

## UCSD Commencement ceremonies to be held June 9, 15 and 16

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Approximately 3,381 students from five undergraduate colleges, two graduate schools and the Division of Graduate Studies and Research at the University of California, San Diego will receive diplomas in ceremonies to be held June 9, 15 and 16 at varied campus locations.

More than 25,000 relatives and friends of the graduates are expected to attend the June rites.

Five undergraduate colleges--Eleanor Roosevelt, Muir, Revelle, Thurgood Marshall and Warren--will confer approximately 3,025 degrees. In addition to the undergraduate ceremonies, the Division of Graduate Studies and Research will issue degrees to 150 graduates; the School of Medicine will grant 116 degrees and the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS) will bestow another 90 degrees.

UCSD Chancellor Marjorie Caserio noted that the education the graduates have received will serve them well through the coming years. "Our students are entering a fast-paced world that is filled with opportunity and difficulty; they have a foundation from which to meet the challenge of rapid change and sustain productive roles in an increasingly complex society," she said.

### The School of Medicine

The UCSD School of Medicine will hold the first of UCSD's eight commencement ceremonies at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 9, on the lawn west of the Biomedical Library, at the corner of Gilman Drive and Osler Lane. A total 116 graduates will receive their medical degrees before an anticipated audience of 1,800 guests.

Commencement speaker will be Henry W. Foster Jr., M.D., professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Meharry Medical College and a recent candidate for Surgeon General of the U.S. In January, 1996, he was appointed by President Bill Clinton as Senior Advisor on Teen Pregnancy and Youth Issues. In this capacity he also serves as consultant to the Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

He will discuss "Health Care for the Coming Millennium."

### Muir College

The four ceremonies slated for June 15 will begin at 9 a.m. when 700 graduates of Muir College will receive their diplomas on the Thurgood Marshall Playing Field. The student speakers will be graduating seniors Piotr Reysner, Marilyn Bourg, Aaron Molho and Mark Novom. Each will offer a different perspective on life as a Muir student. A special feature will be presentation of the 1995-96 Presidential Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research to Muir graduate Chuck Chuong Nguyen by Provost Patrick Ledden. An audience of 6,500 is expected.

### Graduate School of International Relations/Pacific Studies

Cesar Gaviria, secretary general of the Organization of American States and ex-President of Colombia, will be the guest speaker at 11 a.m. commencement ceremonies in the Robinson Building Plaza. Diplomas will be awarded to 90 graduates.

During Gaviria's term as president of Colombia (1990-94), he promoted and brought sweeping institutional, political, economic and social change to his country. During his tenure, the world's largest terrorist drug trafficking organization--the Medellin Cartel--was dismantled and its ringleader, Pablo Escobar, was killed during a police operation.

His commencement speech will center on international relations. A reception in the Robinson Plaza will follow the graduation, expected to be attended by 500 guests.

#### Thurgood Marshall College

Ceremonies for 650 graduates of Thurgood Marshall College will be held at 2 p.m. June 15 on the Thurgood Marshall Playing Field. Edward Reynolds, UCSD professor of history and director of the Education Program/London, will be the commencement speaker.

#### Eleanor Roosevelt College

The last of the June 15 ceremonies is scheduled at 4 p.m. when 375 Eleanor Roosevelt College scholars will receive diplomas before an estimated 4,000 families and friends in the main arena of the Recreation\Intramural\Athletic and Event Complex (RIMAC).

Commencement speaker will be Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, who represents the District of Columbia. Now serving a third term in the House of Representatives, her most recent achievements include obtaining senatorial courtesy from President Clinton allowing her to recommend federal District Court judges, and a bill to prevent the transfer of handguns and ammunition to minors.

Congresswoman Norton is a tenured professor of law at Georgetown University and came to Congress as a national figure. She chaired the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under President Jimmy Carter, was named one of the 100 most important American women and one of the most powerful women in Washington. She has long been a nationally recognized commentator, writer, and civil rights and women's rights leader.

#### Earl Warren College

The three ceremonies slated for June 16 will begin at 9 a.m. when 650 graduates of Warren College receive their diplomas in ceremonies on the Thurgood Marshall Playing Field. Student speakers will give the commencement addresses before some 5,000 families and friends.

#### Division of Graduate Studies and Research

Featured speaker at a 12 noon ceremony on June 16 in the Price Center Ballroom will be Wayne Cornelius, the Gildred Professor of U.S.-Mexican Relations, professor of Political Science, and Research Director of the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies at UCSD.

His topic will be immigration, how it will shape the personal and professional environment of degree recipients, and the role that can and should be played by highly trained researchers in shaping public and governmental responses to future immigration.

Considered to be the top expert in the country on Mexican immigration to the U.S, he has directed numerous research projects on Mexican immigrants to California and the U.S., and their impact on social, health, education and welfare programs.

One hundred and fifty men and women will receive their graduate degrees before an estimated 1,500 guests.

Revelle College

Last of the eight graduation ceremonies at UCSD will be held at 2:30 p.m. June 16 on the Thurgood Marshall Field by Revelle College, where 650 students will receive their diplomas before 5,000 family members and friends.

Wm. Arctander O'Brien (cq.), UCSD professor of German and Comparative Literature, will give the commencement address on "Outside, Reading" (cq.) before an estimated 5,000 guests.

A highlight of the ceremony will be presentation of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research to Thomas Levy, professor of Anthropology. The award is made annually on each of the eight general UC campuses to a faculty member with a distinguished record of mentoring undergraduates in research.

Editor's Note: For additional awards information or contacts for the colleges and graduate divisions, you may contact Joyce Felder, School of Medicine, 534-1393; Rene Barnett, Revelle College, 534-1578; Trudy Ladue, Muir College, 534-3583; Pat Hansen, Thurgood Marshall, 534-4002; Janet Haley, Warren College, 534-1720; David Mathieu, Eleanor Roosevelt, 534-2237; Indra Perez, Graduate Division, 534-3436, and Brian Daly, 534-1985, IR/PS.

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