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## **Christopher Nayve, Director of the Karen and Tom Mulvaney Center, and Assistant Provost of Community Engagement, University of San Diego, Named California Campus Compact's 2016 Richard E. Cone Award Recipient**

*University of San Diego's Christopher Nayve, Director of the Karen and Tom Mulvaney Center for Community, Awareness and Social Action and Assistant Provost of Community Engagement recognized for his impact on service-learning and community-campus partnerships throughout the San Diego region.*

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**Hayward, CA** – California Campus Compact has selected Mr. Christopher Nayve, J.D., M.B.A. as the recipient of California Campus Compact's 2016 Richard E. Cone Award for Excellence & Leadership in Cultivating Community Partnerships in Higher Education.

California Campus Compact developed the Richard E. Cone Award in response to the recommendations of service-learning practitioners throughout California who expressed hope that creating such an award would inspire all higher education institutions to consider ways to deepen their efforts to institutionalize and sustain authentic community-campus partnerships.

"I have had the honor of working with Chris for many years. Chris is a passionate and committed connector of people and communities, and works tirelessly to promote service-learning and community-engaged scholarship to administrators, faculty, students and community partners, with impressive results," said Elaine Ikeda, Ph.D., Executive Director of California Campus Compact. "We are grateful for Chris' leadership in furthering our work in California and we are pleased to recognize and highlight his exemplary work in the field of service-learning and civic-engagement by presenting him with the 2016 Richard E. Cone Award."

In 1986, University of San Diego's (USD) Center for Community Service-Learning was founded by Dr. Judy Rauner (a recipient of the 2001 Richard E. Cone Award). In 2014, under Mr. Nayve's leadership, the center was renamed the Karen and Tom Mulvaney Center for Community, Awareness and Social Action (CASA). Chris has been with the University of San Diego since 1996 and was the first director for USD's HUD funded Community Outreach Partnership Center (COPC) in Linda

Vista. Chris brought various groups across campus and the Linda Vista community together in such a way that he successfully helped create a School of Law landlord/tenant alternative dispute resolution clinic; a School of Nursing community health clinic (SON); a School of Leadership and Education Service (SOLES) childhood development classes for Linda Vista parents; and a School of Business Administration (SBA) Linda Vista economic development, market training, and small business assistance program. Many of these programs have continued in some form to this day.

Chris' COPC experience formed the foundation of his commitment to integrating various campus departments into a thriving partnership with the community and ensuring that USD served as an anchor institution in Linda Vista. In 2005, working with the SBA and SOLES to integrate USD Microfinance Projects, Chris became a founding member with the San Diego Microfinance Alliance (SDMA) that is comprised of campus and community partners who fund micro-loans to local and global small businesses. With an award from California Campus Compact, this curricular and co-curricular project has become embedded in the community, and it has generated over \$1 million in economic activity for women and minority owned small businesses while simultaneously deepening community engagement by the SBA.

The concept of USD as an anchor institution led USD to begin place-based initiatives in Linda Vista, Barrio Logan, and Tijuana. Chris was instrumental in securing over \$300,000 a year in investments to bring students and faculty to these areas, and to date has secured over \$10 million in human and actual capital for the local community.

Expanding the concept of community to be local, national, and international has been another way in which Chris has envisioned greater opportunities for students, faculty, staff, and community partners to become more civically conscious and engaged. Using an immersion approach toward community development, Chris and the Mulvaney Team have taken hundreds of faculty, students, staff, alumni, and community partners to work in Linda Vista, San Diego, Tijuana, Portland, New Orleans, Jamaica, Guatemala, and the Philippines.

As one of the founding members of the Ashoka University Campus Network, Chris is involved with over 30 global campuses designated as changemaker institutions. The Ashoka designation recognizes the university's efforts to become a hub of social innovation through education, research and service.

USD's President James T. Harris III, wrote, "As the director of the Mulvaney Center, Chris has been a leader in expanding community engagement for faculty, students, staff, alumni, and community partners in the mutual exchange of knowledge, resources and best practices. Under Chris's leadership, the Center engages students to volunteer for specific community needs by matching their skills and interests with the needs of partner community organizations. Today, there are more than eighty courses from departments throughout the university that incorporate a relevant service-learning component into classroom studies...Chris Nayve is a creative and proven innovator of authentic, democratic civil engagement. Most importantly, Chris is a person who embodies the values of social justice and care for the common good, both for local communities and communities around the world."

According to Judith Liu, Ph.D., Professor in the Department of Sociology, "Chris began what is now over two decades of dedicated service to USD as he began to create collaborations between the campus and our community partners which helped to deepen community engagement efforts by the university.

Passionate, committed, and visionary are the words that best describe Chris both as a person and as a leader.”

Colleague and friend, John Loggins, Director of Community-Based Student Leadership and Learning wrote, “He is not an embodiment of all that community engagement offers; he is an example of what it looks like to practice it. It was ‘social artistry’ watching Chris navigate complex feelings of hope, loss, anger, longing with multiple partnerships in New Orleans. Each partner had different feelings and sentiments about what has happened in the 10 years since Katrina. Seeing Chris hold all of these emotions and thoughts and find balance in the tension for himself and our partners is a testament to his ability and willingness to do exactly what we ask our students to do: To enter into the community with love, be fully present and then be willing to work with what emerges. At times, like this example, Chris is awesome at this practice, at times he struggles with it; it is his commitment to the practice and his willingness to do it publically and vulnerably that makes Chris a model and leader for our pedagogy, our students, our faculty and our communities.”

Former student and now community partner, Corey Pahanish, Executive Director of the Bayside Community Center said, “I now have the honor of working with many grassroots and institutional leaders in Linda Vista and Mr. Nayve has stood out as a leader amongst leaders. My colleagues and peers resoundingly recognize Mr. Nayve as being an inspirational leader whose commitment to our community has motivated them to do more – and they have. With the sweat equity that Mr. Nayve has invested in the partnership between USD and our organization we have begun an innovative and mutually beneficial relationship that is revolutionizing social justice and community development.”

#### About the Richard E. Cone Award for Excellence & Leadership in Cultivating Community Partnerships in Higher Education

Richard E. Cone, Ph.D., has been a voice in the national dialogue on experiential education, civic engagement and service-learning since the 1970s, and has provided a guiding spirit and voice in the development and evolution of California Campus Compact since its beginnings more than 20 years ago. For 25 years, he directed the much-lauded Joint Educational Project (JEP) at the University of Southern California from which he retired in 2002. In 1999, California Campus Compact presented Dick Cone with the first Richard E. Cone Award for Excellence & Leadership in Cultivating Community Partnerships in Higher Education. Since then, the award has been bestowed annually upon an individual who has made significant contributions to the development of partnerships between institutions of higher education and communities – partnerships through which student learning and the quality of life in communities are simultaneously improved. For more information on the Richard E. Cone Award and a list of past honorees, please visit [www.cacampuscompact.org/html/initiatives/coneAward.html](http://www.cacampuscompact.org/html/initiatives/coneAward.html).

#### About California Campus Compact

California Campus Compact is a coalition of leading colleges and universities that works to build the collective commitment and capacity of colleges, universities and communities throughout California to advance civic and community engagement for a healthy, just and democratic society. Through innovative programs and initiatives, grant funding, training and technical assistance, professional development and powerful research studies and publications, California Campus Compact each year invests in and champions more than 500,000 students, faculty members, administrators and community members involved in diverse and ground-breaking activities that support and expand civic and community engagement throughout California. For more information, please visit [www.cacampuscompact.org](http://www.cacampuscompact.org).

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