

Armondo M. Rodriguez chosen to give commencement address at the Third College graduation ceremony 6/17/73

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Armondo M. Rodriguez, an Assistant Commissioner of HEW in Washington, D.C., has been chosen to give the commencement address at the Third College graduation ceremony Sunday, June 17, at the University of California, San Diego.

Rodriguez, a graduate of San Diego High School and San Diego State University, will replace Dr. Ernesto Galarza, an author and educator, who was forced to cancel all speaking plans due to illness.

The Third College commencement will be the first of four graduation ceremonies scheduled for the UCSD campus on Sunday. The ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. on the Third College Plaza on the Matthews Campus. Revelle College commencement exercises will begin at 1:00 p.m. on the Revelle Plaza. Dr. E. Margaret Burbidge, Director of the Royal Greenwich Observatory, Sussex, England, will speak.

John Muir College will hold its graduation at 1:00 p.m. on the Muir College Greens area. Speakers will include Dr. John Stewart, Muir Provost, and a winner of the Outstanding Teacher Award as selected by the students.

Graduate Studies commencement exercises will begin at 3:30 p.m. on the Revelle Plaza. Speakers will include Dr. Joseph Mayer, Professor of Chemistry Emeritus, and Dr. Bernd T. Matthias, Professor of Physics, who will present a tribute to Dr. Mayer and Nobel Laureate Marie Goeppert Mayer, a Professor of Physics at UCSD who passed away last year.

Rodriguez was the first Director of the Mexican-American Affairs Unit under President Kennedy and later was named Director of the Cabinet Committee on Opportunity for the Spanish Speaking. He was named to his present HEW position by President Nixon.

Rodriguez, who holds a masters degree in special education, served as Principal of Wright Brothers Junior-Senior High School in San Diego before moving to Sacramento and later to Washington. He served as a Regents' Lecturer at the Riverside campus of the University of California during the 1970-71 academic year.

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