

## Scott Cathcart ~ Board Member, Friends of San Marcos Parks & Recreation



The Director of Athletics at Palomar College since 2007, Scott Cathcart has enjoyed a fulfilling career in institutional-based athletics that dates back to 1977, the year of his graduation from Fresno State University.

At Palomar College, Cathcart oversees a vibrant intercollegiate athletics program ranking among the largest and most comprehensive among the 112 California Community Colleges, with 22 varsity sport programs and an average of 475 participating student athletes each year. Since his arrival, he has ushered in new programs in women's golf and track and field and recently gained administrative approval to initiate women's sand volleyball for the spring of 2015. He inaugurated Palomar's first-ever Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012, bringing recognition to a program of traditional excellence that first began operations in 1946.

Planning for a much-needed \$67 million Athletics/Kinesiology facility, now an official component of the institution's Proposition M build-out of the San Marcos campus, priority registration and focused academic support for student athletes and on-going fundraising efforts through the Palomar College Foundation are current priorities. In association with his position, he has served as President of the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference and is a current member of California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) Management Council, as well as an active member of the CCCAA Gender Equity Committee.

Cathcart came to Palomar College after serving five years as the Associate Dean for Physical Education and Athletics at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria. Between 1996 and 2002, he served as an Associate Director of Athletics at Temple University in Philadelphia, which followed a three-year stint as an Assistant Athletics Director at Long Beach State. From 1984 to 1993, he served as the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Southern Section Director of Media and Public Relations. He began his career as an assistant football coach and team publicist at Santa Barbara City College.

As an undergrad at Fresno State, Cathcart was a scholarship athlete who earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. He added a master's degree in education from Azusa Pacific University in 1992 and in 1999 completed coursework for an executive certificate from the National Association of College Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Sports Management Institute. A resident of Santa Maria, Cathcart has been married to the former Jennifer Dunn since 1985 and has three sons: Casey (27), Scott (25) and Joe (19).