



Professor Chad Hewitt Class of 2025

Chad graduated from Oroville High School (OHS) in 1979 and was a Top Ten student, CSF member, and in the National Honor Society all four years. He ran cross-country for two years, played basketball for one year, and earned his Block O in track all four years, running the 440-yard dash, and was a member of the Mile Relay Team. He was the team captain as a senior.

Associated Students Activities included Block O and drama as a junior and senior, and Homecoming Master of Ceremonies, International Thespian Society, and graduation speaker as a senior. Outside of school, he was a member of the drama program at Foothill Free Methodist Church.

At the age of 5, on the shores of Lake Tahoe, Chad fell in love with the aquatic world and aspired to be a marine biologist. That goal remained his primary focus as his love for biology and the natural world grew. He learned to scuba dive while a student at OHS.

Chad earned his BA degree from the University of California at Berkeley, completed postgraduate work at the University of Hawaii, USC, and the Office of Naval Research, studying Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of Marine Organisms. He received his PhD at the University of Oregon in 1993, his thesis titled, Marine Biological Invasions.

His career in higher education began at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the University of Tennessee in 1993, serving as an adjunct assistant professor. For the next 14 years, Chad served in various positions at colleges and universities in Australia and New Zealand.

In 2008, Chad was appointed Professor, Inaugural Director of the National Centre of Marine Conservation and Resource Sustainability at the University of Tasmania in Australia, where he served for two years.

From 2010 to 2013, he served as Professor, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research) and Head of Gladstone Campus at Central Queensland University in Australia.

In 2014, Chad moved to Hamilton, New Zealand, serving as Professor, Dean of Science at the University of Waikato for four years. It was then back to Australia at Murdoch University, where he served as Professor, Inaugural Director of Research, Centre for Biosecurity and One Health at Murdoch University.

In 2022, Chad, a renowned researcher in marine biosecurity and a prominent member of the global academic community, was appointed Professor; Provost of Lincoln University in Lincoln 7647, in the Canterbury Region of New Zealand, a position he currently holds. He is the

University's Chief Academic Officer, with the overall responsibility for ensuring the advancement of research and education contributions as a specialist land-based university.

Throughout his career, Chad has given numerous lectures, keynote addresses, sat on panels, and hosted conferences and workshops in Argentina, Latvia, Germany, Australia, and New Zealand.

Since embarking on his career in 1993, Chad has published over 105 Journal articles, three books, 20 chapters, and over 76 reports and conference papers, receiving citations in 26 countries. He has undertaken research in more than 20 countries and in all the oceans of the world. He is recognized as a global expert in the ecology and biosecurity management of introduced marine species with transdisciplinary experience.

Honors and awards have come to Chad over the years, the most recent in 2023 when he was named a ZiF Residential Fellow. ZiF is an international Centre for Interdisciplinary Research, University of Bielefeld, Germany.

Chad has two daughters and makes his home in Kirwee 7453, New Zealand.