James (Jim) Kitchen Biography

James (Jim) R. Kitchen
Retired Vice President
Division of Student Affairs, San Diego State University

Dr. Kitchen served as vice president of Student Affairs from 2000-2013. Through collaborations and strategic planning, Dr. Kitchen led the Division of Student Affairs and the university to dramatic increases in student success and retention. In all his endeavors, he earned the deep respect and admiration of colleagues at SDSU and across the country.

He received numerous awards and honors for his dedication to the Student Affairs program, including being named the 2007 Pillar of the Profession by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. And in 2012 SDSU established the James R. Kitchen Athletic Department Staff Service Award.

Jim and his wife Sandra are members of the National Leadership Council. Jim is a member of SDSU’s Veterans Advisory Council and is a member of The Campanile Foundation’s Athletics Committee.