San Diego State University Finalist:

Congratulations! You are one step closer to becoming a part of the rich legacy of San Diego State University. Reaching this stage in the selection process is quite an accomplishment, and proof that you have the knowledge, experience, and skill needed to be a part of an elite pool of candidates, waiting for the opportunity to engage some of the best and brightest students in the country.

I am Rudolph Johnson, III, President and CEO of the Neighborhood House Association (NHA). NHA is one of the largest social service agencies in the nation, providing over 18,000 service points each day through a network of 13 programs that instill a belief of a better tomorrow through empowerment, education and wellness. With programs that range from child and youth development, to mental health services, to senior and adult day health care services, the NHA portfolio of programs is as wide and varied as the communities we serve. Because we serve thousands of clients who represent many different racial/ethnic groups and backgrounds, it is important to us as an agency to employ individuals who are as diverse as the clients we serve, from leadership on down. I know from experience that SDSU maintains this same commitment to diversity.

I am a proud alumnus of SDSU, earning a Master’s in Public Administration in 2000, and I currently serve on the San Diego State University Alumni Board of Advisors. As a former student, I understand that engaging diverse a group of faculty and staff is crucial to shaping meaningful student experiences. As a member of the Alumni Board of Advisors, I know that creating a campus climate that is comfortable for every member of the student body is of utmost importance to SDSU, and I am proud to be a part of the growth and legacy of this institution.

Again, congratulations! I sincerely hope you have the opportunity to be a part of the diverse legacy of SDSU. If you are interested in learning more about SDSU, NHA, or the San Diego community, please feel free to reach out to me at rudjohnson@neighborhoodhouse.org.

Sincerely,

Rudolph A. Johnson, III
President and CEO