

## UCSD Alumni Association to honor outstanding students, alums, friends

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### UCSD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO HONOR OUTSTANDING STUDENTS. ALUMS, FRIENDS

Seven outstanding graduating seniors will join five distinguished alumni and associates as recipients of the University of California, San Diego Alumni Association's annual Awards for Excellence during a gala celebration June 14 in UCSD's Price Center Pavilion.

Themed "Bravo...a Noteworthy Affair," the celebration will include classical music performed by the San Diego Young Artists Symphony Orchestra, silent and live auction items, and regional gourmet specialties. Proceeds benefit the UCSD Alumni Association's Merit Scholarship Program.

Winners of the 1997 awards include John Orcutt, Ph.D., 1976, Outstanding Alumnus; David Brin, 1981, Professional Achievement; David Miller, Distinguished Teaching; Lenny Goins, 1973, Distinguished Service to the University, and Kwan So, Honorary Alumnus.

Orcutt, one of the world's leading marine seismologists, is director of the Cecil H. and Ida M. Green Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics based at Scripps Institution of Oceanography. His national and international reputation has been recognized by his receipt of the prestigious Ewing Medal of the American Geophysical Union and the U.S. Navy/Chief of Naval Operations "Chair in Oceanography" which honors distinguished academic ocean science research contributions.

Brin received his doctorate in space physics from UCSD and has gone on to become an enormously successful writer of science fiction. He is the author of 10 novels as well as the short story collections *The River of Times* and *Otherness*. He has won numerous science fiction writing awards, and one of his novels currently is being made into a movie by Warner Brothers starring Kevin Costner.

Highly recommended by his peers for teaching excellence, Miller has had a successful career as a professor of applied mechanics/engineering sciences. He was named this year as a recipient of a Distinguished Teaching Award from the UCSD Academic Senate. As department chair he developed a teaching review system within the department which has enhanced the instruction of thousands of engineering students.

Goins was selected for his exemplary contributions as a dedicated alumnus, giving generously of his time, energy and resources on behalf of the University, the Alumni Association and UCSD students. His skillful and dedicated fund-raising efforts for the Black Alumni Scholarship Committee have raised \$270,000 for scholarships, in addition to two scholarship endowments. He also has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association and currently is a trustee of the UC San Diego Foundation.

Kwan So, president of EVG Enterprises of La Jolla, is being recognized for the service he has given the university as a trustee with the UC San Diego Foundation. He has served on several Foundation committee and is a member of the Dean's Roundtable for the International Relations/Pacific Studies Graduate School. A native

of Hong Kong, he is a dedicated conduit in building academic partnerships between his vast Eastern network and UCSD. In 1991 he and his wife established the Ho Miulam Fellowship at IR/PS.

Five graduating seniors representing the five UCSD colleges, and a male and female athlete, will be selected prior to the Awards for Excellence event and honored for their outstanding academic achievements and service while at UCSD.

The public is welcome to attend, at \$55 per person. Information and reservations may be obtained by calling the Alumni Office at 534-3900.

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