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Commencement Nears

By the close of the 2013–2014 academic year, UC Santa Barbara will have awarded a combined 5,779 undergraduate and graduate degrees. That accomplishment will be celebrated in eight official commencement ceremonies, to be held on campus over eight days, starting June 8 and concluding June 15.

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 8, at 11 a.m., in Campbell Hall. The Bren School of Environmental Science & Management will conduct its ceremony on Friday, June 13, at 10 a.m., in the Bren Hall Courtyard.

On the weekend of Saturday, June 14, and Sunday, June 15, six ceremonies — three each day — will be held on the Faculty Club Green fronting the UCSB Lagoon.

All eight ceremonies will be webcast live. Over June 14-15, web coverage will be continuous, beginning at 8:30 a.m., running through and between the 9 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 4 p.m. events.

A listing of ceremonies and guest speakers follows.

Sunday, June 8, Campbell Hall

11 a.m. – College of Creative Studies

Guest Speaker – John Nava ’69, fine artist

Student Speakers – Demi Anter, art; Ananda Das, physics; Gianna Stoddard, literature

Friday, June 13, Bren Hall Courtyard

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

Guest Speaker – Ashley Conrad-Saydah, deputy secretary for climate policy, California Environmental Protection Agency

Saturday, June 14, Faculty Club Green

9 a.m. – Sciences

Guest Speaker – Howard Wenger, president of regions, SunPower Corporation

Student Speaker – Allison Ariniello, cell and developmental biology

12:30 p.m. – Engineering and Sciences

Guest Speaker – Jose Hernandez, astronaut, NASA

Student Speakers – Alexander Terenin, statistical science, psychology, Russian (minor); Shany Yeshanov, computer science

4 p.m. – Social Sciences I

Guest Speaker – Lorraine McDonnell, UCSB professor of political science

Student Speaker – Savannah Perkins, economics

Sunday, June 15, Faculty Club Green

9 a.m. – Social Sciences II

Guest Speaker – Cynthia Stohl, UCSB professor of communication

Student Speaker – Andriana Collins, communication

12:30 p.m. – Humanities and Arts

Guest Speaker – Josh Elliot, television journalist, NBC Sports

Student Speaker – Benjamin Moss, English, philosophy

4 p.m. – Graduate Division

Guest Speaker – Mike North, television host, Discovery Channel; founder, ReAllocate

Student Speaker – Lucile Savary, physics (Ph.D.)

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.