

Qualcomm CEO Irwin Jacobs deliver 1999 commencement address

June 12, 1999

Media Contact: Pat JaCoby, (619) 534-7404 or pjacoby@ucsd.edu

QUALCOMM CEO IRWIN JACOBS DELIVERS 1999 COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS AT UCSD

Irwin Jacobs, founder and CEO of international communications firm Qualcomm Inc., delivered the 1999 commencement address, Education and Entrepreneurship in a Rapidly Changing World, at the University of California, San Diego all-campus graduation ceremony today on the RIMAC Field.

Approximately 3,500 graduates were among the audience of some 7,000 who heard Jacobs share his insight into the future work world.

A former professor of computer science and engineering at UCSD, Jacobs has led Qualcomm through a period of rapid growth to over 10,000 employees with international activities in digital wireless telephone and mobile satellite communications and internet software. In 1998 Jacobs and his wife, Joan, made a gift of \$15 million to support UCSD's school of engineering, which was named the Irwin and Joan Jacobs School of Engineering in recognition of their generosity.

The commencement program also included welcoming remarks by UCSD Chancellor Robert Dynes, greetings from UC Regents Chair John Davies and UCSD Academic Senate Chair John Goodkind, and remarks by Joe Leventhal, president of Associated Students.

Jazz numbers by the Jason Robinson Sextet preceded the ceremony, and the UCSD Gospel Choir, led by Ken Anderson, sang America the Beautiful and Count on Me during the program. Jason Robinson is a UCSD Department of Music graduate student. Others in the sextet include Michael Dessen, also a UCSD graduate student; Mike Wofford, internationally famous jazz musician; and Gilbert Castellanos, Rob Thorsen and Brett Sanders, local jazz musicians.

Undergraduate degrees were conferred from the stage by the college provosts: Cecil Lytle, Thurgood Marshall College; Pat Ledden, Muir College; Ann Craig, Eleanor Roosevelt College; Tom Bond, Revelle College, and David K. Jordan, Warren College.

Graduate degrees were conferred by Dean Richard Attiyeh, Graduate Studies, and Dean Peter Timmer, International Relations and Pacific Studies.

Following the all-campus commencement, individual ceremonies were scheduled by the colleges. These include:

1 p.m. today, Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies in Robinson Plaza. U.S. Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson* will be guest speaker. (*See enclosed information.)

1:30 p.m. today, Muir College on the RIMAC Field. Student speakers.

1:30 p.m. today, Eleanor Roosevelt College in the RIMAC Arena. Mark Gearan,* Peace Corps director, will be guest speaker. (*See enclosed information.)

2 p.m. today, Thurgood Marshall College on the Thurgood Marshall Field. UC Regent Peter Preuss will be guest speaker.

9 a.m. tomorrow, Earl Warren College on the Thurgood Marshall Field. Student speakers.

12 noon tomorrow, Graduate Division in the Price Center Ballroom.

2 p.m. tomorrow, Revelle College on the Thurgood Marshall Field. UCSD philosophy professor Philip S. Kitcher will be guest speaker.

(June 12, 1999)