

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.
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Scholarship recipients Rachel Torres and Sabrina Santilli. Photo: UCSD



From left, Vice Chancellor Penny Rue; Vanessa Cortez of Union Bank; Union Bank scholarship recipients Nicole Garcia and Margarita Orozco; and Rudy Maldonado, Anthony Perez and Richard Velasquez of Union Bank. 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 Ramierez, George Santellano, Sabrina Santilli, Rachel Torres and Yvette Yeager.