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## In Support of World-Class Client Care

### Campus Partnership Program

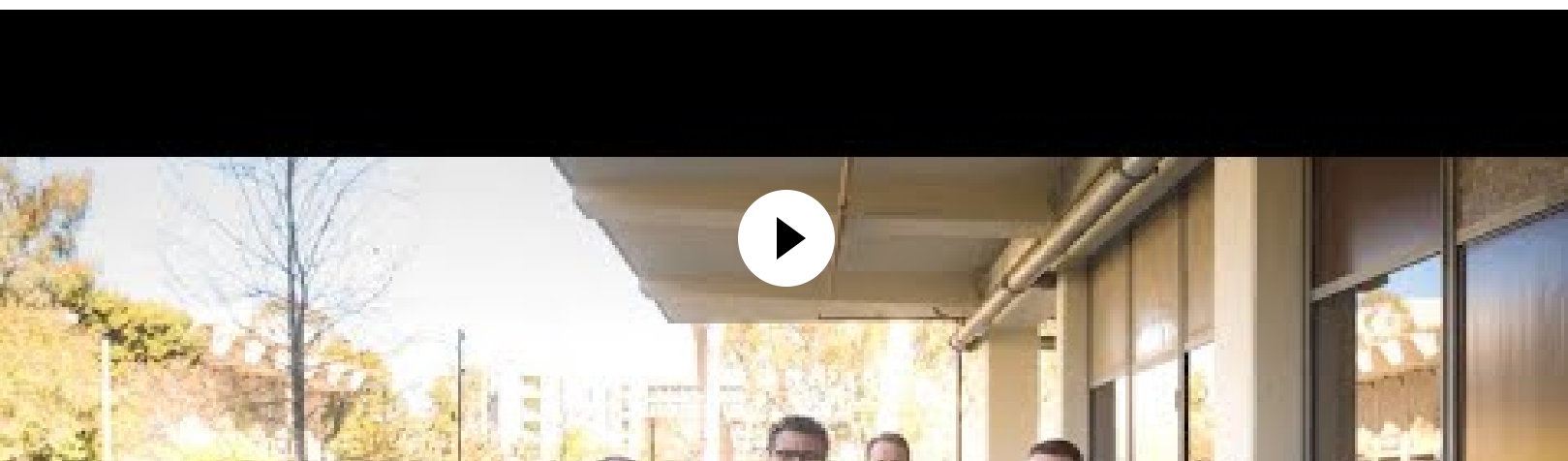
#### Campus Partnership Program Announces 10-year Strategic Partnership With Thermo Fisher Scientific

The UC San Diego - Thermo Fisher partnership is built upon four groundbreaking programs that elevate each organization's research and development capabilities and leverage each organization's focus on the future. This partnership will serve as an accelerator for research, education, and industry innovation by focusing on achieving four key objectives: democratizing access to state-of-the-art equipment in the Goeddel Family Technology Sandbox, establishing a collaborative research framework, creating a pipeline of underrepresented, next-generation talent that will become tomorrow's leaders in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), and developing a sustainable supply chain.

Hear what leadership teams from UC San Diego and Thermo Fisher Scientific are saying about the launch of the new campus partnership in this [video highlight](#).

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## Wanna Get Away Plus

Southwest Airlines has launched [Wanna Get Away Plus](#) – a new fare that gives business travelers more flexibility while still being at a low price point.

### Two Great Advantages of this New Fare

- **Transferrable flight credits** - Southwest Rapid Rewards Members can transfer their airline credits to another Rapid Rewards Member. Bookings made through SWABIZ can be transferred exclusively between UC campus travelers.
- **Same-day Confirmed Changes and Same-Day Standby** - Travelers will have the flexibility to change their flight on the same day as their original flight, if there are seats available, without additional airline charges.

Southwest took years of customer feedback, including leadership from the UC Central Travel Office, to create this new fare. Southwest will host a special webinar to be announced soon. Stay tuned for more details.

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## Want to Add Personal Travel Dates to Your Business Trip?

**No problem!** Just remember to provide comparable airfare documentation when submitting your Concur expense report. Per UC Travel Policy G-28, comparable airfare is required when personal time is used while on business travel status. The traveler is eligible to receive reimbursement for whichever amount is lower.

For assistance in gathering the necessary documentation to make your travel reconciliation process go smoothly, visit the *Comparable Airfare* section on the [Policy on Air Travel Blink page](#).

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## Notice Something New On Your Balboa Airfare Invoice?

Qualifying ticket purchases\* now display your ticket savings! Be sure to check out the Special Information section at the top of your next invoice to see what you've saved on your flight. Learn more about our [partnered travel agencies](#) on Blink.

## Special Information

**\*\*PUBLIC FARE 997.20 UCSD FARE 873.70 SAVINGS 123.50\*\***

NEW COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS MAY REQUIRE SOCIAL DISTANCING  
AND FACIAL COVERINGS TO TRAVEL. FOR INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT  
[HTTPS://NEED2KNOW.TRIPSOURCE.COM/](https://need2know.tripsource.com/)  
NAME ON RESERVATION MUST MATCH PHOTO ID  
RESERVATIONS ARE NOT CONFIRMED UNTIL TICKETED

*\*UC partner airlines provide contracted savings between 1% - 55% per ticket. Some airlines are not contracted partners or may have restrictions on specific tickets. To see each partner airline's discounts and benefits please log into the Connexus portal, open Concur's Company Notes, click on Connexus Resources, and check out the About Air section for full details.*



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## IPPS For Sustainability

### Sustainable Purchasing

#### Fisher Scientific Preferred Product Program

On the heels of the partnership announcement\*, IPPS and Thermo Fisher Scientific launched the Preferred Product Program. The program is the first of several initiatives aimed at transforming the higher education supply chain through standardized product offerings, recyclable content, and reduced packaging and delivery impact.

The [Preferred Product Program](#), now available via the Fisher Scientific punchout in Oracle Procurement, provides optimal pricing and a streamlined shopping experience while minimizing negative environmental impacts on select products.



## Triton Preferred Product Icon

The next time you log in to the Fisher Scientific punchout via Oracle Procurement, shop preferred products by looking for the Triton Preferred Product icon. You can also use the search term ***tritonpreferred*** to pull up a list of preferred products in Oracle's catalog.

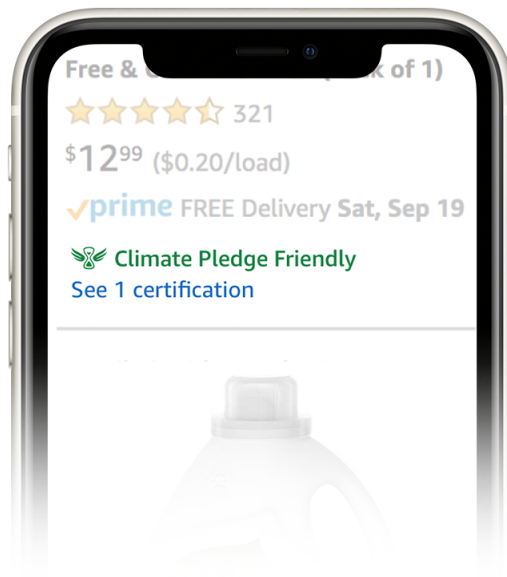
*\*Read the partnership announcement in [This Week at UC San Diego](#). Learn more about UC San Diego's 10-year strategic partnership with Thermo Fisher Scientific by visiting the [Campus Partnership Program website](#).*

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## Amazon Business

Whether you're purchasing items on behalf of the university via the Amazon Business punchout in Oracle Procurement or for personal use via Amazon.com, sustainable purchasing solutions are available to you.

Amazon launched a [Climate Pledge Friendly](#) program that recognizes products with improvements in at least one aspect of sustainability. They partnered with trusted third-party certifications to create their own certification, Compact by Design, to highlight products that meet sustainability standards and help preserve the natural world. They will be adding more certifications and working with manufacturers to certify more products over time in addition to the over 200,000 products that are offered currently.



Shopping Tips

- Look for the [Climate Pledge Friendly](#) label on eligible products.
- Choose the [Frustration-Free Packaging](#) option when it's offered to reduce the use of additional and unnecessary packaging materials.
- Identify one day a week as your [Amazon Delivery Day](#) to receive your deliveries. Set your Amazon Delivery Day as the default preferred option for all purchases.

# IPPS SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainable ideas and actions are key in our mission to support world-class education and research.

SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

IPPS Sustainability Website

IPPS is excited to share the launch of our [Sustainability Website](#) focused on sustainable supply chain procurement programs and initiatives.

IPPS is motivated to actively drive sustainability transformation through business strategies that contribute to an environment-friendly campus. Our organization considers the broad spectrum of environmental, economic, and

social factors when making business decisions. The site will continue to grow as we report on status updates and initiate new sustainability projects and initiatives. Check back often!

## Big Fan of Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling?

See What's "New" at Surplus



Description: **60" Plasma TV Monitor / HDMI**  
Manufacturer: **LG**  
Model: **60PC1D-UE**  
Details: **W/ STAND, HDMI, VGA, S-VIDEO, COMPONENT INPUTS**

Description: **Industrial Fan**  
Manufacturer: **TPI INDUSTRIAL**  
Model: **PB-30-D**  
Details: **1/4HP MOTOR, 120VAC**  
**GREAT WORKING CONDITION**

## Training & Opportunities

**Fiscal Close**

The [IPPS Fiscal Close deadlines](#) for this calendar year have been posted in Blink. Please note the dates on Blink are deadlines established by central offices. You should still check internally within your department as they may have additional requirements or altered deadlines.

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**Camp IPPS Training Week**  
**August 15-19, 2022**

Join IPPS for a full week of instructor-led training! Camp IPPS is a biennial training event for campus clients and administrative staff.

Subject Matter Experts from all areas of IPPS share in-depth knowledge of Procure-to-Pay processes and best practices in navigating our financial systems. Attendees will receive UC-Learning credit. Visit the [Camp IPPS event page](#) for details.

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**Join an Upcoming Hot Topic Session**  
**[AP Invoice Holds Approval](#)**

**July 26, 1:00 PM – 1:45 PM**

Learn about the various ways to research and resolve an AP invoice hold approval in Oracle.

[Travel Booking](#)

Learn how to book travel the Triton way, including the benefits of booking with Concur, Balboa, and Kahala.



Get discounted rates on domestic shipping at the UC San Diego Mailing Center. Visit The Trove website for hours and services.

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## Free Antigen Tests & Masks Available in Oracle Procurement

Campus departments can order free KN95 masks and rapid antigen tests for campus employees that are onsite at least one day a week through Oracle Procurement. We ask that you order only what your location will need in one-month increments. [Click here for instructions on how to order.](#)

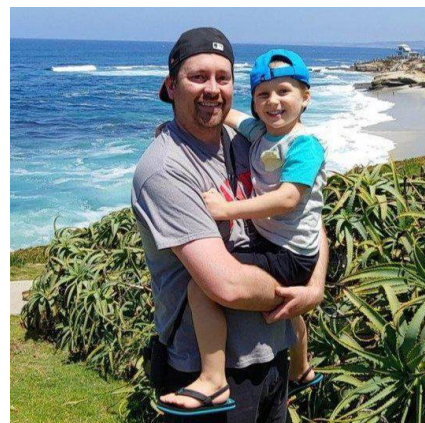


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UC San Diego employees can save up to 22% from Farmers GroupSelect<sup>sm</sup> by getting an online quote or calling 1-866-700-3113.

Online Quote





## Meet Matt Osborne

By Greg Jackson

Once more the IPPS Quarterly invites you to get to know an IPPSter. In this edition we'd like to introduce you to Matt Osborne.

Matt started his UC San Diego career three years ago with IPPS managing the Travel and Entertainment (T&E) Card program.

He has 14 years of experience managing various merchant services. Having limited experience with UC San Diego's previous Travel Card processes allowed Matt to bring a new perspective and insight to the Concur rollout. With his proficiency and dexterity with merchant services, and the dynamic expectations of clients, his approach to the campus-wide Concur rollout was: *Be understanding, avoid negativity, relax and find a solution*. Having to explain the advantages of how the T&E card could improve real-time transactional reviews, create efficient accounting methods and have seamless integration into Concur was daunting at best. But Matt was built to lead and found enjoyment in educating and training the entire campus community.

When home, Matt is surrounded by his wife, Lisa, and son Dylan who provide him with all the support and stability one could hope for. He reciprocates with his love for cooking gourmet dinners using robust ingredients. He loves preparing authentic Japanese and Italian/Mediterranean cuisines, and also loves going to farmers' markets for inspiration to cook whatever looks best that day. Matt is also passionate about golf and really enjoys getting out to Torrey Pines on the weekends whenever he gets a chance. His 4-year-old son Dylan is turning into quite the golfer and Matt enjoys taking him along to the driving range and golf course. Matt and his family are experienced campers with various stays at campsites across the US. After briefly talking with Matt you will instantly find his calming demeanor to be reassuring, especially as we navigate these changing times.

## Thank You!

## IPPS Advisory Committee

IPPS is grateful to the members of the IPPS Advisory Committee (IAC) which supported us for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. It's been our privilege to connect with all of you on various enhancements and ideas as well as

troubleshoot various items in Concur and Oracle Procurement & Payables. On behalf of the campus thank you for your stewardship and contributions toward making our systems and processes better!

## Role Changes



**Maggie Grey**  
*Procurement Supervisor, HDH*

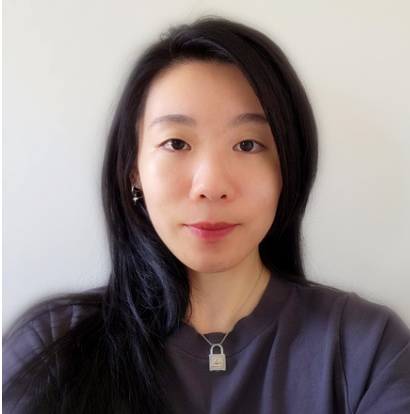
In her new role, Maggie will lead the Housing Dining Hospitality (HDH) Procurement team in supporting HDH transactions, event sourcing, and procurement. HDH categories include Catering, Events, Maintenance Repair & Operations, Technology, Food, and Services. Congratulations Maggie!



**Martha Rosegay**  
*Procurement Supervisor, FM*

In her new role, Martha will lead the Facilities Management (FM) Procurement team in supporting FM transactions, event sourcing, and procurement. FM categories span Maintenance Repair & Operations (MRO), Services, Fleet, Landscaping, and Machine Shop needs. Congratulations Martha!

## Welcome New IPPSters



## **Kathleen Au**

### ***Business Activities Analyst***

Kathleen will participate in budget planning activities, perform financial analysis, and provide recommendations to ensure efficient financial management for all IPPS units. Before joining IPPS, Kathleen worked as the Financial Analyst and Procurement Coordinator in the Division of Biological Sciences.

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## **Greg Jackson**

### ***Client Experience Specialist***

Greg Jackson is the new liaison between Travel & Expense and the Solutions Team supporting Services & Support cases, CRM data analysis, and training and documentation. Greg was previously responsible for financial administration for various units and PIs within SIO, including the preparation and reconciliation of Concur documents.

Before coming to UC San Diego in 2016, Greg offered academic and administrative support to Alliant University and worked with Student Services Advising at Trident University. He has a BA in Business Administration/Leadership and a Masters in Theology.

## **Retirees**



## **Sandy Ray**

### ***Senior Business Officer***

This June will celebrate the career of Sandra Ray who will be retiring after over 38 years of service. Sandy held roles in Student Affairs and Academic Affairs in addition to her 16 years spent in Business & Financial Services, most recently as the Senior Business Officer for IPPS.

Sandy was pivotal in creating a comprehensive online platform that streamlined the onboarding and offboarding processes for our division. She led us through multiple disaster recovery and contingency planning exercises, office remodels, and managed the very cumbersome task of equipment tracking as we transitioned to remote work and then back to a hybrid model. IPPS simply wouldn't have run without Sandy's thoroughness and thoughtfulness and we will feel her absence daily.

Sandy is looking forward to spending more time with her husband, children, and grandchildren.

Sandy, congratulations on your retirement – we wish you all the best!

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## **Sandra Lopez**

### ***Professional Buyer, Facilities Management***

Sandra Lopez is retiring after 28.5 years with UC San Diego. Sandra began her diverse and successful career in November 1994, in Special Events (Transportation). She continued to grow and challenge herself with various

roles with Parking, Shiley Eye Center, Neurosciences, Imprints, Procurement, Small Business Development, and Facilities Management.

Sandra stepped up to help the Small Business Development Office (SBDO) by taking on the development of subcontracting plans, participating in outreach activities throughout California, hosting events such as small business demos, and coordinating small business fairs. Sandra further challenged herself by taking night classes to earn her Purchasing & Supply Management certification. Her success led to a career as a professional buyer for UC San Diego. For the last 3 years, Sandra has served as the professional buyer for the Facilities Management organization, providing outstanding support and excellent client care.

*“During her time with Small Business Development, Sandra has always been fun, energetic, and great to work with. She always took ownership of her responsibilities and was curious, seeking ways to simply do things better.” - Anthony Singleton, Chief Small Business Officer*

Sandra will truly be missed. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors.



**Michele Del Signore**  
***Financial Activity & Control Analyst***

Michele has been with the University for 34 years (before the invention of the internet). She started as a temp in Payment Services then became a permanent employee in the Payment Request team. Throughout the years, she also shined in various areas in Disbursement & Travel and saved the day whenever issues arose.

She eventually became the founding member of the Accounting & Tax team, which put accountability back in the hands of Disbursement & Travel.

Michele will be sleeping in on Mondays, enjoying her free time, and traveling as much as possible.

We truly appreciate everything Michele has done. She will be missed greatly!

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