Call for Nominations: UCSD Alumni Association 32nd Annual Awards for Excellence

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The UCSD Alumni Association is now accepting nominations for the 32nd Annual Awards for Excellence program recognizing the accomplishments of outstanding alumni and faculty. Nominations will be accepted through Friday, December 11, 2009.

University of California, San Diego alumni can be nominated for the following recognitions:

Outstanding Alumnus Awarded to an alumna or alumnus of an undergraduate or graduate program of UC San Diego who has rendered special or outstanding service, or, through personal achievements, brought honor and distinction to the university.

Professional Achievement Awarded to an alumna or alumnus of an undergraduate or graduate program of UC San Diego who has an established record of accomplishments, complemented by significant contributions to a profession.

Distinguished Service Awarded to an alumna or alumnus of an undergraduate or graduate program of UC San Diego whose dedication and volunteer commitment has significantly enriched the university.

Distinguished Teaching Awarded to a UC San Diego faculty member who excels in communication, organization and responsiveness to students and who has a genuine interest in stimulating student growth through learning. A cash award accompanies this recognition.

These prestigious annual alumni awards honoring the best of UC San Diego will be presented on Saturday, June 5, 2010, as part of the Alumni Weekend festivities. Proceeds from the *Awards for Excellence* benefit the UCSD Alumni Association's endowed scholarship programs.

Additional information about the awards program and an online nomination form is available at www.alumni.ucsd.edu/awards/.

The 2009 Awards for Excellence honored outstanding alumni and faculty for their leadership, advocacy, philanthropy and service to UC San Diego:

Donald W. Murphy, '75, Outstanding Alumnus of the Year *Chief executive officer for the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center and former deputy director of the National Park Service*

Abbie Celniker, '80, Professional Achievement *A pioneer in late-stage discovery and development of protein therapeutics and building biologics-focused businesses*

Jeffrey Rabin, Ph.D., Distinguished Teaching *UC San Diego professor of mathematics and former co-director of the Algebraic Thinking Institute*

Gary Curtis, '69, Distinguished Service *Entrepreneur and biomedical pioneer, scholarship supporter and trustee of the UC San Diego Foundation*

Wayne Kennedy, Honorary Alumnus *Senior vice president emeritus from the University of California and former vice chancellor, UC San Diego.*

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