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UCSB Will Graduate 5,958 Students in Eight Ceremonies

A total of 5,958 graduating students will take part in eight official commencement ceremonies scheduled at UC Santa Barbara over eight days, starting June 10 and concluding June 17. The campus's commencement exercises attract some 40,000 visitors to the Santa Barbara area each year.

The ceremonies are organized by college, level of degree, and field of study. 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 10, at 11 a.m., at Campbell Hall. The Bren School of Environmental Science & Management will conduct its ceremony on Friday, June 15, at 10 a.m., in the Bren Hall Courtyard.

On the weekend of Saturday, June 16, and Sunday, June 17, six ceremonies — three each day — will be held on the Faculty Club Green fronting the UCSB Lagoon.

A listing of ceremonies and guest speakers follows.

Sunday, June 10, Campbell Hall

11 a.m. -- College of Creative Studies

Guest Speaker -- Richard A. Jefferson '78, chief executive officer of Cambia

Student Speakers -- Monique Ambrose, biology; Nathan Saritzky, mathematics; Kevin Zambrano, literature

Friday, June 15, Bren Hall Courtyard

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

Guest Speaker -- Mary D. Nichols, J.D., Chairman, California Air Resources Board

Saturday, June 16, Faculty Club Green

9 a.m. -- Sciences

Guest Speaker -- Karen Bedrosian Coyne '91, chief operating officer, Bedrosian Trust

Student Speaker -- Sheila Ganjian, biological sciences

1 p.m. -- Engineering and Sciences

Guest Speaker -- Jeff Henley '66, chairman of Oracle Corporation

Student Speakers -- Emily Xiao, biology; Elan Benjamin Frantz, mechanical engineering

4 p.m. -- Social Sciences I

Guest Speaker -- Steven M. Hilton '74, chairman, president, and chief executive officer of Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

Student Speaker -- Nanor Balabanian, political science

Sunday, June 17, Faculty Club Green

9 a.m. -- Social Sciences II

Guest Speaker -- Richard Flacks, UCSB research professor of sociology

Student Speaker -- Audrey Abeyta, communication

1 p.m. -- Humanities and Arts

Guest Speaker -- Jeff Greenfield, journalist and author

Student Speaker -- Janet Lynn O'Neill, communication and theater

4 p.m. -- Graduate Division

Guest Speaker -- Lisa Parks, UCSB professor and former chair of the Department of Film and Media Studies

Student Speaker -- Indy Hurt, geography

Due to the ongoing improvement project and lane closure on Highway 217, commencement guests are encouraged to allow extra travel time for potential delays. We ask for your patience during these intermittent delays. Please follow EVENT PARKING signs to commencement parking lots. Transportation and Parking Services staff will be on site directing traffic at key locations to get you parked in a timely fashion.

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.