

UCSD professor Marianne McDonald to receive highest honor of the Hellenic Cultural Society

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Marianne McDonald, professor of classics and theatre at the University of California, San Diego, has been declared the Alexander the Great Award winner for 1995 of the Hellenic Cultural Society of San Diego. This is the highest honor the society bestows.

The award is named for Alexander III, King of Macedonia, who, according to George D. Koulaxes, society president, did more to spread Hellenism and the culture of Greece to the peoples of the world than any single human being in history.

Koulaxes said McDonald is being honored for her years of professional and personal effort on behalf of the advancement of Greek literature and classical theatre, and in the education and promotion of Greece through her founding efforts and support for the Thesaurus of the Greek Language, a computerized treasury of the Greek language.

Koulaxes said McDonald is "without equal in (her) personal generosity through the many philanthropic works and contributions (she) makes for the benefit of people."

McDonald will receive the Alexander the Great Award at the Hellenic Cultural Society's Hellenic Ball '95 Oct. 28 in the Regency Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency San Diego at San Diego Harbor.

McDonald's honors for her contributions to Greek literature and culture are numerous. She recently returned from one of her many trips to Greece, where the mayor of the city of Delphi made her an honorary citizen and gave her their highest award, a gold medal for her work on Greek literature and on behalf of Greece in general.

McDonald also holds gold medals from the mayors of Athens and Piraeus, a plaque from the University of Thessaloniki, and has received Greece's highest award, the Order of the Phoenix from the Prime Minister of Greece.

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