A UC Santa Barbara Tradition

Approximately 4700 students will graduate from UC Santa Barbara in seven official ceremonies on June 8, 14, and 15.

As is traditional at UC Santa Barbara, commencement exercises 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 each student graduating from the College of Creative Studies, the College of Engineering, the College of Letters and Science, and the Graduate Division,

The College of Creative Studies will lead off with its ceremony on Sunday, June 8 at 11 a.m. in Campbell Hall on campus.

On the following weekend, Saturday, June 14 and Sunday, June 15, six separate ceremonies will be held on the Faculty Club Green.

The ceremonies and the guest speakers are as follows:

Sunday, June 8

  11 a.m. – College of Creative Studies

  Guest Speaker – Alumnus Angela Belcher, a materials chemist who was named one of the top ten scientists in the country by Popular Science
Saturday, June 14

9 a.m. - Science and Mathematics

Guest Speaker - Virgil Elings, Chair of the Board of Directors of NanoDevices

1 p.m. - Engineering and Science

Guest Speaker - Michael Klein - President and CEO of Core Wealth

4 p.m. - Social Sciences I

Guest Speaker - Pam Lopker, founder and president of collaboration technology company QAD Inc.

Sunday, June 15

9 a.m. - Social Sciences II

Guest Speaker - Jack O'Connell, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

1 p.m. - Arts and Humanities

Guest Speaker - Sherry Lansing, President of Paramount Communications and Chair of Paramount Pictures Motion Picture Group

4 p.m. - Graduate Division

Guest Speaker - Kathryn Fuller, President and CEO of the World Wildlife Fund
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.