



NEW STUDENT AND FAMILY  
**Convocation**  
SDSU



*23rd Annual*

# New Student and Family Convocation

**Saturday, Aug. 23, 2025**

**Viejas Arena**

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# Fight Song

*Fight on, and on, ye Aztecs, then  
Mighty Montezuma  
We will win again  
Keep your spirits high,  
Never bow a knee  
We will fight 'til victory*

*Fight on, and on, ye Aztecs, then  
Proudly raise your banners high  
For it's the Red and Black,  
Hail to Our team  
San Diego Aztecs Fight!*

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*SDSU Aztecs Fight!*



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## Program

### Kumeyaay Land Acknowledgment

#### Processional

#### Call to Order

Dr. Randall Timm, *Senior Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Campus Diversity*

#### National Anthem

Sophia Kaufman, *Soloist*

#### Opening

#### Presidential Address

Dr. Adela de la Torre, *President*

#### Presentation of New Students

Dr. William "Bill" Tong, *Provost and Senior Vice President*

#### Mexica Tiahui

Aztec Declaration by New Students

Karen Holstrom, *President for Associated Students*

#### Message to Aztec Parents and Families

Dr. Christopher Manning, *Vice President for Student Affairs and Campus Diversity*

Shane Zuspan and Angela Zuspan,  
*Aztec Parents Advisory Board Members*

#### Closing

Dr. Randall Timm, *Senior Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Campus Diversity*

### SDSU Fight Song

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## Recessional

# Platform Party

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### PRESIDENTIAL PARTY

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Adela de la Torre, Ph.D.	<i>President</i>
William “Bill” Tong, Ph.D.	<i>Provost and Senior Vice President</i>
Christopher Manning, Ph.D.	<i>Vice President for Student Affairs and Campus Diversity</i>
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Sonja Pruitt-Lord, Ph.D.	<i>Interim Vice Provost</i>
Cristina Alfaro, Ph.D.	<i>Associate Vice President for SDSU International Affairs</i>
Stefan Hyman	<i>Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management</i>
Caryl Montero-Adams	<i>Interim Dean of Students</i>

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### MASTER OF CEREMONIES

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Randall Timm, Ed.D.	<i>Senior Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Campus Diversity</i>
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### AZTEC PARENTS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES

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Shane Zuspan	<i>Aztec Parents Advisory Board Members</i>
Angela Zuspan	<i>Aztec Parents Advisory Board Members</i>

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### COLLEGE DEANS & ADMINISTRATORS

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Todd Butler, Ph.D.	<i>Dean, College of Arts and Letters</i>
Y. Barry Chung, Ph.D.	<i>Dean, College of Education</i>
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Mahasweta Sarkar, Ph.D.	<i>Senior Associate Dean, SDSU Global Campus</i>

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### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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Kareen Holstrom	<i>President</i>
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Nadia Gallarzo	<i>Vice President for University Affairs</i>

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## Regalia

Academic dress, also known as academic regalia, originated in Medieval European universities during the 14th century when commencement ceremonies were associated with religious ordination. To this day, universities in Europe and the United States continue the tradition of wearing special robes, caps and hoods for formal academic occasions. European scholars still dress in the unique styles and colors of their individual institutions, however U.S. colleges and universities have standardized the cap and gown to create a uniform look nationwide.

### THE GOWN

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The typical academic gown is black, however 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 medallions. The doctoral gown is trimmed down the front and around the sleeves with bands of velvet, either in black or the 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

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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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The standard cap worn with academic regalia is the mortar board, usually in the same color as the gown. The standard tassel is black, except for the doctoral cap's gold tassel.

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### COLORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE VARIOUS AREAS OF STUDY

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Arts, Letters, Humanities .....	<i>White</i>
Business, Commerce, Accountancy .....	<i>Drab</i>
Communication, Journalism .....	<i>Crimson</i>
Economics .....	<i>Copper</i>
Education .....	<i>Light Blue</i>
Engineering .....	<i>Orange</i>
Fine Arts, including Architecture .....	<i>Brown</i>
Law .....	<i>Purple</i>
Medicine .....	<i>Green</i>
Music .....	<i>Pink</i>
Nursing .....	<i>Apricot</i>
Philosophy .....	<i>Dark Blue</i>
Science .....	<i>Golden Yellow</i>

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Kara Bauer, Ed.D. - Interim Chief Student Development Officer/Executive Director for Residential Education

## Committee Members

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