

UCSD's Third College Lecture Hall to be named for former Provost Faustina Solis

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UCSD THIRD COLLEGE LECTURE HALL TO BE NAMED FOR FORMER PROVOST

The University of California Board of Regents voted today to name the UCSD Third College Lecture Hall Faustina Solis Lecture Hall, for former Third College Provost and Assistant Chancellor Faustina Solis.

Solis, who served as Provost of Third College from 1981 to 1988, also accepted the additional responsibilities of Assistant Chancellor for Affirmative Action while acting as Provost. Recognized as an innovator and leader in the community health care field, Solis resigned from both positions in 1988 to return to her teaching position in UCSD's Department of Community and Family Medicine. She retired from UCSD in June 1989.

Solis joined the Department of Community and Family Medicine at UCSD's School of Medicine in 1971. In 1976, she took a leave of absence to serve as deputy director of the Public Health Division of the State of California Health Department. After two years with the State, she resumed teaching at UCSD.

Prior to her service with UCSD, Solis worked as a consultant and subsequently as the director for the State of California Department of Public Health's Farm Workers' Health Service. While serving as director, Solis initiated an innovative program to address the health needs of migratory workers. The program was later emulated by many other states. As a professor of UCSD's Department of Community and Family Medicine, Solis was the project director for a Department of Health, Education and Welfare program where she designed a health care system to meet the needs of the under served border community of San Ysidro.

In addition to her meaningful contributions to the community health care system, Solis, who received degrees from both UCLA and the University of Southern California, has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors. In 1965, she was named the Outstanding Mexican-American Woman in California, and in 1989, she received the first National Award for contributions to Latino leadership from the National Hispanic Women's Association.

In 1966, Solis was presented with the Ethel H. Wise Special Merit Award by the Columbia University School of Social Work, and also received the Phoebe Epperson Award in 1971 as one of the ten outstanding women in the San Francisco Bay area. Her other honors include: a 1974 Distinguished Alumna Award from the University of Southern California; an award from the Mexican-American Business and Professional association in 1988 for her contributions to education; and special recognition and commendation awards in 1978 from the State of California Health and Welfare Agency and the State Legislature respectively.

The Third College Lecture Hall's classrooms, devoted to general academic programs, are used for teaching purposes by a variety of UCSD departments. With 7,375 assignable square feet of space, the Hall also includes a small area used as an instructional computing center.

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