

UCSD Ranks High In Nation With Undergraduate And Graduate Students Placed As Peace Corps Volunteers

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The University of California, San Diego ranks 24th nationally among large universities (15,000-plus students) in the number of Peace Corps volunteers placed over the past year. Currently, 45 Peace Corps volunteers on assignment obtained their undergraduate degrees at UCSD and an additional six volunteers completed their graduate degrees at UCSD.

The campus ranks first in the Southern California/Arizona region in the number of students nominated for Peace Corps service.

"Although there are many avenues UC San Diego graduates may take upon graduation, it is reassuring to know that so many choose to promote world peace by volunteering to be ambassadors of the U.S. through the Peace Corps," says Andrew Ceperley, director of UCSD Career Services.

Housed at the Career Services Center, the UCSD Peace Corps recruiting office served 1,531 interested students during the October 2005 to June 2006 recruiting period. Activities included information sessions, career fairs, panel presentations, and individual appointments.

The UCSD Peace Corps recruiter is Diana Gomez, a returned volunteer who is in touch with UCSD students who have recently been nominated, are currently serving, or have returned from service abroad.

For further information on UCSD's Peace Corps program and volunteers, contact Julie Sammons at the UCSD Career Services Center, (858) 534-0147.

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