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Five distinguished alumni and associates of the University of California, San Diego will be honored at the Awards for Excellence Gala to be hosted June 13 by the UCSD Alumni Association at the Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

Donald Eigler, an experimental physicist and IBM Fellow at the Almaden Research Center in San Jose, has been selected to receive the Outstanding Alumnus Award for 1998. Eigler electrified the world of science when he literally wrote the letters "IBM" with individual xenon atoms on a metal surface. His experiments have advanced the ability of scientists to manipulate small units of matter. A Revelle graduate, Eigler received his B.A. in physics in 1975 and his Ph.D. in 1983.

The Association's Professional Achievement Award will be presented to research geologist Rodey Batiza, who received his Ph.D. from Scripps Institution of Oceanography in 1978 and has gained international stature in research on the earth's mid-ocean ridges, the globe-encircling rift system where new crust is created. Batiza is a professor of geology and geophysics at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Paul Pickowicz, UCSD professor of history, will receive the Distinguished Teaching Award. Pickowicz is recognized for combining the qualities of a talented and accomplished scholar with those of an adroit and deeply committed mentor and teacher. His teaching interests include modern Chinese history, the history of socialism in China, Mao Tse-tung, and the Cultural Revolution.

Wayne Akeson, M.D., will be honored with the Distinguished Service to the University award for his commitment and service to the School of Medicine. A recipient of the highest awards possible in the orthopedic community, Akeson was the first Division Chief of Orthopedics when the UCSD School of Medicine opened. He has served as acting chair of the Department of Surgery and acting dean of the School of Medicine.

Monroe Trout, physician, attorney and pharmaceutical research director, will be recognized as an Honorary Alumnus for the services he has given UCSD as chair of the UC San Diego Foundation Board of Trustees. During his tenure as head of the Foundation he increased the number of endowed chairs on campus from 42 to 63. Trout also has served on the boards of advisors of the UCSD Medical Center, the UCSD Thornton Hospital, and the CONNECT steering committee.

Seven outstanding senior students representing the five UCSD colleges and a male and female athlete will be selected prior to the Awards for Excellence event and honored for their outstanding academic achievements and service while at UCSD.

The public is welcome to attend. Tickets are \$65 per person. Information and reservations may be obtained by calling the Alumni Relations Office at (619) 534-3900.

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