

Leadership alliance holds national diversity conference April 28- May 1

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LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE HOLDS NATIONAL DIVERSITY CONFERENCE APRIL 28-MAY 1

Cross-cultural values, multiracial and racial identify and intercultural communication are among the numerous topics to be addressed at the sixth annual Leadership Alliance national conference on Student Empowerment Strategies for the 21g Century to be held April 28-May 1 at the Doubletree Hotel in Mission Valley.

The University of California, San Diego, is serving as official host for the conference.

More than 500 college and high school students, along with teachers, advisors and administrators from all 50 states will be on hand for the four days of concurrent sessions, a gala awards dinner and a visit to Sea World. The conference is the only one in the U.S. on diversity and race relations that includes a consortium of K-12, higher education, business and industry, and government in sponsorship, planning, development and attendance.

Keynote speakers at the 1999 conference include Maria Root, clinical psychologist from Seattle, Wash., and a leading authority on the developmental and social issues raised by the "biracial baby boom"; Robert C. Dynes, Chancellor of the University of California, San Diego, who will speak on "Charting a Course for Diversity," and Evelyn Hu-DeHart, chair of the Department of Ethnic Studies, University of Colorado at Boulder, who will speak on "Redefining America: The Politics of Multiculturalism."

Diversity scholarship winners from San Diego-area colleges and universities will be honored at the conference gala to be held at 7 p.m. April 30 in the Price Center at the University of California, San Diego. UCSD Chancellor Dynes will host the event.

Conference cosponsors are Chula Vista Elementary School, Grossmont-Cuyamaca College District, National University, Palomar College, Point Loma Nazarene College, San Diego County College District, San County Office of Education, San Diego State University, San Diego Unified School District, San Ysidro School District, Southwestern College, United States International University, University of California, San Diego, and University of San Diego.

The Leadership Alliance is a non-profit, multi-racial, multicultural, multi-ethnic organization founded in 1993 by San Diego educators, business and community leaders to address elementary and higher education issues related to race, gender, ethnicity and diversity.

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