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Former U.S. Representative Clair Burgener is among five persons selected to receive Awards for Excellence from the University of California, San Diego, Alumni Association during a June 17 banquet at the Sheraton Grande Torrey Pines.

Burgener will receive an Honorary Alumnus Award in recognition of his 24 years of public service, including membership on the San Diego City Council, the California State Assembly, the State Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives and the UC Board of Regents.

Other recipients and their awards are:

. Wolfgang Berger, Outstanding Alumnus. Awarded his Ph.D. in 1968 from UCSD's Scripps Institution of Oceanography, he is considered by many as the world's most distinguished paleoceanographer. He was awarded the Balzan Prize in 1993 for his pioneering work in deciphering the geologic history of the oceans and its climatic implications.

. Edwin Hutchins, Professional Achievement Award. His B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. were received from UCSD. While working for the Naval Personnel Research and Development Center he developed artificial intelligence tutoring systems cited internationally as among the best in the field. A founding member of the Department of Cognitive Science at UCSD, he developed the concept of distributed cognition, a widely accepted term in the cognitive science community.

. John Wixted, Distinguished Teaching. A 1981 graduate of UCSD, Wixted is a universally respected member of the Psychology Department. He receives rave reviews for his teaching of large undergraduate courses, major graduate seminars and team-taught graduate seminars.

. Peter Preuss, Distinguished Service. Preuss, who received his M.A. from UCSD, will be recognized for his contributions to the Alumni Association, UCSD CONNECT and the UCSD Cancer Center Foundation. Completing his second year as UC Alumni Regent, the local entrepreneur has been actively involved in committee work including hospital governance and the national labs.

Bernie Farrow, executive director of the UCSD Alumni Relations Office, said that awards also will be made to seven outstanding graduating students.

Margaret Radford, KNSD-TV news anchor, will serve as keynote speaker. Fred Lewis, host of a new television series on "The Heart of San Diego," will officiate as master of ceremonies.

The dinner and awards program will begin at 6 p.m. with a silent auction. Cost is \$50 per person and the event is open to the public. Additional information may be obtained by calling the Alumni Office, 534-3900.

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