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1990 CORNARO SCHOLARSHIP GOES TO  
USD GRADUATE HOWARD NELSON

### One of only three national awards

Howard A. Nelson, a 1990 graduate of the University of San Diego, was one of three persons awarded the prestigious Cornaro Scholarship for Graduate Studies by Kappa Gamma Pi, national honor society for top graduates of Catholic colleges and universities.

The Cornaro Scholarship is named for Elena Lucrezia Cornaro Piscopia, the first woman in the world to be awarded a university degree.

Ms. Cornaro began receiving a classical education at the age of seven, studying five languages, mathematics, philosophy and astronomy. But her favorite subject was theology. Completing studies at the world-renowned University of Padua (Italy), she applied for her doctorate of theology. The Church objected to conferring this degree upon a woman. After appeals, her application for a doctorate in philosophy was accepted and conferred in 1678.

Nelson, a native of Lake Oswego, Ore., was on the USD Dean's list from 1986-1990 and the National Dean's List in 1989. He received his baccalaureate of arts degree in biology and marine

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sciences in May, 1990. He was a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta pre-medical honor society and the USD Oceanography Club. He worked as a teaching assistant in comparative anatomy and as a tutor in marine studies. He also volunteered the university's health center.

Nelson will enter Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska this fall.

Kappa Gamma Pi, established in 1926 for honor graduates of Catholic women's colleges, voted to admit men to the society in 1981. The Cornaro Scholarship was established in 1985 and provides \$1,000 for graduate study.

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