2020 Honorary Degrees

Kevin Michael Nagel
Chairman & CEO, Sac Soccer & Entertainment Holdings
2020 Recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

A Sacramento resident for 26 years, Mr. Kevin Nagle is a local legend. As the largest local owner of the National Basketball Association’s Sacramento Kings, and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Sacramento’s newly-minted Major League Soccer team, Sacramento Republic FC, he is a hero to sports fans and economic developers in the Sacramento region.

Mr. Nagle was the co-founder and CEO of Envision Pharmaceutical Holdings, the nation’s fifth-largest prescription benefit management company, before it was acquired by Rite Aid Corp. in June 2015. Currently, he is owner and President of the Nagle Company, which is actively engaged in real estate development, venture capital, and private equity.

A dedicated philanthropist, Mr. Nagle also is a hero to community members in need. In 2019, he was named the United Cerebral Palsy Humanitarian of the Year, Sacramento’s premier humanitarian award, presented annually to individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the Sacramento region and to enhancing the lives of others. A recipient of numerous awards from other organizations in the region too numerous to mention, Mr. Nagle was also selected as the Sacramentan of the Year by the Sac Metro Chamber of Commerce for comprehensive contributions to the region. Mr. Nagle has donated millions of dollars to a variety of charitable organizations in the Sacramento region promoting health, education, youth development, and the arts. He supports numerous causes, and has been instrumental in major fundraising campaigns for the St. HOPE Foundation and Cristo Rey School in Sacramento.

As a boy raised in near-poverty by a single mother and working since the age of 6, Mr. Nagle aspired to earn a college degree. He began his academic pursuit at Long Beach City College (LBCC) where he served as student body president. After graduating from LBCC, he enrolled at California State University, Long Beach where he graduated with a degree in political science and communication studies. He furthered his education with master’s degrees in business and public administration from the University of Southern California.

Mr. Nagle serves on the Advisory Board of Sacramento State’s Carlsen Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. In addition, he is the Chair of the Board of Trustees at Saint Mary’s College of California, serves on the Board of the Chancellor of UC Davis’s Leadership Council as well as the Board of Advisors for UC Davis School of Medicine. He is also a Founding Member of Greater Sacramento Economic Council, a “catalyst for innovative growth strategies in the Capital Region of California.” Mr. Nagle also served as a Board Member of the St. HOPE Public Schools in Sacramento, 2011’s Charter School of the Year.

Kevin Nagle is an exemplar for Sacramento State students to follow. Like many students, he was raised in California, matriculated through the California Community College system, and earned a degree from a California State University campus. The values he learned through the outstanding education he earned allowed him to achieve tremendous career success. Amid all of his successes, he has continued to give back to those in underserved communities, especially the disadvantaged. He has used his business acumen, education, and experience to improve lives for our region.