

UCSD Commencement held by various colleges at UCSD

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Four separate commencement ceremonies honoring graduates from four colleges and from graduate studies will be held Sunday, June 19, at the University of California, San Diego.

The commencement, the 11th for the San Diego campus, will honor some 1,500 undergraduate and graduate students who are eligible for degrees. UC San Diego's first formal commencement, held in 1967, honored a total of 126 Revelle College seniors in a single ceremony on Urey Hall Plaza. Prior to that the campus had awarded masters' degrees and doctoral degrees for some five years at "receptions" without caps and gowns.

In 1973 the colleges voted to hold separate ceremonies in order to focus more attention on the students. John Muir College, the second college established on the San Diego campus, will honor its 10th class during this year's graduation. Muir College, originally known as The Second College, accepted its first students in the fall of 1967.

The UC San Diego School of Medicine held its graduation ceremonies Sunday, June 5. A total of 59 new medical doctors received their degrees in ceremonies in front of the Basic Science Building.

The Third College will lead off the commencement series on the 19th with ceremonies set for 10 a.m. on the grassy lot west of the residence halls on the new Third College campus. California State Assemblyman Richard Alatorre, Democrat from East Los Angeles, will be the main speaker. Two students, Pamela Edwards, a sociology major, and Rebecca Santillan, a communications major, have been chosen as student speakers.

The UCSD Gospel Choir will entertain prior to the ceremony and seniors, Patricia Whitlock, a history major, and Susan Denaker, a drama major, will sing musical selections during the ceremony.

About 225 graduates are eligible to take part in the ceremony. As has become tradition for Third College, the graduates will be accompanied by members of their family as they march across the stage to shake hands with Provost Joseph Watson and other college officials. A reception for graduates and friends will follow the ceremony in the college cafeteria area.

Fourth College will hold ceremonies for some 80 graduates beginning at 10:30 a.m. on the outdoor patio of the Central University Library. Commencement speakers will include Dr. Paul Saltman, vice chancellor - academic affairs, and three Fourth College seniors: Joel Balbien, an economics major; Scott French, a biology major, and Alec Nedelman, a political science major.

Fourth College, in only its third year of operation, will present an Alumni & Friends Award, a Provost's Scholarship Award and a Provost's Service Award during the ceremony. A reception for graduates and friends will follow the ceremony on the south balcony of the library.

Some 600 graduates are eligible to take part in the John Muir College graduation ceremonies scheduled for 11 a.m. in the Muir courtyard. As has become a tradition with the college, the processional will be led by bagpipers under the direction of pipe master John H. Rosenberger. A musical selection titled "Tables IV" will be presented by Cecil Lytle, assistant professor of music, who wrote the piece in honor of the college's 10th year. The commencement address will be given by senior Paul Cohen, a Muir special project major.

The presentation of several student and faculty awards will be made by Muir Provost John Stewart who will also give a closing following the presentation of degrees. A reception for the Muir graduates and friends will follow the ceremony in the Muir courtyard.

Revelle College and graduate studies will hold joint ceremonies beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Revelle Plaza. Author and lecturer Frank Mankiewicz, who served as press secretary to Robert Kennedy and as national political director for George McGovern's 1972 presidential campaign, will give the commencement address. Dr. June Tapp, who was named as provost of Revelle College last July, will give introductory remarks and will present special awards and excellence in teaching awards with Saltman preceding the awarding of degrees.

Graduate degrees will be presented by San Diego Chancellor Dr. William McElroy and by Dr. Manuel Rotenberg, dean of graduate studies and research. Undergraduate degrees will be presented by Provost Tapp and Vice Chancellor Saltman. Two Revelle College seniors, Camille Dragun, a biology major, and Dirk Slaker, an individual major in neurobiology, have been chosen to give the concluding remarks.

As in past years, Revelle College will hold a reception for graduates, family and friends before the ceremony in the Revelle cafeteria. Graduate studies will honor its new degree holders following the ceremony in a reception on the lawn south of the Humanities-Library Building on the Revelle campus.

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