

**SDSU** | Imperial Valley

# Commencement 2026



MAY 14, 2026

IMPERIAL VALLEY

# A MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

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Dear Class of 2026:

Today marks both the end of your time with the California State University and the start of an exciting new chapter. Along with the degree you worked so hard to earn, you have gained knowledge, skills and connections that I know will take you far.

Your accomplishment is celebrated today by so many people, including those who supported you on this journey: your family, friends and all those whose love sustained you; the faculty who trained you to look at the world with a critical eye and an open mind; and the counselors, advisors, librarians, tutors and

coaches who together created an encouraging environment for you to succeed and to thrive.

You have made all of them, and me, extraordinarily proud.

As you face new opportunities in the days ahead, you will do so empowered by your membership in a vibrant global network of more than four and a half million CSU alumni. Together, you are certain to enrich our workforce and communities. After all, CSU alumni (like you!) have so much to contribute, whether it is exploring solutions to society's greatest challenges, working to educate and inspire the next generation or powering the fight for democracy and a more just world.

No matter the path you choose, please stay connected to your alma mater and to the CSU. Your connections – both to your campus and to other CSU alumni – are powerful tools that can help to open new doors of possibility. Likewise, I encourage you to offer support to all those who aspire to follow in your footsteps in pursuit of a CSU degree.

You begin writing your next chapter today – and I wish you every success. May your hard work and creativity lead to happiness, prosperity and deep fulfillment, both in your life and in the lives of those around you.

*Felicitades*, California State University Class of 2026! I can't wait to see all that you will accomplish.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mildred García". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mildred García, Ed.D.  
Chancellor



**San Diego  
State University  
Imperial Valley**

**67<sup>TH</sup> COMMENCEMENT**

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Graduate:

On this extraordinary day, I join the faculty, staff, alumni and supporters of San Diego State University in celebrating your achievement. Your degree is a reflection of the tenacity, commitment and personal growth that brought you to this defining milestone in your life.

During your time at SDSU, you challenged yourself academically, discovered new passions and sharpened your aspirations. The perseverance, integrity and resilience you demonstrated here will serve you well in your profession, in your community and in all that lies ahead. I look forward with great anticipation to the impact the Class of 2026 will make as you help shape a vibrant future for our region and the world.

As members of the Class of 2026, you have contributed to a remarkable era in our university's 129-year history. You advanced record levels of growth, achievement and student success at SDSU. You helped propel SDSU into the elite ranks of R1 institutions—recognized among the top 5% of universities nationwide for research activity. And in your time at SDSU, you and your class played an important part in elevating our academic excellence and national reputation.

As you celebrate this achievement, pause and reflect on those who were with you throughout your journey. From family members and loved ones to friends, mentors and SDSU's faculty and staff, take time today to express your appreciation for their belief in you and the roles they played in your success.

Looking ahead, you become part of a global community of more than half a million living Aztec alumni. It is a powerful network that includes public servants and civic leaders, entrepreneurs and innovators, educators, scientists, artists and changemakers across every field. Throughout your life, this community will stand ready to offer connection, mentorship and opportunity. "Aztec for Life" is more than just a saying; it is a culture and commitment.

As you complete this chapter and begin the next, remember that SDSU will always be your university home. Whether you are pursuing advanced study or progressing in your career, stay engaged with the SDSU Alumni organization and take advantage of your lifetime access to the university's Career Services resources. In the years ahead, I hope you will return to campus to share your experiences and inspire future generations of Aztecs.

For now, take pride in this moment and celebrate all you have achieved. Your success is well deserved, and we honor you.

Congratulations, Class of 2026!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Adela de la Torre". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Adela de la Torre, Ph.D.  
President

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

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¡Mucho éxito y felicidades!

Graduation is a wonderful day to celebrate your academic and personal achievements at San Diego State University Imperial Valley. You, and all the people who have supported you throughout this journey, have so much to be proud of. Our faculty, staff, and leadership are delighted to celebrate with you this evening. There are so many exciting opportunities waiting for you. The degrees you have earned indicate you have what it takes to succeed as critical thinkers, writers, speakers, active listeners, and problem solvers. With empathy, compassion, and a critical understanding of our community and the

world we live in, you have the skills and experiences to build on your potential, work with diverse teams, and lead wherever you go in the future.

Graduation day is one of the most joyful days of the year for me, as it marks the culmination of so many efforts to contribute to your success. I am grateful to our distinguished faculty, staff, and leadership for their presence, participation, and dedication to your students.

Individually and collectively, we have committed to serve our students by promoting higher education as the only four-year university right here in the Imperial Valley. Many of you will be the first in your families to graduate from a university, serving as role models for your siblings, cousins, and friends. Some of you are proud to follow in your family's tradition of seeking a degree at SDSU because you have witnessed the transformative power of an education. Your SDSU diploma is a testament to your hard work, persistence, dedication, and perseverance. Display it proudly because you have earned it.

As you embark on the next step of your journey, I ask you to motivate others to pursue their dreams and education. Share your story, your lessons learned, and your wisdom with family and friends so they too can follow in your steps. Let them know you are willing to serve as a pillar for them to lean on when and if they need your support. Trust that others have witnessed your journey and will be inspired by your success.

Your presence at SDSU Imperial Valley has inspired us on campus to work diligently to become better professionals and human beings in providing educational opportunities to our students and our community. You leave a deep imprint on our campus through your presence and interactions with your peers, staff, faculty, and our leadership. Come back and pay it forward as an engaged alumnus, as a mentor, and as a future leader of our community. You did it! ¡Sí se pudo!

Con cariño y orgullo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Guillermina G. Núñez-Mchiri". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Guillermina Gina Núñez-Mchiri  
Dean, San Diego State University Imperial Valley

# CEREMONY

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## **Processional**

Graduates and Faculty

## **Introduction**

Dr. Henry Villegas  
*Dean of Students, SDSU Imperial Valley*

## **Land Acknowledgment**

Dr. Henry Villegas  
*Dean of Students, SDSU Imperial Valley*

## **Presentation of Colors and National Anthem**

Calexico High School NJROTC Color Guard  
Nathalia Lozano

## **Presidential Address**

Dr. Adela de la Torre  
*President, San Diego State University*

## **Welcome/Graduate Address**

Dr. Guillermina Gina Núñez-Mchiri  
*Dean, SDSU Imperial Valley*

## **Recognition and Remembrance**

Dr. Guillermina Gina Núñez-Mchiri  
*Dean, SDSU Imperial Valley*

## **Congratulatory Remarks**

Andrea Acuña  
*President, Associated Students, SDSU Imperial Valley*

## **Recognition of Candidates Graduating with Honors**

Dr. William G. Tong  
*Provost and Senior Vice President, San Diego State University*

## **Graduate Awards**

Dr. William G. Tong  
*Provost and Senior Vice President, San Diego State University*

## **Aztec Scholar Award**

Glenda Flores Valenzuela  
*Bachelor of Arts, Public Administration  
Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice*

## **Outstanding Graduate Award**

Yasly Guadalupe Avendaño  
*Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Studies with  
an emphasis in elementary education*

## **Most Influential Faculty Award**

Stacy Bodus  
*Liberal Studies Coordinator*

## **Conferral of Master's Degrees**

Dr. William G. Tong  
*Provost and Senior Vice President, San Diego State University*

## **Presentation of Credentials**

Dr. Henry Villegas  
*Dean of Students, SDSU Imperial Valley*

## **Conferral of Baccalaureate Degrees**

Dr. Adela de la Torre  
*President, San Diego State University*

## **Recessional**

## **Faculty Marshals**

Dr. David Kanaan  
*Chair, Division of Professional Studies, SDSU Imperial Valley*

Dr. Linda Abarbanell  
*Chair, Division of Arts and Sciences, SDSU Imperial Valley*

## COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE

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Fernanda Ferreiro  
*Co-chair*

Henry Villegas  
*Co-chair*

Alexa Alvarez

Anthony Acosta

Daniella Rodiles

Daniel Lopez

Georgette Astorga

Melyssa Gonzalez

Olga Vega

Special thank you to all of our staff, faculty, facilities, maintenance, custodial teams and volunteers for their help and contribution to Commencement.

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## ADMINISTRATION

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Dr. Guillermina Gina Nuñez-Mchiri  
*SDSU Imperial Valley Dean*

Dr. Salvador Espinosa  
*Senior Associate Dean of Academic Affairs*

Dr. Henry Villegas  
*Dean of Student Affairs*

Maribel Madero  
*Imperial Valley Campus Administrator*

Elizabeth Vasquez  
*Director of Enrollment Management*

Juan Carlos Rivera Ordaz  
*Assistant Director of Facilities Services and Projects*



# *Graduates*

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## Academic Honors

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### *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.

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## Teaching Credentials

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### **MULTIPLE SUBJECT**

Valeria Garnica Arguelles  
Franya Avila Aguilar  
Jennifer Beltran  
Timotea Bojorquez  
Ashlyn Danielle Breland  
Naydeline A Bueno Gonzalez  
Arais Calderon  
Andrea Camacho  
Amanda Isabel Carrillo  
Maria F Chavez  
Josue D Cuevas Orenday  
Ashley De Santiago  
Litzzy Duarte  
Vianey Fernandez Jimenez

Bethanny Fuentes  
Claudia Garcia  
Elizabeth Garcia  
Vivian Celeste Gaytan  
Brittany Higuera  
Marlen Lopez-Guevara  
Manny Miranda  
Yasmin Osoria  
Miriam Griselda Quiroz  
Maria Fernanda Ramirez Sanluiseno  
Amanda Denisse Rodriguez  
Sabine Ruth Ruiz  
Maria Lourdes Salcido  
Jackie Santana  
Edgar Eduardo Santos Escobar  
Nancy Sleny Vargas Perez  
Andrea Michelle Vazquez  
Brooke Lynn Wren

### **MULTIPLE SUBJECT BILINGUAL**

Samantha Lopez  
Kimberly Miramontes Tejada  
Jahmai Sanchez

### **SINGLE SUBJECT ENGLISH**

Dylan Arturo Cruz Magana  
Zayra Adelina De La Cruz  
Federico Diaz  
Gisselle Durante  
Alvaro Elias  
Jonathon David Jones  
Alan A Padilla

### **SINGLE SUBJECT PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Kayla Nicole Leyvas

## **SINGLE SUBJECT MATHEMATICS**

Isaac Ferrel

Marcia Andrea Ocampo Martinez

Zachary Paul Zinn

## **SINGLE SUBJECT SOCIAL SCIENCE**

Armando Gomez

Manny Gonzales

Monica Karina Martinez

## **SINGLE SUBJECT SCIENCE - CHEMISTRY**

Aylinn Daena Luna

## **SINGLE SUBJECT SOCIAL SCIENCE BILINGUAL**

Isaiah A Carrillo

## **SINGLE SUBJECT SPANISH**

Vanessa Cortes

Samay Ramona Elias

Angelica Fernandez

Frida Daniela Perez Corrales

Cassandra Sanchez

## **SINGLE SUBJECT SPANISH BILINGUAL**

Lizbeth Arena Figueroa

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# **COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS**

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## **Bachelor of Arts**

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### **ENGLISH**

Isabella Armenta

*Summa Cum Laude*

Jessica Cabral

Rodolfo Nicholas Lizaola

*Summa Cum Laude*

Andrea Jisel Lopez

Taylor D. Moss

*Summa Cum Laude*

Natalie Anahi Rubio Cortez

### **HISTORY**

Maximiliano Ambriz Moreno

Cristian F Arredondo

Luis A. Estrada

Esther Alejandra Gonzalez

Fernando Hyjinio Lara

Carlos Eduardo Lopez

*Cum Laude*

Sal Pimentel

Nicole Rendon Gonzalez

Leslie Rodriguez

Renee Alessandra Rosas

Juan Carlos Sanchez

### **SOCIAL SCIENCE**

Sebastien Arguelles

*Cum Laude*

Jonathan Garcia

Raymond Ortiz

Andrea Michelle Pulido

*Magna Cum Laude*

Gerardo Velazquez Gomez

*Cum Laude*

Oscar Anselmo Zepeda

### **SPANISH**

Brisa Marisol Alvarez

*Magna Cum Laude*

Vianey Itzell Barrera

Susana Lilian Carbajal-Guadarrama

Zayda Haydee Diaz-Lorenzana

*Cum Laude*

Monseratt Alma Fernandez

Emily Stephany Figueroa Salazar

*Summa Cum Laude*

Luis Armando Garibay-Nunez  
Mariem Elizabeth Gomez  
Guiyel Sebastian Morgutia  
Ricardo Murillo Sotelo

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## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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### Bachelor of Arts

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#### LIBERAL STUDIES WITH AN EMPHASIS IN EDUCATION-GENERALIST

Saul Avila  
Haley Rose Gonzales  
Adrian Guzman Herrera  
Maritza Leon  
*Cum Laude*  
Angela Martinez  
Arturo Agustin Rivera  
Stephanie Rodriguez  
Alondra Saavedra

#### LIBERAL STUDIES WITH AN EMPHASIS IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Rachel Ambriz  
Yasly Guadalupe Avendaño  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Luz Celeste Ayon  
Jacklyn Mae Baxter  
Saul D. Castro Munoz  
Ivanna Graciela Escalante  
Josy Angelica Esquivel  
Denise H Felix  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Brianna Marie Frazier  
Carter Reese Gamez  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Aileen Guadalupe Gonzalez  
Vianey Gonzalez  
Olga C Lagunas  
Mia Yannely Loera  
Paulina Isabel Lopez  
Cassandra Molina Salido  
Magaly Karyme Navarrete  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Maria Rosa Nieblas  
Katherine Jovanka Pena  
Luis Manuel Perez  
Nadia Aileen Perez  
Jaqueline Quintanar Hernandez  
*Cum Laude*  
Emilio Aaron Rodriguez  
*Cum Laude*  
Susana Mia Rosales  
Adriana Salazar  
Lila Ellen Simon  
Joselle Nataly Torres  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Javier Villegas  
Gabriella Nicole Yescas  
Abigail Zepeda Cortes  
*Summa Cum Laude*

#### LIBERAL STUDIES WITH AN EMPHASIS IN MATHEMATICS

Andrea Maria Acuña

# COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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## Bachelor of Science

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### NURSING

Valeria Acosta <i>Cum Laude</i>	Jaime Guzman <i>Cum Laude</i>
Sofia Agramont Ovalles <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Valeria Jolene Guzman <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Galilea Skye Almodovar	Xavier Emmanuel Hendrix <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Elias Calles <i>Cum Laude</i>	Veronica Ashley Hernandez
Alyssa Campos <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Edgar Hidalgo <i>Cum Laude</i>
Betania Camila Carrasco <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Daniel Lemus
Aitana Coronado	Alejandra Patricia Lopez
Carolina Cortez	Katya Lopez <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Kiersten Valentina Durich <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Estefani Loreto <i>Cum Laude</i>
Sandra Flores	Audrey Lucio <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Allie Elizabeth Fonseca <i>Cum Laude</i>	Sheyla Janeth Manriquez <i>Cum Laude</i>
Andrea Susana Galvan <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Kitzia Olivarria
Johana Elizabeth Garcia Rodriguez <i>Cum Laude</i>	Brayan Ariel Padilla <i>Cum Laude</i>
Bryanna Alexi Garcia-Quiroz <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Noriz Rosalva Palomera <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Lexi Linda Garduno <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Alexa Justine Pankratz
Dania Sarahy Gil <i>Cum Laude</i>	Krystal Michelle Pantoja
Fernanda Gomezllanos <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Emily Jayleen Perez <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Kelsey Victoria Gonzalez <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Sandra Quintero <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
	Susan C Ramos
	Alonso Rodriguez Jr <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
	Janneth Romero
	Ariana Itzel Romo <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
	Ashley Beltran Ruiz <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
	Bryan Adan Salcedo

Elizabeth Iliana Salcedo  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Mario Damian Salinas  
*Cum Laude*

Andrea Kristanna Sanchez Galvan  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Itzel Rosario Serrano  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Stephanie Honey Stickles

Gilberto Valenzuela

Erika Villegas  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Julie Anne Vizcarra

Gabriel Joseph Zarate

Evelyn Janeth Zatarain  
*Cum Laude*

Arianna Danielle Zepeda  
*Magna Cum Laude*

## **NURSING PREMAJOR**

Daniel Andres Amial  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Aleida Ann Burns  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Hannah Nicole Coronado  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Elvira Flores  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Mariana Reyes  
*Cum Laude*

Ana Sofia Rodriguez Duran  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Isabella K Sanchez  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Mary Jocelyn Santana  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Nancy Janice Velarde  
*Magna Cum Laude*

## **PUBLIC HEALTH WITH AN EMPHASIS IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

Nirvana Azul Encinas

Alvaro Medina Perez

Theresa Aileth Medina-Cisneros  
*Cum Laude*

Jesus Andre Miramontes

Briana Sugey Toji Ruiz

Christine Teresa Valadez

Valeria Emilia Vasquez

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## **Master of Social Work**

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### **SOCIAL WORK**

Diana Maria Arzaga

Shyann Tessa Ayon

Emma Fernanda Bastidas

Karla Yadira Borunda-Diaz

Janet Lorena Bustos

Keila Noemi Chen

Frida Ariadne Diaz

Katherine Diane Ekonomo

Valeria Flores

Mayela Gonzalez

Patrick Andrew Grijalva

Wendy Stephany Hernandez Fraga

Brenda Lopez

Stephanie D Lopez - Pimentel

Nicole Lozano

Alina Denise Martinez

Xavier Eduardo Martinez

Dulce Liliana Pineda

Karla Angelica Ramirez

Stephanie Nicole Talamantes

Andrea Van Bebbber

Alejandro Vazquez

Sandra Villalobos  
Michelle Villarreal  
Maria Fernanda Wong Sepulveda  
Valeria Zuniga-Magallanes

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## COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AND FINE ARTS

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### Bachelor of Arts

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#### **PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

Jamiely Aceves  
Adli Dennise Burgos  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Kimberly Bustos  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Roman Carlos  
Pedro Alvar Cruz Leyva  
Eric Andres Curiel  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Raul Abraham Curiel  
Tiffany Escobar  
Glenda Michelle Flores Valenzuela  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Ashley Nicole Guerrero Martinez  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Danniela Lepe  
Michael J Luellen II  
*Cum Laude*  
Kassandra Sarai Marquez  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Christina Medina  
Rachel Ann Mersino  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Frederico Molina  
Maria Jose Ochoa

Claudia Rivera  
Kayla Rodriguez  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Allison Anet Rosales  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Jonathan Isaac Saldana  
Jordon Leigh Salyards  
Jose-Angel Sanchez  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Miguel Angel Simo  
Spencer Jeffrey Smith  
Giovanni Jesus Jr. Valdivia  
Christopher Vega  
Joselyn Marie Velez  
Alexia Marie Wyles  
Esteban Alvarez Zambrano

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### Bachelor of Science

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#### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Martin Jose Aguirre  
Bryan Eduardo Alcocer  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Carmen Ofelia Alvarez  
Leonardo Arellano  
Samuel Arredondo Tamayo  
Federico Avalos  
Raul Alexander Ayala-Brooks  
Luis Bayona Jr  
*Cum Laude*  
Anette Guadalupe Beltran  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Daniel R Betancourt  
Tania Ariel Cabrera  
*Cum Laude*  
Diego Adrian Camacho  
Nayeli Esmeralda Cano  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Benjamin Cardenas  
 Andreina Juliana Carrion  
 Fabian Andres Castaneda  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Soraya Ceballos  
 Jennifer Chairez Chavez  
*Cum Laude*  
 Georgina Chavez  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Chloe Copp  
 Eduardo Corella  
 Annette Michelle Cortes Aponte  
 Lucia Marie Cortez  
 Seleste Isabel Cruz-Mendez  
 Eric Andres Curiel  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Travis Ian Davalos  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Nichelle De La Parra  
 Jesus Diaz  
 Karely Jocelyn Duarte  
 Chelsea Ferrusquilla  
 Emily Stephany Figueroa Salazar  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Edgar R Flores Ortiz  
 Glenda Michelle Flores Valenzuela  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Juan Manuel Fonseca  
*Cum Laude*  
 Richard Fonseca Sepulveda  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Juan Pablo Gallego  
*Cum Laude*  
 Pedro Lenin Garcia  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Helios Elijah Garza  
*Cum Laude*  
 Dayana Paola Godoy

Jesus Gomez  
 Gael Alberto Gonzalez  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Ashly Michelle Guerrero Melgarejo  
*Cum Laude*  
 Mariel Gutierrez  
 Jerusalem Israel Haro  
 Jordan Hernandez  
 Klarissa Michelle Hernandez  
*Cum Laude*  
 Daniel Alejandro Hernandez Barragan  
 Hector Ivan Huerta  
 Angel Alberto Jacobo  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Kevin Jimenez  
 Joseph Matthew Ley  
 Ashley Lopez  
 Gibram Ulises Lopez Mena  
 Raymond Jay Lovell  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Sebastian Machado-Lopez  
*Cum Laude*  
 Darline Machi  
 Kassandra Sarai Marquez  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Gilberto Martinez  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Maria Del Rosario Martinez  
 Rafael Maya  
 Irving Medina  
 Zaira Melissa Melendez  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Saul Manuel Melendrez  
*Cum Laude*  
 Daniela Morales  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Dallana Elena Oliva  
 Valerie Isabel Olivas

Miroslava Orozco  
*Cum Laude*

Tristan Anthony Pineda  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Hector Plascencia

Jaquelin E Quiroz

Alyssa Brienne Ramos  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Kimberly Ramos

Alondra Real Hernandez

Valeria Reyes Velez

Ericka Janely Rincon

Kayla Alexandra Rivera

Mayra Valentina Robles

Ruben Rodriguez

Yenitza Rodriguez  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Giovanny Francisco Rojas

Alfredo Salazar

Alejandro Serrano

Sandra Elena Silva Betamen  
*Cum Laude*

Indra Gissela Solis Cardenas  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Hector Soto  
*Cum Laude*

Alejandro Serafin Temores

Ivan Jared Terrazas  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Alan Torres  
*Cum Laude*

Alejandro Urena

Michelle Urena-Taylor

Evelyn Mora Valenzuela

Ivan Alexis Jauregui Verdin  
*Cum Laude*

Erick Villarreal

Jessica Zepeda  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Eduardo Zuniga Valenzuela  
*Magna Cum Laude*

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## COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

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### Bachelor of Arts

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#### **MATHEMATICS**

Arsha Darius Boustani

Jesus Alberto Garibay Avalos

Juan Angel Lemus

Caleb Oscar Molina

#### **PSYCHOLOGY**

Karla Alessandra Aguilar-Alvarado  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Selene Aguilera

Stephanie Marie Aispuro

Lama Samir Mustafa Al Zhair  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Paola Lizeth Alcantar Arambula  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Dana Anaira Alvarado

Carmen Ofelia Alvarez

Noemi Alvarez

Jesus Andree Angulo Garcia

Susanna Danielle Arambula  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Brandon Araujo

Daniel Araujo

Stephanie Arce

Amanda D Avila

Cinthia Avila

Maria Guadalupe Ayala  
*Cum Laude*

Jessica April Ayres

Marlene Mercedes Baez

Fatima Barajas  
Emily Dayana Beltran  
Isabel Beltran  
Yuliana Beltran Rico  
Andrea Bobadilla  
Michael Patrick Bogart  
Joseph Wangloon Bolaños  
Yisel Escobar Calderon  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Leslie A Canada  
*Cum Laude*  
Nayeli Esmeralda Cano  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Roxanne Carrillo  
Aime Carvajal  
Aislynn Larissa Cassio  
Cristina Elizabeth Cervantes  
Eileen Cintora  
Leslie Dylani Clara  
Savannah C Cook  
Elizabeth Monique Correa  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
David Cruz  
Nicole Curiel  
Julian Daniel  
Nichelle De La Parra  
Alyn Duran  
*Cum Laude*  
Juan Esparza  
Mexitzel Espinoza  
Betzabel Felix  
Yoselin Raquel Flores  
Adrienne A Galvan  
*Cum Laude*  
Brenda Garavito  
Arleyn Dolores Garcia  
Evelyn Viviana Garcia  
*Cum Laude*

Fernando Garcia  
Maria Elena Gil  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Daniel Gomez  
Dulce Gonzalez  
Fernanda Liliana Gonzalez  
Jorge Ines Gonzalez  
Ruben Alejandro Gonzalez  
Bertha Alicia Gonzalez Rodriguez  
Dennis Guerrero  
Mirtha Elia Heredia  
*Cum Laude*  
Israel Hernandez  
Ian Carlo Hernandez Garcia  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Genevieve Herrera  
Orben Sidney Hester Jr  
Bliss Beatrice Honeysuckle  
Ashley Lopez  
Johana Lizeth Lopez Guzman  
Griselda Jarisbel Luna  
Nadia Madero  
*Cum Laude*  
Larissa Magana Torres  
Maria Concepcion Martin Del Campo  
Mario Andres Martinez  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Virenya Martinez  
Cova Lynn Mcnally  
Victoria Alexandra Mcnish  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Roberto Mendez-Alonso  
Erendira Alexandra Montenegro  
Salvador Montes  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Sofia Jacques Montoya  
Stephanie M Morales  
*Cum Laude*

Guiyel Sebastian Morgutia  
Arianna L. Mosqueda-Duran  
Vivian Noriega  
Brianna Ochoa  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Arelly Ortega  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Roxana Ortiz  
Ana Laura Padilla  
*Cum Laude*  
Graciela Perales  
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Hernan Possick  
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Roxanne Lottie Romero  
Jocelyn Rostro Guzman  
Karen Vanessa Rubio Romero  
Ailyn Carolina Ruiz  
Jazmin Aliyah Saldana  
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Aislynn Nayelly Sanchez  
*Cum Laude*  
Carlos Alberto Sanchez  
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Abel Joseph Silva  
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Kimberly Nicole Soto  
Reyna Gabrielle Spence  
Claudia Talamantes  
Ana Belen Tolentino  
*Cum Laude*  
Alan Eduardo Urena  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Alejandro Uribe  
Christine Teresa Valadez  
Juan Carlos Valadez-Huertero  
Louie Luis Valdez  
Sheyla Naomy Vega  
Damarish Villa  
Jocelyn Vital  
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Josephine Zaragoza  
Jocelyn Kassandra Zavala  
Carolina Zepeda

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## Master of Science

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## HOMELAND SECURITY

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Edwin Partida  
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*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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CEREMONY

## 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

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1963	John F. Kennedy <i>Doctor of Laws</i>	2004	Kathleen Kennedy <i>Doctor of Fine Arts</i>
1966	Glenn T. Seaborg <i>Doctor of Laws</i>	2005	Norman Brinker <i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>
1968	Edwin O. Reischauer <i>Doctor of Laws</i>	2005	Andreas Brown <i>Doctor of Fine Arts</i>
1996	Bernard Lipinsky <i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>	2005	Ron L. Fowler <i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>
1996	Alvena Storm <i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>	2006	Irwin Jacobs <i>Doctor of Science</i>
1997	D. Bruce Johnstone <i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>	2006	Craig Noel <i>Doctor of Fine Arts</i>
1997	Shimon Peres <i>Doctor of Laws</i>	2007	Martha W. Longnecker <i>Doctor of Fine Arts</i>
1998	Arthur Barron <i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>	2007	Deborah Szekely <i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>
1998	Arthur G. Linkletter <i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>	2007	Leon Lawson Williams <i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>
1998	Vahac Mardirosian <i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>	2008	Darlene V. Shiley <i>Doctor of Fine Arts</i>
1999	Shirley Chisholm <i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>	2009	Malin Burnham <i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>
1999	James D. Sinegal <i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>	2009	The Honorable Pete Wilson <i>Doctor of Laws</i>
2002	Miguel León Portilla <i>Doctor of Letters</i>	2010	Ambassador Charles W. Hostler <i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>
2002	George Walker Smith <i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>	2010	Don Coryell <i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>
2002	Dwight E. Stanford <i>Doctor of Laws</i>	2011	Kazuo Inamori <i>Doctor of Science</i>
2002	Claire Van Vliet <i>Doctor of Fine Arts</i>	2012	Leonard H. Lavin <i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>
2003	John Baldessari <i>Doctor of Fine Arts</i>	2012	L. Robert Payne <i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>
2003	Charles F. Bolden <i>Doctor of Science</i>	2013	Linda Lang <i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>
2003	Sol Price <i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>	2013	The Honorable Jerry Sanders <i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>

- 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 McGroary  
*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 Science*
- 2019 Sally Roush  
*Doctor of Humane Letters*
- 2019 Christopher Sickles  
*Doctor of Humane Letters*
- 2021 Nicole Armanino Clay  
*Doctor of Humane Letters*
- 2021 Stephen P. Doyle  
*Doctor of Science*
- 2021 Walter Francis Ekard  
*Doctor of Humane Letters*
- 2021 Massi Joseph E. Kiani  
*Doctor of Science*
- 2021 Jessie J. Knight Jr.  
*Doctor of Humane Letters*
- 2021 Thuan Dinh Nguyen  
*Doctor of Humane Letters*
- 2022 Dianne L. Bashor  
*Doctor of Humane Letters*
- 2022 Tom Hom  
*Doctor of Humane Letters*
- 2022 Lidia S. Martinez  
*Doctor of Humane Letters*
- 2022 Henry Ruben Murphy  
*Doctor of Humane Letters*
- 2022 Shirley Apple Murphy  
*Doctor of Humane Letters*
- 2023 Peggy L. Johnson  
*Doctor of Science*
- 2023 General Merrill Anthony McPeak  
*Doctor of Humane Letters*
- 2023 Jose Padilla  
*Doctor of Laws*
- 2024 Adam Day  
*Doctor of Humane Letters*
- 2024 James Silberrad Brown  
*Doctor of Humane Letters (posthumously)*
- 2025 Mark P. Arabo  
*Doctor of Humane Letters*
- 2025 Norma A. Diaz  
*Doctor of Humane Letters*

## IN MEMORIAM

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With heavy hearts, San Diego State University honors the memories of students, staff and faculty who have passed away this last year.

Susana Lopez

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## PHOTOGRAPHY

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