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### PROJECTS

Location of instructional and research facilities, as well as necessary campus support facilities, such as housing and parking, is directed by UCSD’s Long Range Development Plan (LRDP), which is prepared in response to campus enrollment and population projections. Available on the Physical and Community Planning website at [http://physicalplanning.ucsd.edu/projects/index.html](http://physicalplanning.ucsd.edu/projects/index.html) is the Capital Improvements Status Map which is an interactive map where each project link leads to a detailed project information sheet.

**MARINE ECOSYSTEM SENSING, OBSERVATION AND MODELING LABORATORY (MESOM)**

The grand opening of the MESOM building is scheduled for June 14th, 2013. The proposed 40,100 GSF building consists of a three-story facility, approximately 10,000 feet of laboratory space and 30,000 feet of office, conference, and support space. The laboratory will provide space for research and education in marine ecosystems, climate variability and change, and marine ecosystem forecasting at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

### NEWS

**UCSD COMMUNITY PLANNING NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE INFORMATION**

The newsletter, together with project information sheets and an interactive map of campus projects is available on the UCSD Physical and Community Planning website at [http://physicalplanning.ucsd.edu](http://physicalplanning.ucsd.edu) Visit the website to learn more about campus development with accompanying information on specific projects.

**UCSD NEWS**

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**UC SAN DIEGO TO CONFER 8,085 DIPLOMAS AT 2013 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES**

Celebrated speakers of the University of California, San Diego’s commencement series, including comedian Lewis Black, San Diego City Council member Sherri Lightner, former White House doctor Connie Mariano and former president of the 10 campus University of California system Richard Atkinson, will give the keynote address to 8,085 graduating students this June. The majority of UC San Diego’s 11 commencement ceremonies will take place June 14-16, preceded by the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences May 18 and the School of Medicine’s June 2 graduation.

“This is a very exciting and inspiring time as our graduates begin new chapters in their lives,” said Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla.

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“I am extremely proud of our new alumni for their hard work and achievements across multiple disciplines. They will undoubtedly go on to be trailblazers in their fields, and they will carry on UC San Diego’s legacy of innovation.”

UC San Diego’s commencement weekend will kick off with the university’s seventh annual All Campus Graduation Celebration at 5 p.m., Friday, June 14. The event is open to graduating undergraduate and graduate students and alumni of UC San Diego. The all-campus event will feature a dinner, fireworks show and keynote speech from university alumnus Robert Buckley, an actor who has appeared on the CW’s “One Tree Hill” and in NBC’s “Lipstick Jungle.”

The first of three ceremonies scheduled for Saturday, June 15 will be held by Thurgood Marshall College at 8 a.m. on RIMAC Field. Some 1,200 graduates and 11,000 guests will gather to hear the commencement speech from Lewis Black, the famed stand-up comic, social critic and guest commentator on “The Daily Show with Jon Stewart” since 1996. This is his first university commencement address. “We (comics) act as a filter,” Black said. “I think, after you’ve been bombarded all day, we help you sit back and at least laugh about it for a minute.”

A total of 500 students receiving Ph.Ds. and 1,125 students receiving their master’s degrees will graduate this year. These students and about 2,500 guests will gather at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 15 at the RIMAC Arena for the Office of Graduate Studies commencement ceremony. The keynote speaker is alumna Sherri Lightner, who has served on the San Diego City Council since 2008. Lightner graduated from UC San Diego with bachelor’s degrees in both mathematics and sociology and later with a master’s degree in applied mechanics and engineering sciences.

Sixth College alumnus Sev Ohanian will deliver the keynote speech at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 15 for the 929 Sixth College graduating students and more than 2,000 guests. Ohanian is a filmmaker who served as producer and cinematographer on the 2008 film “My Big Fat Armenian Family” and the 2013 film “Fruitville Station,” which won the Grand Jury Prize and Audience Award at the 2013 Sundance Film Festival.

John Muir College’s ceremony will be held at 5 p.m., June 15 on RIMAC Field. Some 1,200 graduating students and about 10,000 guests will hear keynote speaker Elizabeth Elena Garcia, a graduating senior who will give a speech entitled “Learning to be who we are and love what we do.”

Leading off the commencement ceremonies slated for Sunday, June 16 is Earl Warren College at 8 a.m. with 925 graduates and more than 10,000 guests on RIMAC Field.

The School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS) will honor 120 Master of Pacific International Affairs (MPIA), 29 Master of Advanced Studies in International Affairs (MAS-IA) and six Master of International Affairs (MIA) graduates at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, June 16 at RIMAC Arena. The graduating students and more than 800 guests will gather to listen to Bowman Cutter, a senior fellow and director of the Next American Economy Project at the Roosevelt Institute. Cutter held senior economic policy roles during the Clinton and Carter presidencies, and served as leader of the transition team for the Office of Management and Budget following the election of President Barack Obama. Cutter is currently the chairman of the board of CARE, a global development organization, and chairman of the board of Resources for the Future, one of the largest energy and environmental research institutes in the world.

UC San Diego graduating senior Arvin Wali will give the graduation address to 846 graduating students from Revelle College and some 1,700 guests at 1 p.m., June 16 on RIMAC Field. Wali is a senior economics major who also is earning a minor in humanities. He is a former resident advisor, orientation leader, welcome week ambassador and humanities teaching assistant. In addition, Wali is a member of the UCSD Medical Scholars Program and will be starting medical school at UC San Diego in the fall.

On Sunday, June 16, Eleanor Roosevelt College will hold its ceremony with 905 graduates. Graduating senior Jacob Emge will serve as speaker; Emge is receiving a degree in human biology and in the fall, he will be returning to UC San Diego to complete his master’s thesis in the lab of Kim Barrett, UC San Diego’s dean of Graduate Studies and professor in the UC San Diego School of Medicine’s Division of Gastroenterology. The Eleanor Roosevelt College ceremony will take place at 5 p.m., Sunday, June 16 on RIMAC field.

Winding up UC San Diego’s commencement series will be Richard Atkinson, former president of the 10 campus University of California system and chancellor at the University of California, San Diego from 1980-1995. Atkinson will speak at 11 a.m., June 22 at the Rady School lawn to 600 guests and 110 graduates of the Rady School of Management.

For more information on UC San Diego’s commencement ceremonies, go to: http://students.ucsd.edu/academics/commencement/index.html