

Marye Anne Fox Is Installed As UCSD Chancellor During Inauguration Rites Today At RIMAC Arena

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"*Together we can, indeed, achieve the extraordinary*" proclaimed University of California, San Diego Chancellor Marye Anne Fox at the conclusion of her inaugural address today in RIMAC Arena during which she defined her vision and goals for the university.

Citing the innovative, interdisciplinary and international cornerstones of her tenure, Fox pledged to extend scholarship to include an international reach, to define new ways to collaborate with the private sector, to lead the campus in continuing to identify and recruit the best talents, and to encourage faculty to adopt completely new, highly imaginative means of learning and collaboration "that do not now exist."

"We will always look to the future," she said, "following the advice of National Hockey League star Wayne Gretzky, who wisely advised his teammates to 'skate to where the puck is going to be, not where it is at the moment.'"

The 10 a.m. March 3 ceremony investing Fox, 57, who took office in August, 2004 as UCSD's seventh chancellor, was the centerpiece of a daylong series of events which included a complimentary "All-UCSD" noon buffet luncheon on RIMAC Field.

Vivid blue and gold banners proclaiming the day's theme, *Together We Achieve the Extraordinary*, marked the concourse entry to the event, and each guest was presented a blue and gold pennant as they proceeded into the Arena.

This sea of gold and blue in the audience greeted the platform party as they entered in their academic regalia, in which hoods of red, turquoise, maroon, gray, orange and other shades accented their black robes and indicated the field of study and university which conferred their degrees.

The 70-member platform party included inaugural speakers, Regents, former Regents, officers of the Regents, former UCSD presidents and vice presidents, laboratory directors, chancellors, former UCSD chancellors and vice chancellors, deans and provosts, inaugural marshals and select others.

Others in the academic procession included delegates representing institutions of higher learning, learned societies, educational organizations and UC faculty.

Ellen Revelle, widow of Roger Revelle, "founding father" of UCSD, served as honorary chair.

Ralph Cicerone, chancellor of the University of California, Irvine, and recently elected 21st president of the National Academy of Sciences, gave the inaugural address.

In officially welcoming guests, Gerald Parsky, chairman of the Board of Regents, noted that "from its earliest days, California has been at the frontier, and the San Diego campus embodies that pioneering spirit-striving for new ways to understand the world and to make a unique place in it.

"The investiture of a new chancellor is a landmark event in the life of a campus," he continued, "and in the life of the people that the university serves. UCSD has been blessed with great chancellors, including its last two, Richard Atkinson and Bob Dynes, who have gone on to guide the entire UC system. I know that Marye Anne Fox will be an equally distinguished leader, who will continue UCSD's traditions and pioneering spirit."

Representatives of UCSD's students, faculty, staff, alumni, community, sister institutions and Regents offered warm words of greeting to Chancellor Fox, praising her gifts as a scholar, teacher and leader.

The representatives included Jenn Pae, president of UCSD Associated Students; Kristopher Kohler, president, UCSD Graduate Student Association; Henry DeVries, president, UCSD Alumni Association Board; Jacque Fowler, chair, UCSD Staff Association; Donald Tuzin, chair, San Diego Division of the Academic Senate; Steven Weber, president, San Diego State University, and Jerome Katzin, UC San Diego Foundation.

In formally investing Chancellor Fox, University of California President Robert C. Dynes said that "as I have traveled the country and the world, I have been confronted many times by people who have been absolutely amazed by UCSD's rapid rise to international academic distinction. How, they ask me, has UCSD become such a highly respected center of learning in such a short period of time?

"The real answer," he said, "is great people-outstanding faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends-coupled with a great relationship between the campus and the community."

Chancellor Fox spoke briefly during the "All-UCSD" luncheon on RIMAC Field and received gifts from representatives of UCSD student and staff organizations.

The inauguration events continued at 4:30 p.m. when Alfred Knudson Jr., M.D., Ph.D., gave the 2005 Kyoto Laureate Symposium basic sciences address in the Price Center Theatre. A noted geneticist, Knudson's research provided the momentum for dramatic progress in the study of cancer genetics.

Fox, a nationally known chemist and academic leader, was named as UCSD chancellor in April, 2004, by the UC Board of Regents. She previously was chancellor and distinguished university professor of chemistry at North Carolina State University, a post she held since 1998. Before going to North Carolina, Fox spent 22 years at the University of Texas, where she advanced from assistant professor of organic chemistry to vice president for research and held the Waggoner Regents Chair in chemistry.

Fox earned a bachelor's degree in science from Notre Dame College, a master's degree in science from Cleveland State University, and a Ph.D. from Dartmouth College. She has held more than 50 endowed lectureships at universities around the world and received numerous awards, including the Charles Lathrop Parsons Award for 2005 from the American Chemical Society in recognition of outstanding public service.

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