

Bill Shumard

Bill Shumard has served as President and CEO of Special Olympics Southern California since June 2005. Before that, he served as a member of the organization's Board of Directors for 5 years.

Bill's vision for SOSC is to radically grow the number of athletes served and he has instituted an aggressive Strategic Plan and accompanying business model to help achieve that goal.

Prior to coming to SOSC, Shumard enjoyed a long and successful career in sports management at both the professional and collegiate levels, enjoying associations with teams and programs that enjoyed both competitive and financial success.

After receiving his Bachelor's degree in journalism from CSULB in 1972, he was named as CSULB's Sports Information Director. A year later, he moved to CSU Los Angeles to assume the same position for two years.

Bill joined the Los Angeles Dodgers organization in 1975 and was part of the organization's unparalleled business success for the next 12 years.

In 1988, Bill left the Dodger organization to become Executive Director of USC's Athletic Centennial, later becoming an assistant athletic director.

Bill was named Director of Athletics at Cal State Fullerton in 1991, a position he held until 1994. He then moved to his alma mater, CSULB, where he served as Executive Director of Athletics until coming to SOSC in 2005.

During his tenure at CSULB, the athletic department tripled the graduation rate of its student-athletes and raised more than \$7 million for capital projects which included the naming of The Pyramid by Mike and Arline Walter.

Shumard serves on a number of volunteer boards, including the Executive Committee of the United States Leadership Council for Special Olympics. He chairs CSULB's Graduate Program in Sport Management's Advisory Board and the Ukleja Center for Ethical Leadership's Governing Council.

Shumard and his wife, Kim, reside in Brea. They have three grown children and six grandchildren.