A UC Santa Barbara Tradition

Approximately 4,700 students will graduate from UC Santa Barbara in seven official ceremonies on June 6, 12 and 13.

As is traditional at UCSB, 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 6 at 11 a.m. in Campbell Hall on campus.

On the following weekend, Saturday, June 12 and Sunday, June 13, six separate ceremonies will be held on the Faculty Club Green.

The ceremonies and the guest speakers are as follows:

Sunday, June 6

11 a.m. - College of Creative Studies

Guest Speaker - Alumnus John Clark, President, CEO, and Chairman of the Board of Iolon, Inc., a Silicon Valley high-tech company
Student Speakers - Jay R. Freeman, computer science, Hinsdale, Illinois; Stacy Suzanne Redd, literature, Santa Rosa; Danielle Joy Shulman, biology, San Diego

Saturday, June 12

9 a.m. - Science and Mathematics

Guest Speaker - Walter Kohn, Research Professor of physics at UCSB and a 1998 Nobel Laureate in chemistry

Student Speaker - Lori Hensic, pharmacology and microbiology, Sonoma

1 p.m. - Engineering and Science

Guest Speaker - Bill Nye, author and host of Disney Studio's "The Science Guy"

Student Speaker - Jeffrey J. Fitz-Gerald, Jr., computer engineering, Santa Maria

4 p.m. - Social Sciences I

Guest Speaker - John Cleese, actor, comedian, and entrepreneur

Student Speaker - Eric Movsessian, business economics, Woodland Hills

Sunday, June 13

9 a.m. - Social Sciences II

Guest Speaker – Gerry Spence, trial lawyer and author

Student Speaker - Robin Farmer, law and society, Santa Barbara

1 p.m. - Arts and Humanities

Guest Speaker - Ngugi wa Thiong'o, noted Kenyan writer and professor of English and comparative literature and director of the International Center for Writing and Translation at UC Irvine

Student Speaker - Lauren Paul, art history, Calabasas
4 p.m. - Graduate Division

Guest Speaker - Jon S. Corzine, U.S. Senator – New Jersey

Student Speaker - Annette Killmer, Donald Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, Germany

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.