

Hispanic Leaders To Be Recognized At April 29 “Fiesta de las Estrellas”

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Five Hispanic leaders who have made significant contributions to the community will be honored at the UCSD Hispanic Scholarship Council's seventh annual *Fiesta de las Estrellas*, or "Celebration of the Stars," at 5:30 p.m., April 29 in the Price Center Ballroom at the University of California, San Diego.

This year's award honorees and areas they represent include Bomberos de San Diego (San Diego Firefighters) - Excellence in a Latino Association; Norma Diaz, CEO of Community Health Group - Excellence in Medicine; Patricia Garcia '82, San Diego Superior Court Judge - Alumni Excellence; Raymond Uzeta, President and CEO of the Chicano Federation - Excellence in Community Service; and William Virches, Director of Visual and Performing Arts, Sweetwater Union High School District - Excellence in Art.

"*Fiesta de las Estrellas* is an excellent way for the university to recognize the achievements of outstanding community leaders," said Joseph Watson, vice chancellor, Student Affairs, "Our hope is that the successes of our honorees will inspire UCSD's future generation of leaders to strive for greatness."

The UCSD Hispanic Scholarship Council established *Fiesta* in 1998 as a means to raise scholarship funds for students at UCSD. Scholarships, which are open to students from all ethnic and racial backgrounds, are awarded on the basis of academic achievement, financial need, and community involvement, and are targeted to students who represent the first generation in their family to attend college. Since it began, *Fiesta* has raised nearly \$300,000 for 42 undergraduate multi-year scholarships at UCSD.

Corporate sponsors for *Fiesta* include Union Bank of California as presenting sponsor; Anheuser-Busch; BAE SYSTEMS; Bank of America; The Chicano Federation; Community Health Group; Darden Restaurants; Educaid/Wachovia Bank; Cristina Flores, M.D.; Household; Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps LLP; Strathmore & Kinghorn; Morgan Stanley; QUALCOMM Incorporated; San Diego National Bank; San Ysidro Health Center; Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC); Univision KBNT; Sempra Energy; UCSD Office of the Chancellor/Health Sciences; UCSD Student Affairs; and USE Credit Union. Co-chairs for the event are Yolanda Leyva and Michael Perez, Esq.

For more information visit <http://www-er.ucsd.edu/studentaffairs/fiestamain.htm>.

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