In 2011, David Marchick and numerous other UC San Diego alumni helped establish the Tom Tucker Student Leadership Scholarship in honor of the late Tom Tucker, who for two decades served as the campus’s assistant vice chancellor of student programs and facilities. According to David, he learned how to be a confident and effective leader through Tucker’s friendship and mentorship, which proved to be formative as he progressed into a career in business and politics.

David graduated from UC San Diego in 1988 with a degree in history. He credits his UC San Diego education, as well as the mentorship he received, for his success as a leader. During his senior year he served as president of Associated Students, where he learned to think critically and make decisions. But he made time for fun, too, like competing on the intramural inner tube water polo team; “I realized I wasn’t great at other sports so tried inter tube water polo. Wasn’t great at that either.”

David is currently Managing Director and Global Head of External Affairs for the Carlyle Group, a private equity, alternative asset management and financial services corporation. He was approached by UC San Diego Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla to serve as a Trustee on the Foundation Board, and accepted because of the work that is being done to strengthen UC San Diego’s presence, brand, and visibility on the east coast.

“UC San Diego had a formative impact on me,” said David. “It is an honor to serve on the Foundation Board of Trustees. The board is a collection of impressive, accomplished supporters of UC San Diego and enables me to help support the university and Chancellor.”

Prior to joining the Carlyle Group, David was a partner and vice-chair of the international practice group at Covington & Burling. He is a past chairman and current board member of the Robert Toigo Foundation, an organization committed to enhance diversity in the financial services industry, and is on the board of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

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