-class collections and innovative services, and has excelled in the implementation of cutting-edge digital technologies in support of national and global digitization and digital preservation initiatives.

In 2007, Schottlaender was named The Audrey Geisel University Librarian, with a generous gift from Audrey Geisel. He has also been the recipient of some of the American Library Association’s most prestigious awards, including the Hugh C. Atkinson Memorial Award in 2015 and the Melvil Dewey Medal in 2010, for his bold approach to addressing the challenges and opportunities facing libraries and universities in the digital age.

Brian’s legacy need not be confined to memory. Friends of the Library and supporters of Brian’s vision are invited to commemorate his impact by joining in a philanthropic effort to honor his many contributions to the UC San Diego Library and campus.

TRIBUTE OPPORTUNITIES
The Geisel Library Revitalization Initiative (GLRI). A generous gift to the GLRI in Brian’s honor will help ensure the success of his capstone initiative and will be matched by the Chancellor’s $1 million challenge match. We hope to generate significant support for the envisioned learning spaces that align with Brian’s vision, including a new Digital Scholarship Center and Exhibition Gallery. To make an online gift to the GLRI please click here.

In addition to the Geisel Library Revitalization Initiative, there are opportunities to support Brian’s lifelong love of modern literature through the following funds:

The Brian E. C. Schottlaender Collection Endowment for the Archive for New Poetry (ANP). Brian generously established an endowed fund to support the ANP, a collection he is passionate about. Your meaningful gift will do much to enhance this special collection. To make an online gift please click here.

Honor with Books. A gift of $100 or more to the Honor with Books fund will enhance the excellence of the Library’s collections while making a lasting tribute to Brian. To make an online gift please click here.

Thank You. Honoring the achievements of Brian Schottlaender through your generosity pays tribute to his bold leadership and extends his vision for the iconic Geisel Library as a cutting-edge, technology-rich learning resource for our world-class campus, and the entire community.

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