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Richard Stephen Podgorski has been appointed assistant vice chancellor and director of development at the University of California, San Diego. The appointment was announced today by Bruce Darling, associate vice chancellor for university relations at UCSD. Podgorski, formerly the director of development and Alumni Affairs at the University of Arizona College of Law, began in his new position on April 12.

As assistant vice chancellor-development at UCSD, Podgorski has primary responsibility for providing leadership in planning, coordinating, and implementing all campus development and fundraising programs, including the annual fund, major gifts, deferred giving, capital campaigns, and college, school and hospital fundraising activities.

"The relationship between the university and the community is a mutually rewarding one -- it is a true partnership," said Podgorski. "UCSD has experienced growing support from the community. I will do everything I can to strengthen those ties with the San Diego community, and to increase awareness of the dynamic role the university plays in shaping the region."

As the first full-time director of development for the University of Arizona College of Law, Podgorski redesigned and strengthened the college's gift solicitation programs, and succeeded in doubling total gift receipts and the number of alumni donors. He was also successful in increasing faculty giving, and in implementing new cultivation activities.

Previously, Podgorski served as corporate director of development for Carondelet Health Care in Tucson, Arizona, and executive vice president of Carondelet's two charitable foundations. Prior to that, he held two other positions at the University of Arizona, as the director of development for the university's College of Arts & Sciences and before that as the director of planned giving.

"Rick Podgorski's breadth of experience and leadership qualities will be a distinct asset to UCSD in its fundraising efforts, especially in these challenging economic times when private giving is more critical to the university than ever," said Darling.

A member of the State Bar of Arizona, the Bar of the Federal District Court and the American Bar Association, Podgorski was honored by the University of Arizona College of Law in 1989 as an outstanding graduate. He also has consulted on fundraising practices with a number of community groups, including the Tucson Botanical Garden, the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum and the Tucson Community Food Bank. Podgorski is also a member of the National Committee on Planned Giving, and has been active in CASE (Council for Advancement of Secondary Education). Podgorski, 43, holds a J.D. degree from the University of Arizona College of Law. He received his B.A. in secondary education from Pennsylvania State University, and has done graduate work in public administration at the University of Northern Colorado.

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