

## Top senior at Lincoln High School receives \$750 scholarship to UCSD

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Deborah Richardson, 18, one of the top seniors at Lincoln High School, has a growing interest in black culture, especially historical black culture. Because of this, she received an unusual gift - a sheet of paper dolls - at the Senior Awards Breakfast at Lincoln, Wednesday, June 18.

Deborah was named winner of a \$750 scholarship for study at the University of California, San Diego sponsored jointly by the Honorary Alumni of UCSD and Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Ward, members of the alumni group. It is the first Honorary Alumni scholarship awarded to a black student.

The paper dolls were a gift from Tom Ham, president of the UCSD Honorary Alumni. The single sheet, mounted on a 6 inch square lacquered board for protection, depicts a Negro paper doll named "Dolly" complete with party and play clothes. The sheet is at least 100 years old and was found by Ham at a black antique show in Chicago several years ago.

Ham said he wanted the paper doll to become the first item in a collection of historical black culture that Deborah hopes to gather.

Deborah, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Richardson, will enter UCSD next fall to major in history. At Lincoln she was a member of two honor clubs and several senior committees. She served as the editor of the school annual, captain of the drill team, secretary of the girls' league and commissioner of elections. In addition, she maintained one of the school's top grade point averages.

She was one of 23 southern California high school seniors to receive UCSD Honorary Alumni scholarship awards.