UCSD celebrates scholars at Fiesta de las Estrellas event

Scholarship recipients Alejandra Calderas, Nicole Garcia and Adam Ramirez. Photo: UCSD

UCSD Chancellor Marye Anne Fox with scholarship recipient Eric Fonseca. Photo: UCSD

Scholarship recipient Nicole Garcia and her grandmother, Joan Maguire. Photo: UCSD

Joseph Ocampo Photo: UCSD

UC San Diego alumna and Hispanic Scholarship Council Chair Monique Rodriguez '02, MBA, '08. Photo: UCSD

Scholarship recipients Rachel Torres and Sabrina Santilli. Photo: UCSD
On April 14, UCSD hosted Fiesta de las Estrellas, a benefit to raise undergraduate scholarships to help ensure that students from all backgrounds have access to a UCSD education.

Joseph Ocampo, who came from a low-income household with a history of mental illness, would not have been able to attend a university had it not been for scholarship support. Since its founding, Fiesta de las Estrellas — translated “celebration of the stars” — has raised more than $1 million for undergraduate scholarships.

“I wouldn’t be at UC San Diego without scholarships,” Ocampo said in a press release. “There’s also a social dimension to the scholarship support. It’s nice knowing that there are people who believe that my future should depend on how hard I work, not my ability to pay.”

This year’s other scholarship winners are Alejandra Calderas, Lucio Calderon, Victor Contreras, Eric Fonseca, Alex Fung, Nicole Garcia, Stephen Khuu, Darlene Lopez, Juan Luis Melendez, Margarita Orozco, Adam Ramirez, George Santellano, Sabrina Santilli, Rachel Torres and Yvette Yeager.