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As an infectious disease modeler, Dr. Martin develops epidemic models that have helped school leaders better understand transmission risk on campus.



Dr. Natasha Martin
Infectious Disease Modeler



Dr. Kimberly Prather
Atmospheric Chemist

Dr. Prater has been at the forefront of the scientific community highlighting that COVID-19 is mainly transmitted through aerosols, as opposed to people picking it up from surfaces. Her advice was critical to negotiating SDEA's industry standard ventilation requirements. She truly made our schools safer this spring.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPER SMART FRIENDS AT UC SAN DIEGO

Having a world-renowned university in medicine and science in our backyard has been incredibly helpful to our efforts to reopen schools safely. Our union was able to collaborate with preeminent experts in epidemiology, pediatric health, and atmospheric sciences from UC San Diego as we wrestled with the complex needs that our schools had for reopening.

While many in the UCSD medical community were helpful in our efforts to reopen our schools, we want to highlight the doctors who spent the most time with our member leaders as we navigated the extraordinary challenge we faced.

Dr. Schooley is a renowned specialist in the field of infectious diseases. His work helped develop the medicines that have turned AIDS into a manageable disease.



Dr. Chip Schooley
Infectious Disease Specialist

He was an ever present, and sage, source for feedback on how to safely reopen our schools.



Dr. Howard Taras
Pediatric Medicine

Dr. Taras is SDUSD's physician. He was critical in synthesizing all of the feedback we were receiving from the UC San Diego experts—who themselves represented a variety of fields in the sciences. He has been a steadfast partner for the safe reopening of schools.



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A DOWN PAYMENT ON TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE

As you know, SDEA is currently engaged in bargaining with SDUSD. The past 14 months have been spent primarily bargaining protections for union members around the impacts and effects of the pandemic. This has meant that we have had to pause bargaining over our main contract, which has been open since June 30, 2020.

In early December 2019, SDEA members across the District took part in an unprecedented action. Members at nearly 130 sites and programs reviewed and discussed our proposed bargaining platform before holding a secret ballot vote to support or reject the platform. SDEA members voted overwhelmingly to support the SDEA bargaining platform as we entered into negotiations with the District in January of 2020.

Our [SDEA Bargaining Platform](#) lays out a clear path to improving the conditions of teaching and learning and calls on SDUSD to direct considerable resources to our classrooms where they are needed most.

SDEA's [recent proposal](#) to SDUSD aims both to turn the bargaining platform into a reality beginning this fall and to serve as a down payment on larger and longer term improvements we can make once we return to the bargaining table for our longer contract extension next school year.

In years past, SDEA has had to fight with SDUSD over our share of a district budget that always seemed to be in a severe deficit. This year, due to unprecedented state and federal funding, budget deficits are not an issue.

Though next school year is already close at hand, our Bargaining Team believes we

can and should make needed improvements now and set the stage for greater investment in the schools our students deserve when we return to the bargaining table in early 2022.

One challenge facing SDUSD is that this influx of state and federal funding is primarily one-time monies with spending deadlines. We will have to push SDUSD to make prudent, yet creative, decisions around spending or we will be right back where we were a year ago, searching for resources to support our students and schools. That push is going to take collective power on the part of every member of SDEA. We must use the upcoming school year to rebuild our power, starting at every site. We must reestablish relationships with each other and with parents and community in our fight for the schools our students deserve.

We have started the work of rebuilding those relationships with the Statewide Bargaining Survey presented to ARs and CRs at the May Rep Council. We asked those site reps to have conversations with all members at the site or program to gather input on issues that members felt were important to fight for in collaboration with our statewide coalition. Please take a few minutes to complete the [survey](#) and share your priorities. As we shared in the [May Advocate](#), this survey will help us put together a statewide platform that we can unite around, fight for, and win!

**TOGETHER WE CAN FIGHT FOR THE
SCHOOLS OUR STUDENTS DESERVE!**

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2021 SCHOLARSHIP — RECIPIENTS —

SDEA annually offers scholarships for members and members' dependents. The Dependent Application is for graduating seniors and current college-enrolled students, who are dependents of a current SDEA member. The Member Application is for current SDEA members who wish to further their education.

NICHOLAS AGUILAR



Nicholas Aguilar is a graduating senior from Scripps Ranch High School. Nicholas will be studying Molecular & Cellular Biology at Vanderbilt University.

SARA CORTES



Sara Cortes is a graduating senior from Granite Hills High School. Sara will be studying Political Science at the University of California Los Angeles.

FLYNN DARTLAND



Flynn Dartland is a graduating senior from La Jolla High School. Flynn will be studying Environmental Science at the University of California Berkeley.

KALLI MCGDADE



Kalli McDade is a graduating senior from Scripps Ranch High School. Kalli will be studying Psychology at the University of Portland.

ELENA MEDINA



Elena Medina is a graduating senior from High Tech High Chula Vista. Elena will be studying Chicano Studies at Pomona College.

CORAL MINER



Coral Miner is a graduating senior from the Academy of Our Lady of Peace. Coral will be studying Architecture at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

GABRIELLA MOORE



Gabriella Moore is a graduating senior from Rancho Bernardo High School. Gabriella will be studying Psychology at the University of San Francisco.

HANNAH RAMSAY



Hannah Ramsay is a graduating senior from Granite Hills High School. Hannah will be studying Human Biology at the University of California San Diego.

AYDEN SULLIVAN



Ayden Sullivan is a graduating senior from Clairemont High School. Ayden will be studying Nursing at San Diego State University.

KRISZTINA SZATHMARY HAGEY



Krisztina Szathmary Hagey is a member and is currently a Math and Engineering teacher at Hoover High. Krisztina is continuing her education to receive her master's degree in Applied Statistics at Michigan Technological University.



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