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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Dear Class of 2021:

In this most extraordinary year, I offer my deep admiration, gratitude and sincere congratulations to a most extraordinary class of graduates.

As numerous forces upended our world, you held your dreams steadily in sight and persisted in your studies through challenges none of us could have imagined. Unlike any other CSU graduating class past or future, you have by necessity developed and demonstrated skills—far beyond your academic work—that will ensure your continued success: resilience, flexibility, resourcefulness, patience and tenacity. While so much and so many have been lost, your resolve has shone as a symbol of hope and optimism—and you should be proud.

On behalf of the entire California State University community, I am certainly proud to present you to the world as our newest class of CSU alumni, joining an impressive international network now nearly 4 million strong. Together, you will power the recovery of our state and nation, educate our next generation, fight for social justice, and create new and sustainable opportunities for health, security and prosperity for us all. I encourage you to stay connected to your campus and your peers, to look for opportunities to give back, and to support the future generations who will follow in your footsteps.

And as our many months of physical separation begin to come to a close, I hope you will hold in your hearts all of those who have supported you from afar. The faculty who broadened and deepened your understanding of the world. The counselors, advisors, librarians, tutors, coaches, facilities and support staff who created a nurturing environment of care and growth. Your family and friends, whose belief in you never wavered.

All of these people have been forever impressed by your spirit, determination and accomplishments. Please count me among them—and I know you will continue to make us proud.

Again, congratulations to the class of 2021!

Sincerely,

Joseph I. Castro
Chancellor
Dear Graduate:

On behalf of the San Diego State University community, congratulations on your graduation!

I wish to acknowledge the dedication, resilience, and support of all those who helped you get here: your family members, friends, your SDSU faculty and staff—all of whom played an important role to support or mentor you during your degree. Just as important, the personal dedication, courage, and tenacity you have demonstrated this past year exemplify the critical skills California and the world needs to move us to a brighter future.

Your graduation marks not just a moment of celebration; it honors the years of learning and growth which precedes it. At the same time, our graduation ceremony is referred to as a commencement—the point at which something begins, not where it ends.

This month, in more ways than one, marks a new beginning for you. You are now a graduate. You are now formally recognized for your years of study and expertise in a field aligned with your career aspirations. You are also now part of San Diego State University’s proud alumni tradition as the Class of 2021. This is an exceptional family to join—a community of nearly 476,000 living alumni throughout the United States and abroad—known for leading and serving our region and our world. SDSU alumni create and grow businesses; serve communities as government officials, teach the next generation of leaders; make scientific discoveries; produce creative contributions to the arts; and advance innovations in countless fields.

Now, as our world faces important challenges, it is your turn to lead and serve. We are certain that the skills that helped you succeed at SDSU will give you the confidence to take on the opportunities that lie ahead.

As your list of accomplishments grows, we hope you will return often to your university, to your roots, to your home. There will be new generations of students looking to learn from you, as alumni. Know that we will always welcome you back. Your continued participation in the SDSU community is one of our future student’s most valuable assets.

Today, you graduate with our respect, our pride, and with formal recognition of your achievements and your untapped potential. We are grateful for the role you have played in the life of this very special university, and celebrate you with heartfelt affection.

With warm regards,

Adela de la Torre, Ph.D.
President
Hi.

These two letters, an ‘h’ and an ‘i’, coming together to create such a simple word, ‘hi’, and yet such a powerful statement, such a powerful invitation. Now more than ever it is important for us to be ready to rekindle our nature, our human nature that is, to form the relationships that we will need to reignite our community, our country, our world, to move forward again. And you, each of you, having experienced firsthand the effects of the pandemic are best positioned, now that you have completed your degree successfully, to lead the way. No other generation of graduating students have had to walk the path you have had to walk to be here today; you are an inspiration to all of us.

As you continue your journey in life, you now carry the full weight and prestige of San Diego State University with you at all times. As a graduate of SDSU Imperial Valley, your degree is not just tied to your specific major, it is also tied to your community and to your familia. This is why the alumni of SDSU Imperial Valley cut across multiple disciplines and are the bedrock to transform Imperial County to make a better future for generations to come. Many will follow your example, many will need your help, many will be inspired by you.

But how, you wonder, will you lead the way? It starts with a simple two-letter word that can help build bridges amongst strangers and overcome barriers between friends. It all starts with a heartfelt ‘hi.’

Muchas gracias y muchisimas felicidades a todos! Adelante!!!

*Sinceramente,*

Gregorio A. Ponce, Dean
SDSU Imperial Valley
GRADUATES

SDSU Imperial Valley
STUDENT AND FACULTY AWARDS

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

Hailey Bourland  
*Bachelor of Arts*  
*Liberal Studies, Elementary Education*

Ashley Vogel  
*Bachelor of Arts*  
*Social Science*

MOST INFLUENTIAL FACULTY

Gilberto Reyes  
*History*

ADMINISTRATION

Gregorio A. Ponce  
*Ed.D., Dean of Campus*

Mark R. Wheeler  
*Ph.D., Associate Dean of Academic Affairs*

Maribel Madero, M.B.A.  
*Director, Business and Financial Services.*

Victor Nava  
*Henry Villegas, Ed.D.*  
*Interim Dean of Student Affairs*

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Sharabeth Galindo  
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Samuel Palma  
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Charles De Anda  
Oliver Velarde  
Priscilla Silva  
Victor Nava  
Lawson Hardrick  
Henry Villegas
Master of Science

NURSING LEADERSHIP IN HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS
Daniel Millan

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
Halim Oscar Marrujo

Master of Arts Education
CONCENTRATION IN COUNSELING
Ana Fernanda Guadalupe Lizarraga

Academic Honors

Summa Cum Laude
The distinction of summa cum laude is awarded to undergraduate students with an average of at least 3.8 on a 4.0 scale. This is equivalent to an A average.

Magna Cum Laude
The distinction of magna cum laude is awarded to undergraduate students with an average of at least 3.65 on a 4.0 scale. This is equivalent to an A- average.

Cum Laude
The distinction of cum laude is awarded to undergraduate students with an average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. This is equivalent to a B+ average.

Bachelor of Science, Applied Arts and Sciences

CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Jade Stephany Acuna
Berenice Aguilar
Cynthia Jocelyn Alvarez
Cum Laude
Jesus Andres Alvarez
Cum Laude
Jose Luis Angulo
Isaac Aragon
Miguel Avalos
Alexandra Lizzet Baca
Yvette Baca
Remy Leann Bates
Summa Cum Laude
Jacob Bermudez
Israel Bermudez Aviles
Cum Laude
Nicholas Albert Binggeli
Juana Patricia Bustos
Angelly Campos
Jairo Abisai Cardenas
Aida Araceli Castillo
Maria De Los Angeles Chavarria
David Alfredo Chavez
Daniel H. Cornejo
Mario Alejandro De Leon
Jailene Marisela Dominguez
Jonathan Rios Dominguez
Cum Laude
Bachelor of Arts, Applied Arts and Sciences

CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Dominic Michael Curiel

LIBERAL STUDIES, EDUCATION GENERALIST
Gabriel Item
Liliana Sophia Leon

LIBERAL STUDIES, ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
Luz Arelí Aguilar
Janneth Trinidad Aguirre
Lorenzo Lopez Alonzo Jr.
Maria Rosario Bell
Itzel P. Bringas
Hailey Rebecca Bourland
Luz Del Carmen Guadalupe
Ana Isabel Camacho
Damaris Cardenas
Nidia Larissa Carrillo
Mikayli Marie De Leon
Angel Lyn Del Valle
Sebastian Ali Duenas
Destiney Nichole Gonzales
Vivian Alexandra Gonzalez
Itzel Paulina Gutierrez
Angelica Maritza Hernandez
Desiree Khristine Hernandez
Itzel Araceli Hernandez
Paola Ibanez
Alexia Deidree Ibarra
Michelle Alejandra Jimenez
Adriana Juarez
Destiny Anne Kalin
Alma Belem Laguna
Maria Lemus
Valerie Janette Lopez
Fernanda Loyola
Esperanza Luque
Dayanara M. Martinez
Alexis Medina
Alexis Mercado
Aranza Niebla
Daniel Stephen Nieto
Vanessa Noriega
Astrid Nunez
Yulissa Q. Ochoa
Melenie Padilla
Angel Vasquez Panduro
Andrea Peralta
Lydia Karyna Ponce Belmonte
Kathleen Calin Quijano
Denise Quintero
Carlos Alberto Reyes
Gabrielle Perez Reyes
Olga Maria Salgado
Alexa Michelle Sandoval
Priscilla Sophia Silva
Jacqueline Talamantes
Brenda Guadalupe Torres
Lizbeth Vasquez Aldana
Anaira Villarreal
Joanna Mireya Villegas

LIBERAL STUDIES, MATHEMATICS
Juan Andres Real

PSYCHOLOGY
Vonnie Raeleen Adams
Alicia Aguirre
Latisha Almazan
Yasmine Alvarez
Ilse Divette Amarillas Diaz
Jasmine Alexis Arellanes
Alondra Gisel Arreola
Alma Delia Arriaga
Kenia Vanessa Barraza
Jessica Barrientos
Pearl Jane Buchanan
Draven Edward Cabrera
Sabrina Merancia Cantu
Keila Yulissa Cardenas Compean
Jesus Andres Carrillo
Veronica Clemmer
Valerie Hurtado Cornejo
Analisa Karen Cortez
Alejandra Nicole Delgado
Kenny Alejandra Dominguez
Samantha Duenas
Fernanda Santacruz Espinoza
Jazmin Alejandra Espinoza
Donna Lucia Figueroa
Silvia Paola Figueroa
Diana Lizeth Flores
Kimberly Fuentes Ramirez
Andrea Garcia
Arminda Isabel Garcia
Brenda Nallely Garcia
Stephany Garcia
Denise Marie Gardeazabal
Camila A. Gonzales
Cynthia Yvette Gonzalez
Ilianna Valerie Gonzalez
Gloria Nallely Grijalva
Angela Gutierrez
Cody Lynn Hancock
Lawson L. Hardrick III
Josie L.M. Heath
Elisa Michelle Jaime
Albert Angel Jauregui
Ana Eloisa Jauregui
Gloria Jazek
Angelica Landeros
Emily Amber Lara
Andrea Lopez Perez
Alexa Loza
Daniel Aaron Lozano
Jennifer Luna
Iman Frizon Magallanes
Pauline Claire Mares
Monica Iris Martinez
Penelope Martinez
Reyna Mata
Carmen Carree McPhettrige
Roberto Medina Jr.
Adela Lissette Mendez
Alexia Danae Meza
Julia Meza
Priscilla Meza
Maria Fernanda Moreno
Melissa Rose Navarro
Melissa Victoria Ontiveros
Bryan Perez
Ellen Noemi Perez
Ortencia Perez
Sandia Samadhy Quezada
Audrina Maria Quintanar
Karla Angelica Ramirez
Juanita Rebollar
Dario Alejandro Reyes-Gastelum
Abraham Rivera
Latisha Cyan Rivera
Samantha Noehmi Rivera
Stephanie L Rivera
Ana Rodriguez
Ana Rodriguez
Lyneth Guadalupe Rodriguez
Humberto Rodriguez Vargas
Kristian Romero
Janet Lorena Rosas
Annet Michel Ruelas
Liliana Salazar
Andrea U. Sandoval
Kyanna Monique Strain
Ilce Ivanna Taboada
Alicia Trujillo
Karina Lizette Turner
Gabrielle Skye Urena-Ortiz
Monica Yazmin Villa
Martha Lilia Villegas Burgueno  
Marcos Zavala  
Laura Thalia Zermeno  
Cum Laude

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
Cecilia L. Arredondo  
Andrea Cervantes  
Carlos Arturo Dorantes Jr.  
Cum Laude  
Gabriela Danielle Esparza  
Summa Cum Laude  
Jose Jr. Garcia Fuentes  
Almendra Selene Gonzalez  
Lawson L. Hardrick III  
Lessley Michelle Lara  
Jose Z. Lopez  
Marina F. Lozano  
Carolina Montenegro  
Angel Flavio Morales  
Johanna Sofia Nava  
Esteban Alfonso Rahiotis  
Joshua Bruce Smith  
Christian Valdez

Bachelor of Arts,  
Liberal Arts and Sciences

ENGLISH
Clarissa Cota  
Summa Cum Laude  
Roman Eduardo Godinez  
Serina Monique Item  
Leslie Michelle Pacheco  
Karla Elena Tamayo Arteaga  
Ricardo Tostado

HISTORY
Armando Gerardo Diaz  
Cum Laude  
Aldher Ricardo Heredia  
Jared Adam Wise

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS,  
SPANISH AND LATIN AMERICA
Gregorio Corral  
Tito E. Gutierrez

MATHEMATICS
Duarte Cruz  
Jose Gutierrez-Cesenas  
Hector Daniel Perez  
Susana Simo Chavez

NURSING
Olivia Amaya  
Julio Cesar Arambula Marquez  
Cum Laude  
Carolina Banuelos  
Sarahi Guadalupe Benitez  
Christine Miranda Bermudez  
Magna Cum Laude  
Amy Brand  
Bianca B. Casarez  
Bethanee Kaylin Cline  
Flor De Azalia Gallegos  
Anette Fernanda Gomez  
Magna Cum Laude  
Melanie Rochell Guevara  
Magna Cum Laude  
Diana Guluarte  
Alejandra Heredia Lomeli  
Cinthia Guadalupe Inzunza  
Cum Laude  
Ukash Abbasheikh Jeilani  
Jackeline Lopez-Avina  
Yesenia Magallon  
Alexis Harlyn Narvaez  
Cum Laude  
Mayra Vanessa Ortega  
Laura Karen Perez  
Alejandro Pineda-Salazar  
Cesar Ramirez  
Myrna Stephanie Ramirez  
Candy Isabel Rojo  
Cum Laude  
Yesenia Marie Sanchez  
Lizzbeth Tavares  
Alexa Maria Torres  
Taylor Nicole Torrez  
Daniel Vera  
Diana Michelle Zermeno
PSYCHOLOGY
Richard Chavez Fuerte
Yadira Chavira
Adonai Chung
Isabella Cisneros
  Cum Laude

SOCIAL SCIENCES
Adriana Elizabeth Arenival
Ilse Carolina Ayon
Daisy Jacqueline Bedolla
Camilo Garcia
  Summa Cum Laude
Natalie Jean Garcia
Luis Felipe Ortega Jr.
Mairani Tafoya Mora
Eliott Valdez
Jesus Valenzuela
Daniella Kassandra Vega
  Magna Cum Laude
Ashley Jill Vogel
  Cum Laude

SPANISH
Rocio Ayala Tapia
Beatris Beltran
Astrid Cabrera
Andrea Cervantes
Lizbeth Cortes
Lizbeth Arena Figueroa
Elizabeth Tayra Gonzalez
Ana Ligia Hueso
Monica Gabriela Iniesta
Gala Gabriela Leon
Melissa Fernanda Leon
Johan Omar Magana
Elias Oceguera
Jeniffer Lizeth Ramirez
Ana Rodriguez
Lorena Sanchez
Allison Arydesmi Silva

Credentials

MULTIPLE SUBJECT
Marco Alvarez
Monica Castro
Kimberly Espinoza-Feliz
  Bilingual Authorization
Liliana Gonzalez
Alina Marquez Gandar
  Bilingual Authorization
Ashley Mejia
Gabriela Morales
Johana Rodriguez Alvarez
Kimberly Torres

SINGLE SUBJECT, ENGLISH
Karina Cambero
  Bilingual Authorization

SINGLE SUBJECT, PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Pedro Ramirez
Students graduating from the Weber Honors College have successfully earned at least 15 units in small, challenging, interdisciplinary honors courses. The Weber Honors College features a wide range of opportunities that help students broaden their knowledge, gain new perspectives, and understand complex issues from diverse points of view. Weber Honors College students experience one-on-one scholarly partnerships with distinguished faculty, complete a culminating portfolio, engage in university and community service activities, and further enrich their education through study abroad.

Rand Al Ghussein
Collin Allen
Alana Almond
Maher Alsakkaf
Jose Miguel Alvarado
Maria Clara Amaral Rocha
Alexa Andreu
Leyla Anvaripour
Jessica Arrington
Sahra Artan
Madison Balagtas
Courtney Barbato
Aliyah Barnes
Talia Begi
Marina Bienenstock
Susan Biscardi
Jessica Blasjo
Rachel Bloom
Elizabeth Booker
Paige Bounds
Emma Bray
Reece Breuckman
Jason Broesamle
Amanda Buck
Bailey Burch
Kayla Burns
Alec Candib
Chloe Canler
Brianah Caplan
Amairani Cardenas
Riley Carr
Adam Carrillo
Alek Casillas
Judith Chambers
Sophie Chance
Taylor Chase
Naomi Cheuk
Cole Chodorow

Veronica Coen
Tali Cohen-Kurzrock
Eli Collin
Angelica Cook
Alexis Correa
Tayra Curumilla
Sami Danly
Isabella Danzi
Jenna De Maio
Sophia De Runtz
Felipe Leonam De Souza
Robert Deleon
Hazell Diaz
Alina Doan
Delaney Down
Daria Dragicevic
Brian Duong
Kellie Elhai
Sophie Emerson
Julia English
Julia Escobedo
Serena Famalett
Yusufu Feierdawusi
Ana Felix-Ibarra
Molly Fitzsimmons
Jasmin Flores
Brianna Flores
Jasmine Freund
Ava Froble
Alyssa Gahagan
Joseph Galarneau
Josh Galst
Kaira Garcia
Markyves Gaunin
Arad Gerami
Eleanor Gilmore
Bhumika Gode
Anthony Goring
Christine Gotthardt
David Grant
Maya Greenfield Thong
Jenna Greer
Isaac Gutierrez
Grace Han
Shehar Haque
Brittany Hart
Tyler Hazard
Casey Heaney
Doreen Hemmati
Justen Hitchcock
Katrina Celine Hizon
Kai Hoshina
Jake Hurwitz
Analyse Ilsley
Kara Jacobs
Lauryn Jefferson
Emma Johnson
Maxwell Johnson
Mill Johnson
Morgan Johnson
Christina Jones
Kaytki Joshi
Sydney Karlos
Kentaro Kawasaki
Emma Kerr
Liam Kerrigan
Kevin Kesler
Thomas Knopf
Nicole Kohrmann
Pocky Kohsuwan
Austin Kovalcheck
Jacqueline Krikorian
Maria Kusior
Kevin Larsen
Thong Le
Kaitlin Lebow
Amanda Lee
Simone Leibowitz
Kaeli Leoni
Hunter Libby
Elizabeth Lippel
Justin Lloyd
Gabrielle Lopez
Sawyer Lowe
Jason Lum

Nirel Manalili
Dafne Manzano
Jeanette Marino
Elena Martin
Jessica Martin
Brandon Martinez
Nicholas Matovsky
Mark Maynard
Justin McClendon
Megan McGlothlin
Sarah McHenry
Brooke McKinlay
Ashley McMichael
Diorah Mendez
Christina Miano
Emily Mickelson
Peter Mitri
Katrina Mogannon
Jarid Morrison
Samantha Munz
Magdalene Murphy
Megan Murphy
Ryan Murphy
Sanam Nagvekar
Esther Nguyen
Kaylee Nguyen
Samuel Niemann
Joshua Olson
Ronald Owen
Sohun Panchal
Courtney Parks
Dejanae Phillips
Belle Phommavong
Alexander Pickering
Emma Planche
Lauren Plowy
Adam Popejoy
Johana Press
Gabriela Quevedo
Molly Rast
Samuel Reilly
Krysta Rhodes
Nakia Richardson
Lauren Rivera
Martha Rodriguez
Noemi Rodriguez
Brynn Rogowski
Alexandra Rooney
Leslie Rosas Guillen
Devon Rossi
Shawn Ruderman
Kylie Ruff
Minami Sakakibara
Gabriella Salcedo
Adam Salem
Peter Saltamachio
Carlos Sanchez Rojas
Roda Saoor
Jakob Schmall
Kenneth Schuelke
Mara Schumann
Victoria Seise
Daniel Shabsin
Dipali Shah
Jessica Shipps
Grace Singh
Chester Smith
Diego Smith
Alexa Sosa Nunez
Sydney Steinbeck
Nicholas Stephens
Justin Sterk
Madison Stewart
Thomas Stone
Sierra Sturken
Emily Tafoya
Andrew Tang
Daniel Teeling
Bryce Tomecek
Madelyn Toriano
Evelyn Tran
Yun-Jen Tsai
Brenden Tuccinardi
Ryan Tung
Caden Unholz
Jason Valentini
Maria Valle
Hana Van Voorst
Khoa Vo
Aspen Waddle
Lauren Wade
Sydney Wagner
Courtney Wallace
Shiloh Wallack
Jayda Warburton
Taylor Warch
Brooke Wasson
Cassandra Watson
Emma Webber
Kara Whitaker
Tristan Whitaker
Briana Wintner
Marina Wright
Ayleen Yamaki
Cameron Yokoi
Taylor York
Kyani Young
Elan Zora
University-wide Honor Societies

PHI KAPPA PHI

Candidates for the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi are selected from juniors in the upper 7.5 percent of their class and from seniors and graduate students in the upper ten percent of their classes. Phi Kappa Phi was founded at the University of Maine in 1897; San Diego State University’s chapter was established in 1965.

Wilton Abreu Rodrigues
Tia Mohammad Abu Sham
Justin Evan Adam
Melanie Garcia Aguiler
Jose Miguel Alvarado
Javier Elias Arreola
Yasmeen Daisy Baran
Tiana Marie Barron-Wright
Rhea Jizelle Ciballos Bati
Aleigha Marie Binda
Christina Ann Bock
Jakebryan Bonifacio
Paige Lee Bounds
Sidney Megan Brown
Kirstie Brooke Burgess
Lindsey Ann Busk
Krista Marie Buzolich
Alec Michael Candib
Gregory Patrick Carlos
Alek Andrew Casillas
Angela Kim Marcella Cavilla
Tiffany Chiem
Alan Shawn Clemenson
Jade Sophia Honora Connolly-Cepurac
Kyle David Continente
Samantha Merree Cook
Katherine Barrett Coyle
Aleah Jhane Davenport Jarin
Julia Mari Devore
Mikayla Grace Devries
Rachel Dizon Elevado
Julia Maria Escobedo
Emma Catherine Evangelista
Yasmin A. Farah
Kacee Nicole Fay
Nathan Mccarthy Fogerson
Tannia Zulema Godinez
Alana Nicole Kikanani Godoy

Toby Hanjae Graves-Morris
Thalia Marguerite Hagopian
Kevin Hammarlund
Francine Marie Hardy
Chiaki Harris
Kyle Harrington Hart
Benjamin James Hefter
Brayan Hernandez Angel
Ronald Darrell Hootman
Nathaniel Gonzalez Jalbuena
Diana Veronica Jimenez
Mary Louise Jones
Christine Anne Keller
Ledya Adil Aked Korial
Camryn Brianna Larwill
Ethan Zachary Laub
Andrea Vonny Lee
Kaeli Jelyn Leoni
Anzhelika Levytska
Justin James Lloyd
Jesse Locklin
Bradley James Lomeli
Briana Deanne Madrigal
Catherine Bahaaeh Makeh-Vandian
Sophia Martin-Carloz
Mark Everett Maynard
Jacob Charles Dillion McDermott
Alice Melz
Michael R. Mensalvas
Megan Renee Miller
Adelaida Mogrovejo Chesire
Kaivan Ameen Mohsenzadeh
Jasmin Mariko Munoz
Alfonso Joaquin Munoz-Bond
Laura Jane Murray
Kendall Lauren O’Connell
Brenda Maribel Ocampo
Brooke Nicole Orozco
Phi Beta Kappa is the nation’s oldest scholarly honor society, founded in 1776 at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. The chapter at San Diego State University (Nu), first in the California State University and first in San Diego, was established in 1974. Students are invited to join Phi Beta Kappa for excelling in the liberal arts and sciences.

**Juniors**
Lindsey Nicole Cannon
Serena Linda Hodson

**Seniors**
Audreanna Nicole Demetrio Abad
Steven Adcock
Maririn Aizawa
Isabella Rose Akana
Alana Nicole Almond
Dur Salah Alsamarraie
Christian Klein Redondo Alston
Arianna Castillo Alvarado
Natalia Alvarez Urzua
Gabriela Monica Alvarez
Kendall Michelle Anderson
Taliah Camille Andrade

Sana Arjmand
Jessica Drue Arrington
Sahra Mohamed Artan
Makani Isabel Ash
David Simone Ashirov
Natalia Maisey Ravelo
Mckenna Elise Avery
Vanessa Monique Ayala
Remington Kendall Ayres
Madison Marie Balagtas
Natalie Joy Balen
Karla Andrea Baltazar
Vanessa Rae Barboza
Alyiah Aisha Barnes
Nina Jean Bayne
Elise Marie Bengtson
Marina Rose Bienenstock
Tam Minh Huu Nguyen
Cassidy Jo O’Connell
Omotoyosi Valerie Ogunbajo
Gabriella Nicole Olk-Cardona
Christina Camille Olsen
Trinity Orres
James Patrick Owens
Adam David Pacheco
Ada Matilda Parnanen
Kimia Parsa
April Joy Magadia Payumo
Hayden Mackenzie Pearce
Kevin Leonardo Pedraza
Sara Helena Pence
Cristian Perez Lara
Sophie Charlotte Peterson
Nikki Tang Phan
Adam Michael Popejoy
Jessica Anne Rayburn
Katherine Rosemary Reddy
Kalista Lynn Redman
Taylor Ann Reed
Clerissa Merced Reveles
Kaitlin Rhind
Joshua James Rice
Ana Valeria Rios
Cydney Jayde Rivas
Matthew Alejandro Rodriguez Galvan
Alexandra Michelle Rooney
Estevan Yovan Rubalcava
Sidney Frances Rubens
Ashby Margaret Russell
Nona Sara Saber
Kellen Sabhlok
John Lowell Sachs, Jr.
Minami Sakakibara
Kelsey Maia Salas
Mackenzie Ann Salmina
Carlos Gadiel Sanchez-Rojas
Lianna Nicole Sanchez
Roda Aram Ibrahim Saoor
Jakob Branson Schmoll
Shane Patrick Schooter
Andrew John Schrittwieser
Mara H. Schumann
Michelle Kelsey Sears
Sophia Elizabeth Seibert
Alessandro Eduardo Seide
Aadit Jigesh Shah
Lamees Firas Sharif
Audrey Shinsky
Erin Louise Shives
Grace Singh
Diego Anthony Smith
Emily Elizabeth Smith
Mandy Lynn Sohacki
Alexandra Jane Spencer
Sloane A. Spencer
Beatrix Stark
Alexandra India Strom
Coy Allen Strothers
Sierra Eileen Sturken
Kiana Woo Sujishi
Grace Mae Sypnicki
Dalia R. Tabibian
Adrian Leonel Takahasi
Chizuru Tanaka
Alexis Teresa Thometz
Sean Andrew Tonthat
Amber Trammell
Madeline Marie Travers
Emma Grace Tszttoo
Sofia Vallejo Terceros
Sophia Rose Vargas
Maahir Idris Vasi
Tori Michelle Vasquez
Erika Kaitlyn Wiese
Katherine Elizabeth Wills
Madison Rose Wills
Christianne Nicole Wittbrodt
Jacob Woolwine
Emily Leilani Yates
Jack Yerem
Danya Esam Youhanna
Cailin Anne Young
Matthew George Zavaro
Ethan David Zehr
Kelly Marie Zoffada
Jason K. Zuehlke
To be considered for membership in the Jane K. Smith Cap and Gown Chapter of Mortar Board, students must have senior standing for the fall semester with an overall grade point average of 3.2 and have participated and excelled in the areas of scholarship, leadership and service. Mortar Board, which was founded in 1918, had its beginning at SDSU in 1932 as Cap and Gown. In 1965, the local honor society was recognized as a member of the national society. Admission to Mortar Board is highly competitive. Membership is restricted to no more than 40 students per year.

Maryam Abdul Sattar
Leyla Anvariipour
Madison Balagtas
Hannah Berman-Schneider
Paige Bounds
Madison Brown
Tuulia Candido
Angela Cavilla
Emma Churchill
Ashley Clark
Veronica Coen
Chelsey Crowne
Tayra Curumilla
Rita Daniel
Jacob Downey
Anita Duong
Sarah Faucheux
Bryce Franzen
Ava Froble
Charity Gerhard
Alana Godoy
Katrina Hizon
Christian Holt
Ashley Jackson
Maxwell Johnson
Emma Kerr
Nicole Kohrmann
Elena Lucas de la Cruz
Jason Lum
Jessica Martin
Mark Maynard
Rebecca Miekley
Megan Miller
Samantha Munz
Ryan Murphy
Courtney Parks
Kelly Pearson
Rylie Powelson
Madilynn Reynoso
Jakob Schmall
Michelle Sears
Christina Shimoda
Chrystian Smith
Sydney Steinbeck
Torrey Stouder-Studenmund
Khoa Vo
Aspen Waddle
Lauren Wade
Shiloh Wallack
Erika Wiese
Elan Zora
Jason Zuehlke
TAU SIGMA

Tau Sigma is a national academic honor society designed specifically to recognize and promote the academic excellence and involvement of transfer students. Tau Sigma was originally founded in 1999 at Auburn University in Alabama. San Diego State University’s chapter was established in August 2017. Students are invited for earning a 3.5 grade point average during their first term.

Wilton Abreu Rodrigues
Melanie Garcia Aguilera
Jose Miguel Alvarado
Javier Elias Arreola
Tiana Marie Barron-Wright
Rhea Jizelle Ciballos Bati
Aleigha Marie Binda
Christina Ann Bock
Jakebryan Bonifacio
Sidney Megan Brown
Kirstie Brooke Burgess
Gregory Patrick Carlos
Alek Andrew Casillas
Kyle David Continente
Samantha Merree Cook
Aleah Jhane Davenport Jarin
Julia Mari Devore
Mikayla Grace Devries
Rachel Dizon Elevado
Yasmin Ahmed Farah
Kacee Nicole Fay
Nathan Mccarthy Fogerson
Tania Zulema Godinez
Alana Nicole Kikanani Godoy
Toby Hanjae Graves-Morris
Thalia Marguerite Hagopian
Kevin Hammarlund
Brayan Hernandez Angel
Ronald Darrell Hootman
Mary Louise Jones

Ledya Adil Aked Korial
Ethan Zachary Laub
Jesse Locklin
Bradley James Lomeli
Catherine Bahaareh Makeh-Vandian
Jacob Charles Dillion McDermott
Alice Melz
Adelaida Mogrovejo Mogrovejo Chesire
Kaivan Ameen Mohsenzadeh
Jasmin Mariko Munoz
Kendall Lauren O’Connell
Brooke Nicole Orozco
Madison Kerber Pitts
Deva Reign
Jennifer Reyes Lopez
Erin Elizabeth Roberts
Benjamin Rhys Slater
Maryann Soriano
Christopher Michael Sterkenburg
Torrey Angel Stouder-Studenmund
Lavina Zaya Tallo
Amber Trammell
Brianna Valencia Upshaw
Lindsay Michelle Vieira
Abigail Rose Wallace
Matthew D. Walters
Madeline Cherie Winder
Jacob Colin Wright
Gustavo C. Zavala
Charity Therese Slatnick
HENRY L. JANSSEN HONORS COUNCIL AWARD

The Henry L. Janssen Honors Council Award and scholarship is given each year to students who have been selected as members and actively participate in all five university-wide honor societies: Phi Eta Sigma, Golden Key International Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Beta Kappa, and Mortar Board National Honor Society.

Tuulia Candido
Megan Miller
Samantha Munz
Jakob Schmall
Michelle Sears
Chrystian Smith
Elan Zora
TRADITION

Academic Regalia
Academic Dress

Academic dress, also known as academic regalia, originated in Medieval European universities during the 14th century, when commencement ceremonies were associated with religious ordination. In observance of tradition, all participants in commencement ceremonies wear full academic regalia, consisting of a traditional black gown, hood and mortar board.

Bachelor’s and master’s gowns are plain, although sometimes worn with honor cords or stoles. The doctoral gown is trimmed down the front and around the sleeves with bands of velvet, either in black or a color associated with the graduate’s field of study. Sleeve styles also vary with the degree: pointed sleeves on the bachelor’s gown; short sleeves for the master’s; and round, full sleeves for the doctoral robe.

The standard cap worn with academic regalia is the mortar board in black. Graduates with a bachelor’s degree wear a red and black tassel to represent SDSU school colors and graduates with a master’s degree wear an all-black tassel. Doctoral graduates wear a tam with a gold tassel.

Postgraduate candidates wear hoods that fit around the neck in front and drape down over the robe in back. The hood lining displays the university colors of red and black. In addition, colored velvet edging on the hood corresponds to the graduate’s field of study. The doctoral hood is longer than the master’s hood, and trimmed with additional velvet panels.

The Gown

The typical academic gown is black, but some institutions choose colored gowns to signify certain colleges, universities or degrees. Bachelor’s and master’s gowns are plain, although sometimes worn with honor cords or stoles. The doctoral gown is trimmed down the front and around the sleeves with bands of velvet, either in black or a color associated with the graduate’s field of study. Sleeve styles also vary with the degree: pointed sleeves on the bachelor’s gown; short sleeves for the master’s; and round, full sleeves for the doctoral robe.

The Hood

Graduates holding master’s and doctoral degrees also typically wear a hood that fits around the neck in front and drapes down over the robe in back. The hood lining displays colors associated with particular schools. Chevrons in a second color indicate a dual emphasis, while colored velvet edging on the hood corresponds to the graduate’s field of study. The doctoral hood is longer than the master’s hood, and trimmed with additional velvet panels.

The Cap

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Ceremonial Mace

The ceremonial mace, a symbol of university scholarship and integrity since the 11th century, is carried at the head of the academic procession at commencement and other special occasions to signify the importance of the event and the values of the university.

The university's mace was designed and handcrafted for San Diego State University by Michael Rybicki, an alumnus of the Master of Fine Arts jewelry and metalsmithing program.

The mace takes the iconic image of Hepner Hall as its main inspiration. Hepner Hall stands at the historic heart of the campus, and its bell tower and arch are well-loved symbols of the university for students, alumni and the entire San Diego community. A stylized silhouette of the bell tower, made of four curved sheets of sterling silver, sits atop a silver bowl formed by the traditional skill of hand raising—a metalworking method dating back thousands of years. The sleek curves of the tower resting on the hand-hammered bowl represent the blending of SDSU’s proud history with its modern and forward-facing scholarship, research and community engagement. These sculptural elements sit atop a turned and carved walnut handle.

Presidential Medallion

The medallion worn by President Adela de la Torre at commencement was designed for her installation as the ninth president of San Diego State University on April 11, 2019. It was designed and created by metalsmith graduate student Rex Arthur Ramos. The nine waves of the medallion represent the past and current nine presidents of SDSU, each bringing a new wave of leadership. The circular shape of the medallion symbolizes a globe while iconic Hepner Hall encompasses this shape, reinforcing SDSU's global influence. SDSU is depicted at the very center of this globe on an abstract map of the local region. The inclusion of the border represents a university with many different cultures, while the coastal line signifies the nature that surrounds SDSU. The contemporary look of the medallion reflects a vision of the future for SDSU guided by President de la Torre.
Honorary Degrees Conferred by SDSU

1963 John F. Kennedy,  
Doctor of Laws

1966 Glenn T. Seaborg,  
Doctor of Laws

1968 Edwin O. Reischauer,  
Doctor of Laws

1996 Bernard Lipinsky,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

1996 Alvena Storm,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

1997 D. Bruce Johnstone,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

1997 Shimon Peres,  
Doctor of Laws

1998 Arthur Barron,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

1998 Arthur G. Linkletter,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

1998 Vahac Mardirosian,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

1999 Shirley Chisholm,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

1999 James D. Sinegal,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2002 Miguel León Portilla,  
Doctor of Letters

2002 George Walker Smith,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2002 Dwight E. Stanford,  
Doctor of Laws

2002 Claire Van Vliet,  
Doctor of Fine Arts

2003 John Baldessari,  
Doctor of Fine Arts

2003 Charles F. Bolden,  
Doctor of Science

2003 Sol Price,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2004 Kathleen Kennedy,  
Doctor of Fine Arts

2005 Norman Brinker,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2005 Andreas Brown,  
Doctor of Fine Arts

2005 Ron L. Fowler,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2006 Irwin Jacobs,  
Doctor of Science

2006 Craig Noel,  
Doctor of Fine Arts

2007 Martha W. Longnecker,  
Doctor of Fine Arts

2007 Deborah Szekely,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2007 Leon Lawson Williams,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2008 Darlene V. Shiley,  
Doctor of Fine Arts

2009 Malin Burnham,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2009 The Honorable Pete Wilson,  
Doctor of Laws

2010 Ambassador Charles W. Hostler,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2010 Don Coryell,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2011 Kazuo Inamori,  
Doctor of Science

2012 Leonard H. Lavin,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2012 L. Robert Payne Payne,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2013 Linda Lang,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2013 The Honorable Jerry Sanders,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2014 Patricia L. Roscoe,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2014 Robert Price,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2015 Conrad T. Prebys,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2016 Susan Salka,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2016 Irwin Zahn,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2017 Harold Brown,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2017 Jack McGrory,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2017 Andrea Skorepa,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2018 Harry Paul Cuero, Jr.,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2019 Father Joe Carroll,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2019 Ellen Ochoa,  
Doctor of Sciences

2019 Sally Roush,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2019 Christopher Sickels,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2020 Nicole Armanino Clay,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2020 Massi Joseph E. Kiani,  
Doctor of Science

2020 Jessie J. Knight, Jr.,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2021 Stephen P. Doyle,  
Doctor of Science

2021 Walter Francis Ekard,  
Doctor of Humane Letters

2021 José Padilla,  
Doctor of Laws

2021 Thuan Dinh Nguyen,  
Doctor of Humane Letters
COMMISSIONED GRADUATES

QUALIFIED FOR COMMISSION IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Dylan Ames
Andrew Bittner
Anthony Cadena
EdRey Casamina
Diego Castanon
Marvin Elamparo
Jeremie Gonzales
Thomas Hancock
Jacob Hoppe
Collin Killins
Leslyn Nuevo
Devin Ramos
Daniel Schmitz
Tyler Shiver
Madelyn Toriano
Vincent Vaishville
Liam Weinfurtner
Delmar Woods

QUALIFIED FOR COMMISSION IN THE UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

Brandon Hoang

QUALIFIED FOR COMMISSION IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY

Matthew Arreola
Joshua Basilio
Gabriel Castillo Del Muro
Brandon Fernando
Junseo Lee
Patricia Santos
Daniel Schneider

QUALIFIED FOR COMMISSION IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY

Justine Bartolome
Randy Bautista
Hector Cea Navas
Daniel Koopmans
Anjanette Natividad
Corey Sizemore

QUALIFIED FOR COMMISSION IN THE UNITED STATES MARINES

Kadesh Armstrong
Elizabeth Chavez
Max Drew
Matthew Leonard
Serge Ouedraogo
Fabio Perez
Joseph Quintana
IN MEMORIAM

San Diego State University honors the memories of our students we have lost over the last two years, as well as the countless lives that have been lost due to the pandemic.

Angela Brawner
Marchelle Crumes
Grant Daley
Dallas Freitas
Michael John Green
Rebecca Herbig
Dylan Hernandez
Noah Hytken
Nicholas Isales
Eddy Lopez
Catherine Ma
Mustafa Mohammad
Issa Munoz
Noah Najbert
Lilliana Purvia
Eliesel Rivera
Andrew Roberts
Hilda Giselle Sanchez
Benjamin Whittier

IN TRIBUTE

San Diego State University pays tribute to those students who put their education on hold to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces and honors the memory of those whose lives were lost.
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This is your opportunity to make a $10 donation to your Class of 2021 Scholarship and leave your legacy. Donate today to receive your distinguished legacy cord.

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