## UC SANTA BARBARA



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## UCSB Will Graduate 5,142 Students in Eight Commencement Ceremonies

A total of 5,142 graduating students will take part in one of eight official commencement ceremonies scheduled at UC Santa Barbara over eight days, starting June 5 and concluding June 12.

The campus's commencement exercises attract an estimated 40,000 visitors to the Santa Barbara area each year.

As is traditional at UCSB, the ceremonies are organized by college, level of degree, and field of study so that each student can be individually recognized.

Chancellor Henry T. Yang will shake the hand of every student graduating from the College of Creative Studies, the College of Engineering, the College of Letters and Science, the Bren School of Environmental Science & Management, and the Graduate Division.

The College of Creative Studies will lead off with its ceremony on Sunday, June 5, at 11 a.m. in Campbell Hall.

The Bren School of Environmental Science & Management will conduct its ceremony on Friday, June 10, at 10 a.m. in the Bren Hall Courtyard.

On the weekend of Saturday, June 11, and Sunday, June 12, six ceremonies -- three each day -- will be held on the Commencement Green behind the Faculty Club.

A listing of the ceremonies and guest speakers follows.

Sunday, June 5, Campbell Hall

11 a.m. - College of Creative Studies

Guest Speaker - Dan Yashinsky '71, storyteller, radio host, and author

Student Speakers – Tania Darnton, chemistry; Daniel Kerr, physics; Michael Powell, art

Friday, June 10, Bren Hall Courtyard

10 a.m. - Bren School of Environmental Science & Management

Guest Speaker - Hunter Lovins, environmental author and entrepreneur

Saturday, June 11, Commencement Green

9 a.m. - Sciences and Social Science

Guest Speaker - Lori Bettison-Varga, president, Scripps College

Student Speaker – Danielle Mayorga, communications and language, culture, and society

1 p.m. – Engineering and Sciences

Guest Speaker - John MacFarlane, co-founder and chief executive officer of Sonos

Student Speakers

- Sergio Sanchez, computer engineering; Sarra Borhanian, microbiology

4 p.m. – Social Sciences I

Guest Speaker - Jon Sonstelie, UCSB professor of economics

Student Speaker - Jason Holley, political science

Sunday, June 12, Commencement Green

9 a.m. - Social Sciences II

Guest Speaker - George Lipsitz, UCSB professor of black studies and sociology

Student Speaker – Jocelyn Anderson, global studies

1 p.m. - Humanities and Fine Arts

Guest Speaker - Pico Ayer, internationally acclaimed author

Student Speaker - Kelsey Foltz, theater

4 p.m. – Graduate Division

Guest Speaker – Craig Hawker, UCSB professor of materials, chemistry and biochemistry, and director of the Materials Research Laboratory

Student Speaker - Carlos Nash, Ph.D. in Linguistics

## About UC Santa Barbara

The University of California, Santa Barbara is a leading research institution that also provides a comprehensive liberal arts learning experience. Our academic community of faculty, students, and staff is characterized by a culture of interdisciplinary collaboration that is responsive to the needs of our multicultural and global society. All of this takes place within a living and learning environment like no other, as we draw inspiration from the beauty and resources of our extraordinary location at the edge of the Pacific Ocean.