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THE PRESIDENT

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Doug Myers
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Dear Doug:

On behalf of San Diego State University's more than 340,000 students, faculty, staff and alumni, congratulations to the San Diego Zoo on celebrating its centennial year.

Over the last century, the San Diego Zoo has grown from a small collection of animals remaining from the Panama-California Exposition to a world-class attraction and wildlife research hub that draws visitors from around the globe. The education, research and conservation promoted through the San Diego Zoo, the San Diego Zoo Safari Park and the San Diego Zoo Institute for Conservation Research are vital to preserving threatened and endangered species around the world.

We are proud that San Diego State – another local institution for more than a century – has enjoyed a long partnership with the zoo. We are pleased to provide our electron microscope for research, and our students benefit from hearing from the zoo's experts on topics such as ecology, mammalogy and bioethics and from studying specimens that the zoo donates to our Museum of Biodiversity.

Once again, congratulations to you, your staff and your many community supporters on 100 years of education and service. We send best wishes for continued success in your second century.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Elliot Hirshman".

Elliot Hirshman
President

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