UC San Diego ALUMNI



The 2015 UC San Diego Alumni Celebration, on Saturday June 6, will mark the 37th year UCSD Alumni has recognized the accomplishments of the Triton Family

This year's scroll of honorees include a successful filmmaker, a school superintendent, an investment strategist, the founder of a next generation agriculture company, and exciting YouTube sensations. Learn More

Location: RIMAC Arena, UC San Diego

6 p.m. | Reception with custom cocktails from Snake Oil, inspired by our honorees

7 p.m. | Dinner, entertainment and awards presentation

Following the program, the festivities will continue at a lively after-party.

Parking instructions will be provided upon RSVP.

If you have any inquiries, please contact Eliza Wiggins at (858) 534-4606, ecwiggins@ucsd.edu.

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2015 Award Recipients

Distinguished Alumni



Mike Judge, '85 Physics

Mike Judge is an award-winning creator and producer of today's most popular movies and television series including King of the Hill, Beavis and Butt-head, Office Space, Idiocracy and Extract. The physicist turned animator, filmmaker and actor is now working on his latest television series, Silicon Valley, now filming its second season for HBO. Learn More



Cindy Marten, M.A. '95, Education Studies

Cindy Marten has shown a tremendous commitment to making a real impact in the San Diego educational community. She has served as an educator for 25 years—as a teacher, an instructional leader and a school principal. In July 2013, Cindy was appointed superintendent of the San Diego Unified School District, the second largest school district in the state of California.



Ken Kroner, Ph.D. '88, Economics

Ken Kroner is a global finance innovator, who serves as senior managing director, with dual responsibilities of Head of Multi-Asset Strategies and Head of Scientific Active Equity at Blackrock, the world's largest asset manager. In 2011, he and his wife Jennifer created the Kroner Family Endowed Fellowship with a gift to the Division of Social Sciences, allowing stellar students the opportunity to pursue research interests at UC San Diego. Ken serves on the UC San Diego Foundation Board of Trustees and has been a long-time supporter of many campus programs and initiatives Learn More

Emerging Leaders



Philip Wang, '06, Wesley Chan, '06, and Ted Fu, '06, Visual Arts

Together, Philip Wang, Wesley Chan and Ted Fu run Wong Fu Productions, a growing independent production company. Their well-known YouTube channel has more than 1 million subscribers and has garnered over 200 million views of short films, music videos and video blogs for its large and loyal fan base. Their creative work has been recognized for its striking quality and emotional depth, earning honors and praise from organizations like CNN, NPR, the Cannes Film Festival, and the Sundance Film Festival.



Pierre Sleiman, M.B.A. '13, Rady School of Management

Pierre Steiman is the founder and CEO of Go Green Agriculture, an innovative company that grows produce inside climate-controlled greenhouses using hydroponics. His company has more than 400 customers including Whole Foods, Sprouts, Jimbo's Naturally and Hyatt Hotels. In July 2014, Pierre was honored as an Agriculture Champion of Change at the White House alongside other notable leaders who are doing extraordinary things to build the next generation of farming and ranching.

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