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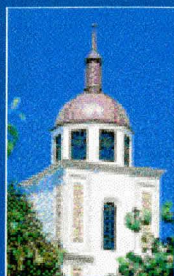
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## Provost Office

### Welcome

I hope you had a productive and rejuvenating Intersession and are as excited as I am about spring 2007! This promises to be another transforming semester for the University of San Diego. Some of the exciting initiatives our community will experience and participate in are the emergence of our beautiful SOLES building, our dean searches for the School of Peace Studies and the School of Business Administration, the strategic planning occurring within our academic units, the furtherance of our Academic Plan and the beginning of our preparation for our WASC accreditation. Thank you for the commitment and talents you contribute to make these and so many initiatives at the University of San Diego so successful. I look forward to our collaborations this spring and seeing you at the faculty receptions on March 7 and April 12. — Provost Julie Sullivan

### Kyoto Prize Winner to Speak at USD

The Sixth Kyoto Prize Laureate Seminars will be held March 14-16, 2007. As usual, the recipients are people of unusual accomplishment and character. You, your students and your friends are invited to attend. Information on all events may be found at [www.kyotoprize.org](http://www.kyotoprize.org). The seminars are free, but you must register at this site in advance. You may register a group, simply by giving the number of people, or as an individual.

USD will host the winner of the Kyoto Prize in Arts and Philosophy again this year. The Prize field is Design. The recipient is Mr. Issey Miyake. He will give a presentation at USD on March 16 at 3:30 p.m. in Shiley Theatre.

I urge you to encourage your students to go to this presentation and to go yourself. I found his presentation in Kyoto fascinating. Hearing him is the sort of exposure that broadens student's perceptions of the many ways to make a positive impact on the world.

Many people know Miyake by his popular perfume. However, he has long been a force in the Clothing Design field. Miyake characterizes himself as a designer, and says that fashion is about making money, but design is about art. Indeed, his creations are exhibited in art galleries around the world, recently his work was featured at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

Miyake's citation reads, "A designer who uses innovative technology to create clothing from the fundamental concept of "a piece of cloth," and who consistently creates garments that can be incorporated into people's lives, cutting across both time and national boundaries."

Miyake's presentation includes a discussion of the why of his designs, as well as the how. He has worked with engineers to design machines to make innovative cloth around which his designs are built. For further information about Miyake, please go to the following Web sites:

<http://www.isseymiyake.co.jp>

[http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/jafa/hod\\_1996.335.10a-c.htm](http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/jafa/hod_1996.335.10a-c.htm)

[http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/jafa/hd\\_jafa.htm](http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/jafa/hd_jafa.htm)

For further information please contact Jodi Waterhouse at ext. 4231 or e-mail Ellen Cook at [e\\_cook@sandiego.edu](mailto:e_cook@sandiego.edu).





### ***Fall Convocation – Save the Date***

The Fall Convocation of the Faculty and Administration will take place on Friday, September 7, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice Theatre, and will be followed with a reception in the IPJ Garden of the Sea. Formal invitations will be sent in the summer to faculty home addresses.

### ***Academic Technology Services***

#### ***Faculty Open House***

Friday, February 2, 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Information Technology Services (ITS)/Media Center

Maier Hall 176 and 186

Faculty members are cordially invited to help celebrate the end of the first week of the new semester with wine and hors d'oeuvres and find out about the concepts associated with the new WebCT Campus Edition6 technology tools, as well as the impact the technology migration process will have on the Spring 2007 semester. Campus Edition6 offers programs such as a announcement, group sign-up sheet, graded discussion, instant IM, assignments publishing and many new flexible features that educators will find invaluable for a wide variety of classroom and administrative functions.

Faculty members looking to receive more information on WebCT features and training workshops are encouraged to visit the IT training Web site at [www.sandiego.edu/ittraining](http://www.sandiego.edu/ittraining).

### ***Faculty Newsnotes Publication Dates and Deadlines***

Listed below are the remaining dates of publication for 2006-2007 Faculty Newsnotes. Please direct all entries to Peggy Agerton, Provost Office, at [agertonp@sandiego.edu](mailto:agertonp@sandiego.edu).

#### Submission Deadline

February 21, 2007

March 28, 2007

May 2, 2007

#### Publication Date

March 5, 2007

April 9, 2007

May 14, 2007

### ***Varia***

**Yvette M. Fontaine**, director of the Office of International Services and adjunct faculty in the SOLES counseling program, and Minh-Ha Hoang, associate director of Admissions, gave a presentation titled "Working with Refugees in our Schools" at the Eighth Annual Forum on the State of California Counseling and Guidance in San Diego Schools.

**Jan Gist**, Dramatic Arts, joined a select group of American Theatre Voice and Speech teachers who traveled to Moscow last October to present workshops for the students and faculty at the Moscow Art Theatre. Gist presented a workshop on breath expansion and support, showing students the proper techniques of breath endurance and tone resonance.







Gist also traveled to London in early January to participate in a round table discussion with the top voice and speech teachers of Great Britain and various other European countries. The panel addressed present concerns within the dramatic arts discipline, and defined the scope and direction of future cross-cultural conferences. Gist also worked with undergraduate and graduate students from the Central School of Speech and Drama on approaches to Shakespeare, and presented a paper on the skills and challenges necessary for successful writing and publishing within the industry.

**Kathleen Kramer**, Engineering Programs, has co-authored (with Stephen C. Stubberud of Rockwell Collins, Inc.) "Data Association for Multiple Sensor Types Using Fuzzy Logic" that appeared in the December issue of *IEEE Transactions on Instrumentation and Measurement*. This work develops a method of emulating the chi-squared metric for measurements and tracks that may be non-Gaussian.

**Louise Stanger**, director of Alcohol and Other Drug Services, will be a featured speaker at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Strategies Conference for Alcohol Abuse Prevention and Intervention on Feb. 1-3 at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel in Atlanta, Ga. The three-day conference will bring together senior-level campus administrators, prevention and education staff, and researchers from the alcohol and other drug arena to focus on sharing information and advancing knowledge about alcohol and other drug use at colleges and universities.