



## UC San Diego Foundation Vice Chair



### **Julia R. Brown**

When Julia first became involved with UC San Diego, her reasons were simple and pragmatic: She had once received a scholarship that changed her life, and she hoped to do the same for someone else. “My son went UCSD, I live right here, and I wanted to be involved.” Today Julia estimates that she has close to 50 “kids” – young people who have received a Julia Brown Undergraduate Scholarship, propelling them toward medical degrees, PhDs and noteworthy careers. “I get very excited when I see what they’ve accomplished!”

In addition to student support, Julia recognizes that another key contribution she brings to UC San Diego is her knowledge as a science industry insider. “My profession has been in the life sciences; that is my great passion and love, and UCSD is one of the most influential universities in the world for my industry. Everywhere I turn people are doing amazing work in so many areas.”

When Julia was asked to serve on a new undergraduate scholarship committee after giving her first gift to UCSD, “It took about a nanosecond for me to decide.” In the years since, she has offered her knowledge and insight to committees and initiatives across campus, including the Dean’s Board of Advisors in the Biological Sciences; Executive Education Advisory Committee at Rady School; the Scripps Oceanography Director’s Cabinet; and the Founders Circle at The Preuss School. She is Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of the UC San Diego Foundation. Recently she has also trained her philanthropic focus on faculty and graduate-level fellowships, as she’s come to understand the value that they bring to the campus, the region and her industry.

Julia is a member of the Board of Directors of Targacept, Inc., Labopharm, Inc., and MediQuest Therapeutics, Inc. She was a member of the founding Board of Directors of Trius Therapeutics, Inc. and continued to serve until its recent Series B financing. She remains on the Trius business advisory board. She was a member of the Board of Directors of Tanox, Inc. from 2005 until its acquisition by Genentech in 2007. She served on the business advisory board of CovX Pharmaceuticals from 2004 until its acquisition by Pfizer in 2008. Julia is a member of the board of CONNECT, an organization that fosters innovation, entrepreneurship and the formation of new companies. She is a Tech Coast Angel, a member of BIOCOM, Corporate Director’s Forum and Athena.

From 2000-2003, Julia was Executive Vice President of Amylin Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Advisor to the CEO until 2008. Prior to joining Amylin, Julia was Executive Vice President of Dura Pharmaceuticals, Inc., from 1995-1999. Julia spent over 25 years with Eli Lilly and



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Company in progressively more senior roles. From 1992-1994, Julia was Vice President of IVAC Corporation and General Manager of its Vital Signs Division (a Lilly subsidiary). She was Vice President of Worldwide Marketing for Hybritech (another Lilly subsidiary), and led global marketing from 1986-1992. She held a variety of positions in the pharmaceutical division, including eight years in the Company's international division. She did basic research in antimicrobials from 1969-1973. Julia is a graduate of Louisiana Tech University where she studied microbiology and biochemistry.

But science isn't her only passion; Julia can also tell you a great deal about ballroom dancing. She funds training scholarships at Brigham Young University because, very simply, "dance is my other great love, and they have the largest collegiate ballroom dance program in the world."