

## UCSD International Center honors eight Volunteers of the Year

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Eight outstanding 1996 Volunteers of the Year were singled out for their varied contributions to the University of California, San Diego International Center at the center's annual awards dinner this summer.

UCSD Chancellor Robert C. Dynes presented the Chancellor's International Center Volunteer Award certificates to:

Madeleine Rast of Del Mar, who received the Friends' Member of the Year Award. She was recognized for her behind-the-scenes work that "keeps everything running smoothly at the International Center," and specifically for her contribution to the new Friends' brochure.

Tazuko Usami of the Golden Triangle area, New Volunteer of the Year. Usami volunteers at numerous Friends' functions, helps teach crafts classes, and is a leader among Japanese women at the International Center.

Dorothy Gish of Encinitas, named Tutor of the Year. Gish's tutoring sessions are structured lessons which focus on sharing cultures, and she is always available if a pupil has a problem. She says she enjoys tutoring because she "enjoys giving."

Silvia Rath of the Golden Triangle area, Host Family Program Volunteer of the Year. Rath has volunteered at UCSD for more than 20 years. She serves as Host Family Program "field correspondent," gathering information on the latest news related to host families for the Friends' newsletter.

George and Carol Hahn of Cardiff, who have hosted 10 to 20 foreign scholars and students each year for the past six years, named Host Family of the Year. The Hahns make a special effort to maintain contact with the students throughout their stay at UCSD and upon their return home.

Erin Bostick, Study Abroad Returnee of the Year. Bostick spent a year on the Education Abroad Program in Santiago, Chile. Upon her return she suggestion creation of an exhibit about all countries and educational opportunities in Latin America, eagerly sharing her travel collectibles and experiences to entice others to study in South America.

Wing Lam, an exchange student from the Chinese University of Hong Kong, named International Club Member of the Year. She participated in all of the club's major events and enthusiastically volunteered for special, creative projects whenever needed.

The International Cafe Weekly Volunteers, honored as the Organization of the Year, for their continuous and reliable work in seeing that the International Center Cafe's Friday luncheons ran smoothly and efficiently. The luncheons are an integral part of the Center's efforts to integrate international and American students, scholars, faculty, staff, and community members.

International Center Director Mary Dhooge originated the volunteer awards in 1984 with the help of a grant from the UCSD Chancellor's Associates. More than 800 volunteers contribute time to the various activities of the International Center.

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