

UC Regents approve renaming of UCSD's Third College

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The University of California Board of Regents has approved the renaming of the University of California, San Diego's Third College, one of five undergraduate colleges at UCSD, for the late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.

"Thurgood Marshall's life and career epitomize the goals of Third College -- justice, diversity and equality," said Cecil Lytle, Provost of Third College, following the vote of approval.

"Despite his many court victories protecting speech, reproductive and voting rights, privacy issues, public accommodation, open housing, and due process, Thurgood Marshall left his most enduring imprint on public education. We are very pleased that the Regents have chosen to honor this courageous, civic-minded man, by showing their support for the new name of Thurgood Marshall College."

Thurgood Marshall's commitment to shatter barriers to education began two years after he graduated from the Howard University Law School in 1933, when he won a lawsuit that struck down the very discrimination law that denied him admission to the University of Maryland Law School some years earlier. Twenty years later, as legal counsel for the NAACP, his landmark victory in the Brown vs. Board of Education case of 1954 established the principle that equal education was a right, and the proper nonviolent instrument to effect personal and social change. In 1967, he was appointed justice to the U.S. Supreme Court by President Lyndon B. Johnson. He retired from the bench in 1991.

According to Provost Lytle, Third College had been in search of a proper name that would accurately reflect its educational mission and social philosophy since the college's inception in 1970. That search, it would seem, is now over.

"Third College was founded on the principles embodied in the civil rights movement --justice, equality and social responsibility. We now have a name -- Thurgood Marshall -- that positively expresses our history as well as our future," said Lytle.

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