

Trustee



Matt Newsome '91

Matt Newsome traces his involvement with UC San Diego to 1986, and the launch of his college experience as a Revelle student: “Some of the best times of my life.” More recently, he reconnected with the university through a lifelong friend who invited him to join the UC San Diego Alumni Board of Directors, where he’s served since 2008, and as its president from 2012 – 2014. He has served as a UC San Diego Foundation Trustee since 2012.

“What I find so exciting is all that’s possible at UC San Diego – for the students, the campus, faculty, research, the cause and the thrill.” Matt has experienced the possibilities by working closely with the Alumni Association and with the Jacobs School of Engineering. “Cubic does a lot of cooperative and innovative work with the campus,” he says.

Matt is Senior Vice President and General Manager for Cubic Transportation Systems, responsible for all North and South America operations where Cubic has delivered smart card systems, innovative payment and information technology systems for intelligent travel solutions. He joined Cubic in 1991 (the year he graduated from UC San Diego) as a mechanical engineer, and was promoted to Director of the Mechanical Engineering group in 1997. Later he was promoted to Program Manager and eventually Director of Product Marketing before accepting a transfer to become the United Kingdom Sales and Marketing Director for Cubic’s European headquarters near London.

After graduating with a B.S in Mechanical Engineering in 1991 and working at Cubic, in 1997 he earned his MBA from the University of San Diego. Reflecting on his years at UC San Diego, he states, “I learned how to learn here. I learned how to work. I learned how to make friends. I learned true relationships.” He is particularly appreciative of Ernie Mort, Dean of Revelle College while he was a student, exclaiming, “He’s been a real inspiration to me to come back to the campus and give back.”

Matt’s special interest as a Trustee is working with the Student Foundation, and adds, “I’m not sure if I could become too much more engaged without living in the dorms.” He serves as the Chair of the Student Foundation. He’s also the proud parent of a UC San Diego undergraduate student as his son enrolled as a freshman in 2016.