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**La Jolla Institute Names New Development Leadership Team**

LA JOLLA, CA—Christopher A. Lee has been named Chief Advancement Officer at La Jolla Institute for Allergy and Immunology. He is joined by Kelsey Dale, who has been appointed Deputy Director of Advancement.

“We are delighted to welcome Chris and Kelsey to La Jolla Institute,” said Dr. Mitchell Kronenberg, president and chief scientific officer. “Their passion, professional credentials and deep roots in the San Diego community are invaluable for strengthening philanthropic support of our research.”



Chris Lee

Lee has a long history of bringing his experience and strategic vision to non-profit organizations in the San Diego area. He most recently served as Director of Philanthropy at The Scripps Research Institute (TSRI). Prior to TSRI he held fundraising leadership roles as Vice President of Development at PCI (Project Concern International), a global health and development organization headquartered in San Diego and as Vice President of External Relations at Sanford/Burnham/Prebys Medical Discovery Institute in La Jolla, CA.

He also held the position of Director of Development with Catholic Relief Services based in Baltimore, MD and of Director of Leadership Gifts for Villanova University, outside Philadelphia, PA, and worked as staff member of former United States House of Representative Member Alan B. Mollohan. Lee graduated from West Virginia University with a bachelor’s degree in political science and from Villanova University with a master of business administration. “There is such enthusiasm and clarity of mission at the La Jolla Institute,” said Lee. “I am thrilled to join their team and work toward a common goal.”

Dale is a seasoned development professional who emphasizes the use of data to build successful fundraising campaigns. Before joining La Jolla Institute, she held the position of Philanthropy Officer at The Scripps Research Institute and served in a variety of development roles at San Diego non-profits, including Senior Development Officer at PCI, where she built a robust annual giving program; Project Manager for Event Innovations; and Development Coordinator at MiraCosta College among others.



Kelsey Dale

Dale holds a bachelor's degree in History from Whitman College and serves on the Board of the San Diego Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. "I'm pleased to work for such a dynamic and impactful organization, and I look forward to helping raise awareness and support for the vital work underway here at the La Jolla Institute," said Dale.

### **About La Jolla Institute**

La Jolla Institute for Allergy and Immunology is dedicated to understanding the intricacies and power of the immune system so that we may apply that knowledge to promote human health and prevent a wide range of diseases. Since its founding in 1988 as an independent, nonprofit research organization, the Institute has made numerous advances leading towards its goal: life without disease®.

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