

Faustina Solis and Delia Talamantez receive Mexican American Business & Professional Association's community service awards

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TWO UCSD EMPLOYEES RECEIVE MEXICAN AMERICAN BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Two University of California, San Diego employees were recipients of the Mexican American Business & Professional Association's community service awards at the Association's first Community Service Recognition Awards ceremony November 18, 1987, at Tiajuana Tilly's Restaurant in Mission Valley.

Faustina Solis, UCSD assistant chancellor and provost, received a community service award for her efforts on behalf of the Hispanic community in the field of education. Solis was named Provost of Third College at UCSD in 1982 and oversees the educational programs of approximately 3,000 students enrolled in that college. Third College is dedicated to the establishment of a multiracial, multicultural campus community.

In 1984 Solis was appointed to the additional position of assistant chancellor, with particular concern for affirmative action matters on the UCSD campus. Prior to her appointment as provost, Solis served as an associate professor in the Department of Community and Family Medicine at the UCSD School of Medicine and as a member of the Third College faculty where she taught in the college's urban and rural studies program. She joined the UCSD faculty in 1971 after helping to coordinate the Farm Workers' Health Service Program with the State Department of Health from 1967 to 1971.

Delia Talamantez, assistant director for staff affirmative action and conflict of interest at UCSD, will also receive an award by the Association for her work in social services on behalf of the Hispanic community. Talamantez serves on the Citizens' Advisory Board on Police/Community Relations, the Hispanic Advisory Committee to Supervisor Susan Golding and the City of San Diego-Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Committee to name a few.

In her position as assistant director, Talamantez develops, coordinates and implements policies and programs that impact campus in the areas of staff affirmative action and conflict of interest.

In bestowing the awards, Gil Contreras, president of the Mexican-American Business & Professional Association said, "We felt it was time to publicly recognize these distinguished women, who have accomplished a great deal for our community, for their efforts on our behalf."

Art Goodman, president of the Certified Development Corporation, also received an award for his assistance in economic development in the Hispanic community.

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