

UCSD to sponsor K-12 outreach symposium July 30

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The University of California, San Diego Task Force on K-12 Outreach will sponsor a symposium July 30 at 10 a.m., featuring some of the nation's top experts on educational outreach efforts to under served children.

The symposium, which will be taped for future broadcast on UCSD-TV, will be held in the Robinson Auditorium at UCSD's Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS). Members of the public and campus community are welcome.

The program will include presentations and a panel discussion by prominent educators who have created, operated, or evaluated innovative educational programs designed to help under served children achieve academic excellence. Each member of the panel will review the program in which they have been involved and will provide their perspective on how best to increase the numbers of under served and under represented students who are eligible for admission to UCSD and other UC campuses. Members of the audience will have an opportunity to ask the panelists questions following the presentations.

Panelists will include: James Bower, professor of biology at California Institute of Technology and co-director of the Caltech Pre-Science Initiative; Henry Levin, professor of education at Stanford University; Sarah Michaels, associate professor of education and director of the Hiatt Center for Urban Education at Clark University; Alicia Parr, deputy director of the El Paso Collaborative for Academic Excellence at the University of Texas, El Paso; and Mary Catherine Swanson, founder and executive director of AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), a San Diego County program aimed at underprivileged K-12 students.

The goal of the UCSD K-12 Outreach Task Force is to develop a proposal for a new, comprehensive initiative that targets economically and educationally under served K-12 students. Earlier this month, the task force sponsored two town meetings to encourage community input and a university-community dialogue on the subject. The task force, which is expected to issue a report in September, is chaired by Paul Drake, dean of UCSD's Division of Social Sciences and a professor of political science, and Nicholas Spitzer, a professor of biology. For more information on UCSD's K-12 outreach efforts and activities please visit our web site: <http://www-cpb.ucsd.edu/Resources/Committees/OutreachTaskForce/>

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