

President Clinton to deliver keynote address at UCSD commencement ceremonies today

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President William Jefferson Clinton will deliver the keynote address at the University of California, San Diego's class of '97 commencement ceremonies today on UCSD's RIMAC Field. More than 20,000 students, faculty, family members, friends and members of the public are expected to attend.

In addition to the 9 a.m. ceremony, separate commencement rites will be held for the graduates this afternoon and tomorrow at UCSD's five undergraduate colleges, a graduate school, and a graduate division.

Clinton will deliver a major policy speech on the diversity of the American people, and is expected to announce future initiatives addressing racial prejudice and ethnic strife.

The morning ceremony will begin with a musical interlude provided by the UCSD Department of Music combining the UCSD Jazz Ensemble, directed by Jimmy Cheatham, with the UCSD Wind Ensemble, directed by Robert Zelickman. The combined special commencement orchestra will be co-directed by George Lewis and Zelickman.

Then, to the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance," the UCSD faculty will enter, attired in the colorful robes representing the universities from which they graduated, followed by a procession of graduating students.

Welcome addresses will be given by UCSD Chancellor Robert C. Dynes; S. Sue Johnson, University of California Regent; Richard C. Atkinson, University of California President; and Georgios H. Anagnostopoulos, chair of the San Diego Division of the University of California Academic Senate.

A musical presentation by the UCSD Gospel Choir directed by Kenneth Anderson will follow, after which graduating senior Coleen S. Sabatini, 1996-97 president of the UCSD Associated Students, will address the commencement guests and introduce President Clinton.

Following President Clinton's speech, UC President Atkinson will officially confer degrees with provosts F. Thomas Bond, Roger Revelle College; Patrick J. Ledden, John Muir College; Cecil W. Lytle, Thurgood Marshall College; David K. Jordan, Earl Warren College; Ann L. Craig, Eleanor Roosevelt College; Richard Feinberg, Dean of the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, and Richard Attiyeh, dean of Graduate Studies.

The President's address will be broadcast live on UCSD-TV Channel 35 (UHF) and on Southwestern Cable and Cox Cable. In what is expected to be the largest video web broadcast ever, UCSD will broadcast the event live (9 a.m. PST) from its internet web site: <http://www.ucsd.edu/commencement> (with video and audio).

Receiving degrees in individual graduation ceremonies will be approximately 3,000 students from Eleanor Roosevelt, Muir, Revelle, Thurgood Marshall and Warren undergraduate colleges; 800 from the Division of

Graduate Studies and Research, and 90 from the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS).

Eleanor Roosevelt College

Bill Richardson, recently appointed U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, will be the commencement speaker at ceremonies held for 400 graduates of Eleanor Roosevelt College at 2:30 p.m. today in the main arena of the RIMAC Complex. Richardson returned just last week from the new Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire) where he brought together former Zairian President Mobutu and Alliance leader Kabila for their first meeting, helping to avert a crisis which threatened the entire region and led to a relatively peaceful transfer of power. A former member of Congress representing New Mexico, Richardson has been instrumental in releasing captives and diplomatic trouble shooting around the globe.

Muir College

The 700 graduates of Muir College will receive their diplomas today at 2 p.m. on the RIMAC Field, only hours after the Presidential ceremony ends. The student speakers will be graduating seniors Sharon Apple, Jill Logan, Jennifer Nicoll, and Dar Gerscovich. Each will offer a different perspective on life as a Muir student.

Graduate School of International Relations/Pacific Studies (IR/PS)

Also scheduled today at 2 p.m. in the IR/PS Robinson Plaza, the IR/PS ceremony will feature an address by W.A. Owens, president of Science Applications International Corp., (SAIC). Approximately 90 graduates will receive the Masters of Pacific International Affairs degree at the ceremony.

Thurgood Marshall College

Ceremonies for 600 graduates of Thurgood Marshall College will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday on the Thurgood Marshall Playing Field. Yen-Le Espiritu, associate professor of ethnic studies and chair of the Ethnic Studies Department, will be commencement speaker.

Earl Warren College

The first of three ceremonies slated tomorrow (June 15) will begin at 9 a.m., when 650 graduates of Warren College receive their diplomas in ceremonies on the Thurgood Marshall Playing Field. Student speakers will give commencement addresses before some 5,000 family members and friends.

Division of Graduate Studies and Research

Featured speaker at a 12 noon ceremony tomorrow in the Price Center Ballroom will be Peter Gourevitch, professor of political science and founding dean of the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies. Approximately 800 graduate degrees will be awarded.

Revelle College

Revelle College will hold the last of UCSD's graduation ceremonies at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow on Thurgood Marshall Playing Field, where 650 students will receive their diplomas before 5,000 family members and friends. David Luft, professor of history at UCSD, will be the guest speaker.

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