UC San Diego Announces New Undergraduate Scholarship Program

MORE than 30 high school students and their families joined Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla at a recent special event to celebrate the launch of a new undergraduate scholarship program at UC San Diego: the Chancellor’s Associates Scholars. The scholarships, which are for students who are accepted to UC San Diego and meet the criteria for the University of California’s Blue + Gold Opportunity Plan, will provide $10,000 a year for four years to graduates of Gompers Preparatory Academy, Lincoln High School and The Preuss School UCSD beginning in fall 2013. These schools, which partner with UC San Diego, work with historically underserved communities to support youth throughout high school and prepare them to be college-ready.

“We are making a commitment to this community and to our country to make higher education accessible,” said Khosla.

“We want to set an example and that is why we created this scholarship.”

The scholarship program is a multiyear pilot made possible by funding from Chancellor’s Associates. Thanks to this loyal network of alumni, parents and friends, the chancellor has the flexibility to respond to the university’s most urgent needs and critical priorities. In recognition of Chancellor’s Associates’ generosity, scholarship recipients will be known as Chancellor’s Associates Scholars.

During the reception, principals from each of the three schools spoke highly of their students’ potential and the incredible impact the new scholarship program will have. Lincoln High School Principal Esther Omogbehin thanked Chancellor’s Associates donors for their support: “These students have awesome aspirations. Thank you for recognizing and considering them as they strive to fulfill their dreams.”

The Chancellor’s Associates Scholarship, in conjunction with the Blue + Gold plan, should cover the majority of students’ undergraduate educational costs. Under the Blue + Gold plan, educational and student services fees will be covered for California residents whose families earn less than $80,000 a year and qualify for financial aid.

Approximately 45 students from the three schools will be offered the inaugural Chancellor’s Associates Scholarship.
UC SAN DIEGO is a student-centered university. Every decision we make is based on what is best for our students. It is no surprise, then, that educational quality is a key component of the strategic plan that will roll out this summer. This emphasis on improving undergraduate education and the student experience is generating excitement across campus, in large part because it aligns with the priorities of many units.

Educational quality is not the only component of the plan, however. We are also focusing on initiatives that will foster faculty excellence, research-fueled innovation in emerging fields, community engagement and public service.

We are already taking steps to improve access and affordability at UC San Diego, thanks to your support. With the launch of the new Chancellor’s Associates Scholars program, we are making a commitment to our local community and to the promotion of diversity, equity and inclusion. We want bright, motivated and promising students from San Diego to stay in San Diego and get the world-class education they deserve right here. Financial concerns should not stand in the way of these talented students and their futures.

With your ongoing support, we will continue to have the ability to help people in San Diego and beyond, be bold and try new things, and remain a national leader on issues such as access and affordability in higher education, that ultimately affect us all.

With kind regards,
Pradeep K. Khosla
Chancellor
University of California, San Diego

From Your Chancellor’s Associates Chair

LAST March, more than 200 donors and guests attended the Chancellor’s Associates Faculty Excellence Awards program. This is the 39th year in which we have bestowed these awards to recognize our outstanding faculty and to promote the pursuit of excellence. This year’s recipients are

- David Lake, Political Science – for Research in Humanities and Social Sciences
- Nicholas Spitzer, Neurobiology – for Research in Science and Engineering
- Anna Joy Springer, Literature – for Performing and Visual Arts
- Marianne McKennett ’76, Family and Preventive Medicine – for Community Service
- Clark Gibson, Political Science – for Graduate Teaching
- Tracy Johnson ’91, Molecular Biology – for Undergraduate Teaching

To learn about the inspiring stories behind these outstanding faculty members, please visit our website: www.chancellorsassociates.ucsd.edu.

As the old proverb goes, “All good things must end,” and so ends my two-year term as chair of Chancellor’s Associates in June. I have been honored and humbled by this opportunity to work with so many generous donors, committed staff and outstanding faculty. Chancellor’s Associates is a truly remarkable network within one of the world’s outstanding universities. Liz and I look forward to enjoying many more years in association with all of you. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Wayne Dernetz

CHALLENGOR’S Associates believe in the power of philanthropy and have made it a priority to invest in UC San Diego in a variety of ways. For many, this investment includes sharing their time and talents.

From volunteering at the International Center to mentoring students and serving on various campus boards and councils, Chancellor’s Associates are making a difference in the UC San Diego community. Let us know where you are volunteering so that we can share your stories with other Chancellor’s Associates. Email ejerome@ucsd.edu.
New Volunteer Leader Named

WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE UC San Diego alumna Nadine Corrigan ’78 as the new Chancellor’s Associates chair. Corrigan and her husband, John Weightman, have been Chancellor’s Associates donors since 2011.

“I couldn’t have enjoyed a better university experience,” said Corrigan, who received her bachelor’s degree in linguistics. “Having lived in San Diego for most of my life, I recognize the extraordinary ways in which UC San Diego has transformed the economic landscape of the region and enriched our cultural opportunities. I am thrilled to lead Chancellor’s Associates and help amplify the contributions it makes to the community.”

Corrigan is currently serving a second term on the UC San Diego Alumni Board of Directors. During her tenure, she participated in the Alumni Awards Nomination Committee and also helped lead the Alumni Celebration Planning Committee for the 2011 Alumni Weekend event “50 Years 50 Leaders,” part of the campus’ year-long 50th Anniversary.

Corrigan is the principal of MindLeap, a San Diego-based marketing consultancy specializing in strategic marketing planning and brand positioning. Prior to that, she was the vice president of global licensing for the LEGO Group. She received a master’s degree in communication from the University of Denver.

Donor Spotlight

Irma Gigli, M.D.

WHEN PROFESSOR EMERITA IRMA GIGLI joined Chancellor’s Associates in 2010, she jumped in with characteristic fearlessness by agreeing to volunteer on the Faculty Excellence Awards Committee. As she explained, “I’ve served on the National Institutes of Health review committees.”

Gigli, a physician and researcher, was recruited in 1982 to the UC San Diego School of Medicine to be the chair of the Division of Dermatology. “Women of my generation were very few, in terms of making a life in academic medicine,” she said. As a result, Gigli was an “academic gypsy,” spending time at Oxford, Harvard and New York universities and in Houston, Texas, where she and her husband, Hans J. Muller-Eberhard, M.D., established an institute of molecular medicine at the University of Texas in 1995.

After the death of her husband and several years of codirecting the institute, Gigli retired to La Jolla. In addition to Chancellor’s Associates, she also supports the Division of Dermatology and spends time with undergraduates through the UC San Diego Emeriti Association’s mentoring program. She also works with Foundation for Change, a nonprofit that supports underserved communities, and with the International Community Foundation, which fosters cross-border philanthropic collaborations.

Chancellor’s Associate Receives Distinguished Leadership Award

CONGRATULATIONS to Leo Spiegel ’83 for receiving the 2013 UCSD Alumni Distinguished Leadership award! A Chancellor’s Associates donor since 1992, Spiegel encourages alumni and the community to support the campus through volunteerism and philanthropy. As a board member of UC San Diego’s Entrepreneur Challenge, he champions student entrepreneurship and also serves in leadership roles on the Rady School of Management’s Dean’s Advisory Council, and as a trustee of the UC San Diego Foundation.

Welcome

New Chancellor’s Associates
Mrs. Susanna and Mr. Michael Plaster
Mr. Sean D. Mayer ’09
Mrs. Garna G. Muller
Mr. and Mrs. Brian M. Powers
Dr. and Mrs. Ivor Royston
Dr. Suresh Subramanin and
Mrs. Feroza Ardehshir
Mr. and Mrs. David Wada
Dr. and Mrs. Charles Wuching Tu

... New Chancellor’s Club
Mrs. Kimberly Aitken-Young
Mr. Michael and Mrs. Gwen Becknell
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Butts
Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Chen
Mrs. Elisabeth Eisinger Forbes and Mr. Brian Forbes
Mr. and Mrs. Allan Kleinman
Dr. Christopher Wills and Mrs. Elizabeth Fong Wills
Ms. Karin Winner
Mrs. Barbara Zimonja and Mr. Richard Pack

... And New Chancellor’s Associates Young Alumni (CAYA)
Ms. Abigail Cannon ’09
Mr. Jason Thomas ’10 and Mrs. Amber Thomas ’11
Mr. Carl J. Tsang ’05

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TRITON 5K
The Triton 5K (formerly Chancellor’s Challenge 5K Run/Walk for Scholars) has been reimagined. The race now features a new course, Kids Fun Run, event festival and a healthy living fair! This annual event benefits more than 900 motivated and ambitious students with scholarship support. By participating in the Triton 5K, you are supporting student scholarships and “racing for the future.” Join the Chancellor’s Associates or the Chancellor’s Associates Young Alumni teams when you register at alumni.ucsd.edu. Date: June 8, 9 a.m. Location: UC San Diego campus. Info: 5k.ucsd.edu.

A TASTE OF UCSD
Chancellor’s Associates are invited to join UCSD Alumni for A Taste of UCSD. At this Alumni Weekend Signature event, you will have an opportunity to peer into the minds of five academic rock stars through TEDx-style presentations followed by food, drinks and insider access to alumni culinary artists and brew masters. Free for Chancellor’s Associates and CAYA. Date: June 6, 6–8 p.m. Location: the Qualcomm Institute at UC San Diego (formerly Calit2). Registration and info: alumni.ucsd.edu.

CAREER BOOST CAMP: Turbocharge your career at this inspirational event. With a keynote by Robin Ryan, featured on Oprah and Dr. Phil, and a panel of entrepreneurs, you will learn cutting-edge strategies and techniques to leverage your education and experience and build a blueprint to boost your career to the next level. Date: June 8, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Location: Rady School of Management. RSVP and info: alumni.ucsd.edu.

FAMILY NIGHT AT BIRCH: Uncover the mysteries of the ocean at this family-friendly event. From face painting and scavenger hunts to live music and underwater shows, this event will delight Tritons of all ages. $20. Date: June 7, 6–9 p.m. Location: Birch Aquarium. Tickets and info: (858) 534-6406 or ecwiggins@ucsd.edu.

ECONOMICS ROUNDTABLE:
Associate professor of political science Thad Kousser will address the ambiguities of state budgets in his presentation “How Can California Spend $146 Billion and Still Be Broke?” $15. Date: Aug. 9, 7:30–9 a.m. Location: Ida and Cecil Green Faculty Club. Tickets and info: (858) 534-9710 or econroundtable@ucsd.edu.

For additional events and more information please visit http://calendar.ucsd.edu. For specific Chancellor’s Associates events, visit www.chancellorsassociates.ucsd.edu.