Celebrating Forty Years of Faculty Excellence

THIS YEAR marks the 40th annual Faculty Excellence Awards, presented by the Chancellor’s Associates in honor of excellence in teaching, research, community service and visual and performing arts. More than 100 faculty members have been honored for contributions spanning all areas of campus. In this issue we highlight six of them and their achievements.

Charles Nager, M.D. ’82
Professor of Clinical Reproductive Medicine, Director of Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery
Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, 1992
Named a San Diego Magazine Top Doc for 11 consecutive years, Nager has also been named one of the nation’s Top Doctors in U.S. News & World Report.

Paul Pickowicz
Distinguished Professor of History and Chinese Studies
Excellence in Graduate Teaching, 2003
Pickowicz helped create one of the nation’s leading graduate programs in modern and contemporary Chinese history and is the inaugural chair of the Endowed Chair in Modern Chinese History.

Peter Gourevitch
Professor Emeritus, Political Science
Excellence in Research in Humanities and Social Sciences, 2005
Gourevitch was founding dean of the School of International Relations and Pacific Studies and authored Politics in Hard Times, which was translated into Spanish, Italian and Chinese.

Robert N. Hamburger
Professor Emeritus, Pediatrics, UC San Diego School of Medicine
Excellence in Research in Science and Engineering, 1975
Hamburger was a founding assistant dean at the UC San Diego School of Medicine and helped organize one of the first classical music concerts at UC San Diego, which became the ArtPower! Chamber Music Series.

Carol A. Padden, Ph.D. ’83
Professor of Communication, Interim Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
Excellence in Community Service, 1989
The first recipient in this category, Padden has dedicated her career to studying sign languages around the world. In 2010 she received a MacArthur “genius grant” in recognition of her innovative and groundbreaking work.

Naomi Iizuka, M.F.A. ’96
Professor of Theatre and Dance
Excellence in Performing and Visual Arts, 2010
A celebrated playwright whose unique vision and multicultural worldview captivate audiences across the nation, Iizuka continues to attract top graduate students to the Department of Theatre and Dance.

Learn more about the Faculty Excellence Awards and past recipients at www.chancellorsassociates.ucsd.edu.
AS a student-centered public university, UC San Diego is working to broaden the path to higher education, as it is the key to upward social mobility. A critical component of that education is the faculty who teach, inspire and encourage our students. As you’ll see in our cover story on Chancellor’s Associates Faculty Excellence Award winners, UC San Diego is home to an exceptional array of scholars. Across our campus, they are transforming lives, shaping new disciplines and advancing the frontiers of knowledge. As we roll out the strategic plan this spring, one of our goals will be to ensure that an outstanding faculty remains a pillar of excellence here at the university.

To achieve these and other goals, we must make fundraising a priority. This need has led to the hiring of Steve Gamer as vice chancellor for advancement. I am pleased to welcome Steve to the Triton family, as he is a proven leader and veteran fundraiser with the ability to build strong teams. His knowledge and experience will be vital in helping us to garner support for scholarships, academics and research.

Together, we will continue to spark minds and discoveries that advance our society and benefit humankind.

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

Minutes and Millimeters: A Surgeon’s Journey Through the Brain

FOR DECADES the brain lay beyond the reach of the surgeon’s scalpel or catheter, but not any longer. Join us at our next colloquium on Wednesday, April 9, as Alexander Khalessi, M.D., outlines the advancements in surgical technique and catheter-based device technologies that have garnered UC San Diego recognition as one of the first comprehensive stroke centers in the country. He will further review the training and research that is changing the treatment of stroke and its outcomes. Khalessi serves as director of endovascular neurosurgery, and surgical director of neurocritical care for the UC San Diego Health System. He is an assistant professor of surgery and neurosciences and a fellow of the American Heart Association. The event will be held at the Faculty Club at 5:30 p.m. RSVP to ca@ucsd.edu.

OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, we have held informal lunches designed to give Chancellor’s Associates an opportunity to share their ideas on how we can continue to deliver the greatest value to them, UC San Diego and our Chancellor’s Associates Scholars. The recommendations will positively influence future programs while maintaining the camaraderie and character of the group. There is no other campus experience quite like Chancellor’s Associates, and we learned that the substance and diversity of the program content is what brings donors together to help fulfill their lifelong learning aspirations.

So many intriguing ideas were exchanged that it isn’t possible to list them all in this letter. But we will circulate a comprehensive outline of initiatives and programming areas for 2014 and 2015 in the weeks ahead. To all of those who participated in these lunches, I want to personally thank you for your time, energy and passion. If you were unable to join us but would like to share your thoughts, please email me. Your contributions will have a lasting and enriching impact on Chancellor’s Associates and the campus.

Best,
Nadine Corrigan ’78 • nadinecorrigan@cox.net

Alexander Khalessi, M.D.

From Your Chancellor’s Associates Chair
Chancellor’s Associates Scholars Benefit from Emeriti Program

**THIS YEAR,** Chancellor’s Associates Scholars were invited to participate in the Chancellor’s Scholars Program created by the UCSD Emeriti Association and the Center for Student Involvement. The leadership-development program provides students with faculty and peer mentoring as well as ongoing professional skill development, social and community service events, and access to student resources such as support from the UC San Diego Writing Center and etiquette seminars.

An integral part of this venture is the UCSD Emeriti Mentoring Program, which connects retired UC San Diego faculty and staff with first- and second-year students. Created by Professor Emeritus Mel Green in 2006, the program helps prepare students for a successful college experience. “It is exciting to watch our mentees gain confidence in themselves— their ability to accomplish goals, communicate, network and shape their own career paths,” said Morton Printz, UCSD Emeriti Mentor Program chair and professor emeritus in pharmacology.

The response from students expressing interest in the program was higher than ever this year with approximately 52 entering freshmen matched with an emeritus mentor. Chancellor’s Associates scholarship recipients are truly benefitting from the expertise and experience of our esteemed faculty.

**Fundraising Trailblazer Joins UC San Diego**

**WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME** Steve Gamer to UC San Diego as vice chancellor for advancement. In his new role, which he started in January, Gamer leads the strategic development and management of campuswide fundraising and alumni relations programs, and serves as president of the UC San Diego Foundation.

Prior to joining UC San Diego, Gamer was at UCLA for 11 years where he served most recently as associate vice chancellor for development. He has more than 20 years of experience identifying, cultivating and soliciting individual donors, corporations and foundations with a tailored approach to philanthropic giving. His senior leadership career includes the planning and execution of major fundraising campaigns, including UCLA’s upcoming multibillion dollar Centennial Campaign.

“I am excited to join UC San Diego to partner with the academic leadership, alumni, friends and staff as we work together to enhance philanthropy at this amazing campus,” said Gamer. “I look forward to helping UC San Diego—one of the top 15 research universities in the world—secure the funding needed to continue its excellence in all areas, from the sciences to engineering, international relations to the humanities.”
ARTPOWER! FILMATIC FESTIVAL
ArtPower! is launching its brand new Filmatic Festival, featuring four action-packed days of cinematic adventures. The digitally-diverse festival aims to blur the lines between artist and audience, including interactive screenings and installations, gaming, workshops, crowdsourced material, digital industry experts and parties. ArtPower! is reimagining the film festival experience by empowering audiences to become the artists themselves. Dates: April 24–27. Location: Qualcomm Institute. Tickets and info: artpwr.com/experience.

CARTA SYMPOSIUM
The Center of Academic Research and Training in Anthropogeny (CARTA) hosts “Male Aggression and Violence in Human Evolution.” The aim of this symposium is to set aside controversial theories and debates and take a fresh look at the causes and consequences of variation in aggression, both between and within species. Date: May 16, 1–5:30 p.m. Location: Salk Institute, De Hoffman Auditorium. Free. Registration and info: carta.anthropogeny.org/symposia.

DEWITT HIGGS MEMORIAL LECTURE: Join Susan Crawford, a professor at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law and a visiting professor at Harvard Law School, as she discusses “Who Owns the Internet? Surveillance, Privacy and Social Media.” Date: April 15, 6–7 p.m. Location: Price Center. Free. Info: (858) 534-1709 or rgregg@ucsd.edu.

ECONOMICS ROUNDTABLE:
Stephen Mayfield, professor of biology at UC San Diego and director of the California Center for Algae Biotechnology discusses “Programming Algae for Advanced Bio-Manufacturing: Food and Fuel for the 21st Century.” Date: April 16, 7:30–9 a.m. Location: UC San Diego Faculty Club. $50 public/discount for UC San Diego alumni, faculty, staff and students. Tickets and info: (858) 534-9710 or econroundtable@ucsd.edu.

ARTPOWER! PRESENTS: The two-time Grammy Award–winning Soweto Gospel Choir peforms its exhilarating brand of vocal fireworks. Date: April 16, 8–10:30 p.m. Location: Price Center East Ballroom. $30 general/$12 UC San Diego students. Info: (858) 534-0499 or moclarl@ucsd.edu.