

Several Standout Women Among Inductees to the San Diego Women's Hall of Fame

Community partners to hold 9th annual ceremony and dinner march 27, 2010

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The San Diego County Women's Hall of Fame will welcome several standout San Diego women at its 9th annual induction ceremony and dinner, next week, March 27, 2010 at UC San Diego's Price Center Ballroom East from 5 to 8 p.m. The event is open to the public and honors and acknowledges women who have significantly contributed to the quality of life and have made outstanding volunteer contributions in San Diego County.

Awards are granted in the areas of empowerment, activism, trailblazing, cultural competency and historical preservation. This year's inductees include:

UC San Diego Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs **Dr. Vivian Reznik** is a pioneer in faculty development for young people aspiring for careers in academic medicine as clinician and researchers.

As the first female tribal leader of the Kumeyaay Nation, **Anna Sandoval's** leadership has greatly benefitted her people.

Known as the "matriarch of Barrio Logan," **Laura Rodriguez** is being inducted posthumously, for helping create the Logan Heights Family Health Clinic, as well as, establishing and preserving Chicano Park.

A pioneer for women lawyers in San Diego County and co-founder of the Lawyers Club bar association, **Justice Judith McConnell** has promoted gender equity within the profession.

Co-author of the first book published on the subject of women's assertiveness, **Dr. Gloria Harris** has helped numerous women become more confident. Her expert witness testimony has aided victimized women receive compensation in sexual harassment court cases.

This year's *Spirit of the Hall of Fame Award* recipient, **Bree Walker** is well known in San Diego and beyond for her groundbreaking work on television as a person with a disability and as part of the first all-women news anchor team in television news.

"This is a diverse group of women whose selfless contributions have advanced social justice and have made a lasting impact on our communities," said campus diversity officer and director of the UC San Diego Women's Center, Dr. Emelyn dela Peña. "Their legacies are an example of how the Hall of Fame embodies UC San Diego's Principles of Community." Inductees are available for interviews now and on the night of the event.

For more information visit:

<http://women.ucsd.edu/>

<http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/dept/wsweb/>

<http://www.statusofwomen.org/new/index.html>

<http://whmec.org/>

About the Women's Hall of Fame

The Women's Hall of Fame is a collaboration between the Women's History Museum and Educational Center, the Women's Studies Department at San Diego State University, The Women's Center at UC San Diego, and the San Diego County Commission on the Status of Women. The enduring goal of the Women's Hall of Fame is to recognize and celebrate women's authentic contributions to community, diversity and social justice.

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