

UCSD scholarship recipient Kimberly Day triumphs over personal hardships to pursue higher education

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Overcoming numerous physical and personal hardships in pursuit of a college degree, a University of California, San Diego senior has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to help fulfill her educational goals.

Kimberly Day is one of six recipients of the 1990-91 California Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (CASFAA) Student Scholarships, awarded to individuals whose special circumstances make obtaining an education difficult. Recipients include, but are not limited to, first-generation college students, re-entry students, single parents, returning veterans, and students with disabilities.

"Kimberly exemplifies the type of students this type of program was created to help," said Thomas M. Rutter, director of student financial services at UCSD.

When she was six months' old, Day contracted poliomyelitis and consequently spent most of her childhood in and out of hospitals undergoing treatment which included numerous orthopedic operations.

She dropped out of school in the ninth grade, but later returned to complete her General Education Development (GED) certificate. A single parent, Day spent several years working to support herself and her daughter while attending college classes at night. Eventually she transferred to UCSD as a full time student majoring in sociology.

Day characterizes herself as "a motivated adult and involved student" who chose UCSD because of the school's reputation for excellence and the opportunity to pursue field research as an undergraduate. Her career goals are focused toward community service and child education.

Established in 1987, the CASFAA Student Scholarship Program provides additional financial help to assist students with special circumstances or unusual hardships in completing their education.

Since its inception, CASFAA has awarded six scholarships annually to one student from each of the five post-secondary educational segments (California Community College, California State University, Independent, Proprietary, and the University of California) and one graduate/professional student.

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