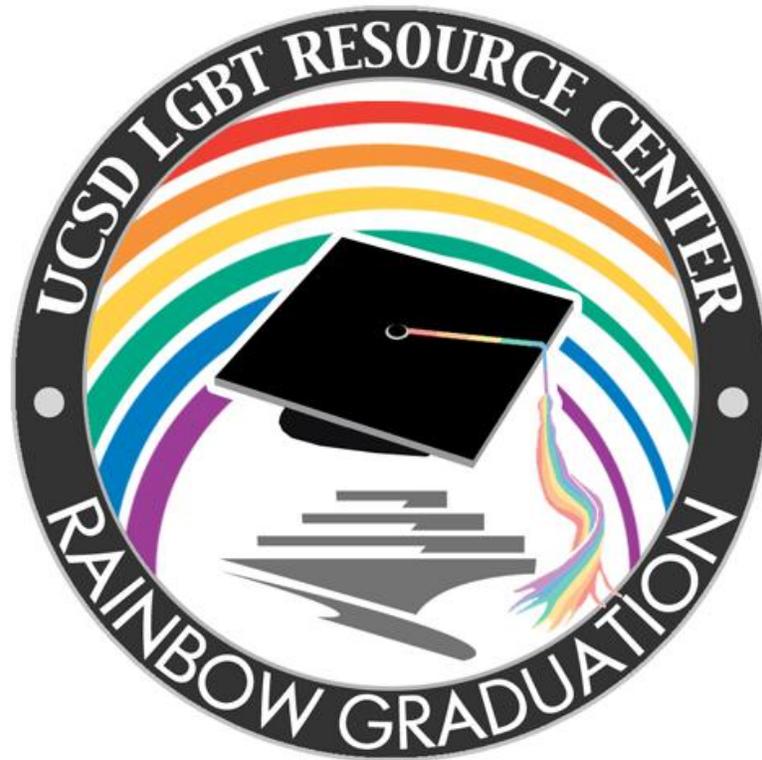


Rainbow Graduation 2012



UC San Diego's Rainbow Graduation And Induction into the LGBT Alumni Chapter is on Saturday, June 9th, 2012 - Four o' clock in the afternoon at the [Great Hall](#) at Eleanor Roosevelt College.

Information we need from you!

What Rainbow Graduation is:

- Something you would invite your family/close friends/those most important to you
- An opportunity to honor YOU
- Your formal induction into the ranks of UCSD LGBT Alumni
- Although many people do get dressed up for the event, it tends to be a queer little get together, with all the trappings of our community, so be yourself
- Something that has GREAT food
- Something that over 150 folks usually attend, sometimes more
- Something you'd ask a favorite professor/those who have affected you at UCSD to attend
- The last formal program of the year from the LGBT Resource Center

- Lots of fun
- The event where you get a Rainbow Tassel (Woo Hoo!)

What Rainbow Graduation is not:

- An actual graduation (it is a celebration, but you don't get a diploma or anything, but a nifty certificate)
- A substitute for attending your college graduation
- Something you would want to miss

What graduate(s) speak?

Traditionally there has been an address from one or two of the graduates. We just open it up to your nominations, and y'all decide who you want. You can self-nominate as well. I'll send out the list of nominated folks in a couple of weeks. The last few years it has been:

- 2011: Sarah Won Shim
- 2010: Red Galura
- 2009: Emmanuel Guerrero & Michael Moody
- 2008: Ariel Smith
- 2007: Frankie O'Connor
- 2006: Peper Anan
- 2005: Alice Johnson and Rigo Marquez
- 2004: Kim Merino and Todd Tolin
- 2003: Brian Latham
- 2002: Mikey (now MK) Kaufman
- 2001: Mikeah Jennings

What faculty/staff/community member speak?

Traditionally there has been an address from a member of the UCSD LGBT faculty/staff/community. We just open it up to your nominations, and y'all decide who you want. I'll send out the list of nominated folks in a couple of weeks. The last few years it has been:

- 2011: Fatima El-Tayeb
- 2010: Sara Kaplan
- 2009: Jan Estrellado

- 2008: Alex Penn
- 2007: Eileen Myles
- 2006: Debbi Blake
- 2005: Anna Joy Springer
- 2004: Amanda Roberts
- 2003: M.E. Stephens
- 2002: Abbie Cory
- 2001: Judith Halberstam

Who performs?

Often there is some performance during the event, but not always. This just tends to organically evolve through the graduates desires. Here is what has happened in years past:

- 2011: Kuttin' Kandi performing spoken word; Daniel(la) McDonald as Swedish Sapphire
- 2009: Matt Garber and Albert Orona performing original pieces on guitar
- 2008: Joseph Ramirez performed a dance from the Pangalay ha taas Agung from the Jama Mapun people of Sulu & Tawi-Tawi, Southern Philippines
- 2006: UCSD Tritones
- 2005: San Diego Women's Chorus
- 2004: Jazz prelude by Jermaine Hunter and Steve Brewer
- 2003: String Quartet: Sean LaPerruque, Jessica Yuen, Ed Wu, Adriana Valdez

How do folks deal with all of this graduating stuff?

Graduating seniors often experience many different feelings as they prepare to leave UCSD, including sadness, fear, happiness, and relief. Building a community of supportive folks around you is important as you go through your last months at UCSD. There are opportunities for you to create your own experience around navigating these issues. In the past, it's looked like OutBound, Commencement Coffee, among other events. If this is something you'd like to see happen, please e-mail Vanidy at vbailey@ucsd.edu.



For more information on Rainbow Graduation, contact [Shaun Travers](#).



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