

Media Advisory

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EVENT: First day of fall quarter at University of California, San Diego.

DATE/TIME: Noon to 1 p.m., Monday, September 20, 2004.

LOCATION: Ridge Walk, outside RIMAC (Recreation and Intramural Athletic Complex). Press parking is available in Lot 354, on Hopkins Lane, in front of the Supercomputer. Walk up drive to Ridge Walk. (See map attached.)

BACKGROUND: A record 25,580 students will begin the fall quarter Monday at the University of California, San Diego. Many will be greeted on Ridge Walk by new UCSD Chancellor Marye Anne Fox and Joseph Watson, vice chancellor of Student Affairs, who will hand out cookies following their meetings in RIMAC with freshmen and transfer students. The cookie greeting is a tradition started by former UCSD chancellor and current UC president Robert Dynes.

This year's total 25,580 students includes an estimated 3,900 freshmen and 1,400 new transfer students, 3,500 graduate students, 1,350 School of Medicine students and 110 in the School of Pharmacy.

The academic credentials of the freshmen class remain strong, with an average high school GPA of 3.96 and a SAT 1 score above 1240.

Fox, a nationally known chemist and academic leader, was formerly Chancellor of North Carolina State University. She began her new duties at UCSD on Aug. 16.

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