

UCSD International Center honors eight volunteers of the year

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Eight outstanding 1995 Volunteers of the Year were singled out for their varied contributions to the University of California, San Diego International Center at the center's recent annual awards.

UCSD Associate Chancellor Theodore Groves presented the Chancellor's International Center Volunteer Award certificates to:

Georgina Sham of La Jolla, who received the Friends' Member of the Year award for her continued and "quiet dedication to the Friends organization," involving everything from helping rewrite the by-laws to coordinating major ethnic dinners.

Gabriele Bartels of University City, New Volunteer of the Year. Bartels, who is visiting from Germany, has conducted crafts classes at the center and each Friday helps prepare and serve International Cafe meals.

Marion Dixon of La Jolla, named Tutor of the Year for her "highly skilled and sustained contributions" to the American-English-in-Action Tutor Program. She has personally tutored more than 100 students.

Alma and Bill Coles of University City, who have welcomed new foreign students through the Host Family Program for more than 15 years, named Host Family of the Year. Coles is a UCSD professor in electrical and computer engineering. The Coles family was recognized as "one of the most outstanding families in the history of the Host Family Program."

Jean and Dan Lindsley of La Jolla, named The Extraordinary Host Family of 1995. Lindsley is professor emeritus in biology. The Lindsleys helped a University of Sussex exchange student, Madeleine Delorme, survive a near medical catastrophe when she had to undergo two 14-hour brain operations. UCSD student Andrew Sandler, named the Study Abroad Returnee of the Year. Sandler spent a year on the UC Education Abroad Program (EAP) at the University of Sussex. Upon his return he volunteered many hours talking with students about the opportunities for study abroad and has been involved with the EAP selection committee and information fair.

Karin Gundlach, an EAP exchange student from the University of Goettingen in Germany, cited as the International Club Member of the Year. Gundlach makes presentations on Germany and also serves as a model to international students, helping "explain the in's and out's of studying abroad to other foreign students."

The UCSD Retirement Association, honored as the Organization of the Year, for having hosted lively International Cafes in the past year and for planning more in the future. Members also volunteer for International Center projects.

International Center Director Mary Dhooge originated the volunteer awards in 1984 with the help of a grant from the UCSD Chancellor's Associates. More than 800 volunteers contribute time to the various activities of the UCSD International Center.

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