

UC San Diego All Campus Commencement

Tenzin Gyatso, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, is keynote speaker at the University of California San Diego All Campus Commencement June 17, 2017. UC San Diego, one of the top 15 research universities in the world and recognized for its contributions to the public good—in partnership with The Friends of the Dalai Lama Foundation, founded by Ven. Lama Tenzin Dhonden the Personal Emissary for Peace to His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama—is hosting the spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism.

The keynote commencement address by His Holiness will be “The Value of Education, Ethics and Compassion for the Well-Being of Self and Others.” In addition to the keynote address, His Holiness will offer a public address on campus June 16.

“We are honored to host His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama at UC San Diego and thankful that he will share messages of global compassion with our graduates and their families,” said Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla. “A man of peace, the Dalai Lama promotes global responsibility and service to humanity. These are the ideals we aim to convey and instill in our students and graduates at UC San Diego.”

In 1989, the Dalai Lama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his nonviolent struggle for the liberation of Tibet. He also became the first Nobel laureate to be recognized for his concern for global environmental problems. In addition to being the spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism, His Holiness has dedicated his life to offering contemplative dialogues on the subject matters of science and Buddhism, education and secular ethics, compassion and universal responsibility, as well as ethics in the fields of environmental sustainability, global warming and leadership.

“His Holiness the Dalai Lama has been invited to speak at most major universities in the U.S. because his global message of universal responsibility, kindness and compassion is loved and appreciated by people all over the world, and applicable to every field of study,” said Lama Tenzin Dhonden.

The All Campus Commencement kicks off graduation weekend at UC San Diego. Chancellor Khosla will officially confer degrees by academic division upon graduates gathered as one student body. Following the ceremony, the campus’s six undergraduate colleges, two professional schools and various graduate programs will host personalized graduation events where more than 8,000 undergraduate and graduate students will walk across stage as their names are read.

Below is the 2017 UC San Diego commencement weekend schedule. To learn more, visit the [All Campus Commencement website](#).

Saturday, June 17

All Campus Commencement (RIMAC Field)

8 a.m. Procession of the Graduates

9–10:30 a.m. Ceremony

Graduation Ceremonies

2:30 p.m. College Ceremony (RIMAC Field)—Earl Warren College

3:30 p.m. Graduate Division (RIMAC Arena)

6 p.m. College Ceremony (RIMAC Field)—John Muir College

Sunday, June 18

Graduation Ceremonies

8 a.m. College Ceremony (RIMAC Field)—Eleanor Roosevelt College

9 a.m. Rady School of Management (RIMAC Arena)

11:30 a.m. College Ceremony (RIMAC Field)—Thurgood Marshall College

1:30 p.m. School of Global Policy and Strategy (RIMAC Arena)

3 p.m. College Ceremony (RIMAC Field)—Revelle College

6:30 p.m. College Ceremony (RIMAC Field)—Sixth College

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