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# Away We Go

By the close of the 2015–2016 academic year, UC Santa Barbara will have awarded a combined 5,745 undergraduate and graduate degrees. That accomplishment will be celebrated in eight official commencement ceremonies, to be held on campus over eight days, starting June 5 and concluding June 12.

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 Sunday, June 5, at 11 a.m. in Campbell Hall. The Bren School of Environmental Science & Management will conduct its ceremony Friday, June 10, at 10 a.m. in the Bren Hall Courtyard.

On the weekend of Saturday, June 11 and Sunday, June 12, 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 11-12, web coverage will be continuous, beginning at 8:30 a.m., running through and between the 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. events. A link to the webcasts will be available via the UCSB home page, at www.ucsb.edu.

A listing of ceremonies and guest speakers follows.

**Sunday, June 5, Campbell Hall**

11 a.m. – College of Creative Studies

Guest Speaker – Carol Greider ’83, Daniel Nathans Professor and Director of Molecular Biology and Genetics, Johns Hopkins University, 2009 Nobel Prize in Medicine

Student Speakers – Carolyn Kirwan, biology; Joseph Mann, chemistry and biochemistry; Alyssa Rogers, art

**Friday, June 10, Bren Hall Courtyard**

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

Guest Speaker – Tom Steyer, founder and president, NextGen Climate

**Saturday, June 11, Faculty Club Green**

9 a.m. – Sciences

Guest Speaker – Gus Gurley, co-founder, Digital Instruments

Student Speaker – Gold Okafor, biopsychology

1 p.m. – Engineering and Sciences

Guest Speaker – Pamela Lopker, chairman of the board and president, QAD

Student Speakers – Andrea Renteria, psychology; Oluwagbogo Adebayo-Ige, chemical engineering

4 p.m. – Social Sciences I

Guest Speaker – Jeff Henley ’66, vice chairman, Oracle Corporation

Student Speaker – Reina Sultan, political science

**Sunday, June 12, Faculty Club Green**

9 a.m. – Social Sciences II

Guest Speaker – Blair Hull ’65, founder and chairman, Hull Investments

Student Speaker – Efthimia Sklavenitis, global studies

1 p.m. – Humanities and Arts

Guest Speaker – Kenneth S. Kosik, UCSB Harriman Professor of Neuroscience Research; co-director, Neuroscience Research Institute

Student Speaker – Émile Nelson, English

4 p.m. – Graduate Division

Guest Speaker – Duncan Mellichamp H ’09, founding member, UCSB Chemical Engineering Department faculty

Student Speaker – Jonathan D. Gomez, sociology, Black Studies emphasis (Ph.D.)

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## 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.