

Alums of UCSD's Pac Rim School to celebrate 10th anniversary

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More than 150 alumni of the 10-year old Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, the University of California, San Diego's Pacific Rim school (known also as IR/PS), will get together this weekend to celebrate the school's 10th anniversary year.

The weekend-long celebration will include a Saturday panel discussion on various public policy topics by IR/PS faculty -ranging from NAFTA and economic integration to the global telecom industry -- and an evening keynote address by U.S. Attorney Alan Bersin at the UCSD Faculty Club.

Also planned by the alumni public service committee are a series of half-day volunteer clean-up and maintenance efforts at the Torrey Pines State Reserve, St. Vincent's de Paul Homeless Shelter, and the Tijuana River Estuary. These activities will occur Sunday from 9 a.m.-12 noon.

One of the more unusual events organized by IR/PS alumni is called "IR/PS Speaks Out." Alums will meet for several hours on Sunday to discuss and produce a treatise on the merits of internationalism vs. isolationism. The final product will be delivered to all California elected-office seekers in the November election, and will also be presented to the presidential candidates at the October 16 debate scheduled to take place at the University of San Diego.

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