The campus name, Alcalá Park, refers to Alcalá de Henares, a town near Madrid, Spain, founded by the Greeks. The Moslems renamed the town Al Kala, “the castle,” and it later became the site of San Ildefonso University. Like its namesake, USD is on a prominent hilltop where it attains landmark status in the city. The USD campus, consisting of 182 acres, is at the western end of Kearny Mesa, commanding views of the Pacific Ocean, Mission Bay, San Diego Bay and the surrounding mountains. The campus is in America’s seventh largest urban area, ideally close to the business, research, cultural, residential and recreational centers of California’s birthplace and second largest city.

Appropriate to its classical origins, the academic and administrative buildings are situated on the highest mesa within the campus. Alcalá Park’s buildings include: The Immaculata parish church; the School of Law (Warren Hall); the Katherine M. and George M. Pardee, Jr. Legal Research Center; the Helen K. and James S. Copley Library; the School of Business (Olin Hall); the Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science; the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering (Loma Hall); the Author E. and Marjorie A. Hughes Administration Center; the Ernest and Jean Hahn University Center; the Student Life Pavilion, the Manchester Executive Conference Center; Founders Hall; Camino Hall, including the Shiley Theatre; The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice; The Donald P. Shiley Center for Science and Technology; Mother Rosalie Hill Hall; the Degheri Alumni Center; several other administrative and classroom buildings; and residential areas.

Located near the east end of campus are the Alcalá Vista Apartments; Mission Housing Complex; University Terrace Apartments; Presidio Terrace Apartments; Manchester Village; the Manchester Family Child Development Center; the Jenny Craig Pavilion; and the university Student Sports Center. Located near the west end of campus are the Avila, Barcelona, Coronado and Durango buildings.

Here in Southern California, students find a truly fascinating variety of leisure-time activities, including visits to the city’s outstanding zoo, the museums, the old Spanish mission, the theater, swimming, boating, surfing, tennis, golf and much more. Proximity to Mexico provides an excellent opportunity for gaining a first-hand insight into Mexican culture.

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