

## **UCSD Alumni Association to hold annual awards for excellence dinner June 12**

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One of the nation's top literary agents and the star of a popular television sitcom will be among honorees at the UCSD Alumni Association's "Awards for Excellence" dinner June 12 in the Price Center Ballroom at the University of California, San Diego.

Sandra Dijkstra, who received a doctorate in French literature from UCSD in 1976, and now works as a nationally-recognized literary agent from her Del Mar home, will be recognized as "Alumna of the Year." Representing a highly successful roster of clients, Dijkstra has made her mark bringing to prominence talented, unknown authors. Among these are international bestselling novelist Amy Tan, author of *The Joy Luck Club* and *The Kitchen God's Wife*; Pulitzer prize-winning journalist Susan Faludi, author of the best selling *Backlash: The Undeclared War Against American Women*; and Le Ly Hayslip whose memoir, *When Heaven and Earth Changed Places*, will be released in film by Oliver Stone next year.

The Professional Achievement Award will be presented to James Avery, a Third College alumnus and star of the popular NBC television show, *Fresh Prince of Bel Air*. He has received two Emmy nominations for Best Comedy Actor, and has performed in theaters throughout the world, including the La Jolla Playhouse and the Old Globe Theatre locally. He has appeared on *L.A. Law*, *Jake and the Fat Man*, *Beauty and the Beast* and numerous other TV and film productions.

Professor Philip Kitcher, Ph.D., a member of the UCSD philosophy department since 1986, has been selected to receive the Distinguished Teaching Award. Kitcher is a philosopher of science who brought to UCSD its first nonscience training grant for graduate students, funded by the National Science Foundation. Regarded as one of the finest teachers at UCSD at every level of the curriculum, he is also admired by students.

The Honorary Alumnus Award will be presented to Ernie Mort, dean of UCSD's Revelle College. Mort has played a central role in the lives of students, alumni, parents, faculty and staff during the last 27 years.

For information and reservations call the Alumni Relations Office, 534-3900.

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