

UC San Diego Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) Class to Graduate on June 2

Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is Southern California's only Public Pharmacy School

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Trained to meet the needs of patients, and to become leaders in drug development and delivery in the 21st-century, 23 students will graduate from the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) at a ceremony held at the Price Center on Saturday, June 2. The 14 women and nine men, comprising the second graduating class of the School that was founded in 2002, will receive their Doctor of Pharmacy degrees at 10 a.m.

Guests will include keynote speaker J. Lyle Bootman, Ph.D., Dean of College of Pharmacy, and professor of pharmacy, medicine and public health at the University of Arizona. Bootman is executive director of the university's Center for Health Outcomes and PharmacoEconomic Research, one of the first such centers in the world. He is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies, and currently serves on its Board of Health Care Services.

Bootman will be joined by UCSD Chancellor Marye Anne Fox; David Brenner, M.D., UCSD Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences and Dean of the School of Medicine; Palmer W. Taylor, Ph.D., founding dean of the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in addressing the graduates.

Fourteen of the graduates received their undergraduate degrees from University of California campuses. They are commencing to a wide variety of careers - most staying in California, which has one of the nation's largest shortages of practicing pharmacists. Many are going on to clinical residencies to receive the additional specialized training required for hospital pharmacy, health system providers and academic positions."

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