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SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY SIGNIFICANT RANKINGS AND DISTINCTIONS

Renowned for its academic excellence, San Diego State University is home to top-ranking programs in international business, entrepreneurship, speech-language pathology, geography and other areas. Below are highlights of the significant rankings and distinctions SDSU has received recently.

For the past four years, SDSU has been ranked the No. 1 most productive research university in the nation, among schools with 14 or fewer Ph.D. programs based on the Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index by Academic Analytics.

SDSU is designated a “research university” with high research activity by the Carnegie Foundation. Peers in this group include George Washington University, Syracuse University, Texas Tech University and the University of Oregon.

In 2010, 10,492 degree candidates were approved to participate in annual commencement ceremonies, the most in at least a decade.

Forbes Magazine has ranked SDSU as one of the “top colleges for getting rich” among state universities nationwide. The ranking was based on the nation’s leading public universities that produce top earning alums. SDSU ranked in the top 50.

SDSU ranks No. 20 in the nation for racial diversity and among the top universities for economic diversity according to *U.S. News & World Report’s* “America’s Best Colleges 2010.”

Since 2000, SDSU faculty and staff have attracted more than \$1 billion in grants and contracts for research and program administration.

SDSU’s Nationally Recognized Academic Programs include:

Administration, Rehabilitation and Postsecondary Education

- SDSU’s rehabilitation counseling program ranks No. 9 in the nation according to *U.S. News and World Report’s* “America’s Best Graduate Schools 2008.”

Biology

- SDSU is ranked among the nation’s top biological sciences programs, according to *U.S. News and World Report’s* “America’s Best Graduate Schools 2011.”

Chemistry

- SDSU is ranked among the nation's top chemistry programs, according to *U.S. News and World Report's* "America's Best Graduate Schools 2011."

Computational Sciences

- SDSU's joint doctoral program in computational sciences (with Claremont Graduate University) ranked No. 13 in the country in the Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index rankings of best doctoral programs nationwide by Academic Analytics – 2010.

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Education

- SDSU was ranked among the nation's best graduate schools in education (No. 71) according to *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Graduate Schools 2011."



English and Comparative Literature

- SDSU ranked No. 4 among English literature programs nationwide for bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanics according to "Top 100 Colleges for Hispanics" from *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, May 2010.
- SDSU also ranked No. 6 among English language and literature programs nationwide for bachelor's degrees awarded to all minorities according to "Top 100 Producers of Minority Degrees" from *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*, June 2010.

Entrepreneurship

- SDSU was ranked No. 27 in entrepreneurship according to *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Graduate Schools 2008 Guide."
- SDSU's undergraduate entrepreneur program was listed in *Fortune Magazine's* top 25 list of "America's Best Colleges for Entrepreneurs" last ranked in August 2007.
- SDSU was ranked No. 19 in the nation among universities for entrepreneurs in the U.S. in *Entrepreneur Magazine's* "Top 100 Colleges and Universities for Entrepreneurs" last ranked in 2007.

Fine Arts

- SDSU's School of Art, Design and Art History is one of the top fine arts programs in the nation (No. 58) according to *U.S. News and World Report's* "America's Best Graduate Schools 2009."

- SDSU's graduate program in jewelry and metalwork is ranked No. 5 in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report's* "America's Best Graduate Schools 2009."
- SDSU ranked No. 6 among visual and performing arts programs nationwide for bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanics according to "Top 100 Colleges for Hispanics" from *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, May 2010

Geography

- SDSU's joint doctoral program in geography (with UCSB) ranked No. 7 in the country in the Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index rankings of best doctoral programs nationwide by Academic Analytics – 2010.

Homeland Security

- SDSU ranked No. 3 among security and protective services programs nationwide for bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanics according to "Top 100 Colleges for Hispanics" from *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, May 2010

Hospitality and Tourism Management

- SDSU ranked No. 6 among parks, recreation, leisure and fitness programs nationwide for bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanics according to "Top 100 Colleges for Hispanics" from *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, May 2010

International Business

- SDSU's undergraduate international business program ranks No. 11 in the nation, according to *U.S. News and World Report's* "America's Best-Colleges 2010."
- SDSU's international business MSBA program ranks No. 20 in the nation, according to *U.S. News and World Report's* "America's Best Graduate Schools 2010."
- The international business program at SDSU is one of the largest undergraduate international business programs in the country, serving nearly 850 students annually.

Mathematics

- SDSU's joint doctoral program in math and science education (with UCSD) ranked No. 1 in the country in the Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index rankings of best doctoral programs nationwide by Academic Analytics – 2010.
- SDSU ranks No. 4 among mathematics programs nationwide for bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanics according to "Top 100 Colleges for Hispanics" from *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, May 2010

- SDSU's joint doctoral program in mathematics education (with UCSD) was ranked No. 7 in the nation by the American Mathematical Society in November 2007.

Nursing

- SDSU's master's of science in nursing is ranked among the nation's best (No. 72), according to *U.S. News and World Report's* "America's Best Graduate Schools 2008."
- SDSU's nursing midwifery master's degree ranks No. 33 in the nation, according to *U.S. News and World Report's* "America's Best Graduate Schools 2008."

Psychology

- SDSU ranked No. 2 among psychology programs nationwide for bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanics according to "Top 100 Colleges for Hispanics" from *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, May 2010
- SDSU's joint doctoral program in clinical psychology (with UCSD) is ranked No. 4 in the country in the Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index rankings of best doctoral programs nationwide by Academic Analytics. – 2010
- SDSU ranked No. 7 among psychology programs nationwide for bachelor's degrees awarded to all minorities according to "Top 100 Producers of Minority Degrees" from *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*, June 2010.
- SDSU's joint doctoral program in clinical psychology (with UCSD) is ranked No. 25 in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report's* "America's Best Graduate Schools 2010."
- In 2007, the Department of Psychology ranked No. 1 in California for NIH funding with \$7.3 million in grants and contracts.

Public Affairs

- SDSU's School of Public Affairs is one of the top public affairs programs in the nation, according to *U.S. News and World Report's* "America's Best Graduate Schools 2009."
- SDSU ranks No. 6 among public administration programs nationwide for bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanics according to "Top 100 Colleges for Hispanics" from *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, May 2010

Public Health

- SDSU's Graduate School of Public Health is ranked No. 12 in the country in the Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index rankings of best doctoral programs nationwide by Academic Analytics – 2010.

Speech Language and Hearing Sciences

- SDSU's joint doctoral program in language and communicative disorders (with UCSD) was named No. 7 in the country in the Faculty Scholarly

Productivity Index rankings of best doctoral programs nationwide by Academic Analytics – 2010.

- SDSU's audiology program is ranked No. 31 in the nation, according to *U.S. News and World Report's* "America's Best Graduate Schools 2009."

Social Work

- SDSU's social work program ranks No. 42 in the nation, according to *U.S. News and World Report's* "America's Best Graduate Schools 2009."

Diversity

- SDSU is No. 6 in the nation and No. 2 in California for bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanics – *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, May 2010
- SDSU is No. 11 in the nation for bachelor's degrees conferred to ethnic minorities – *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*, June 2010.
- SDSU ranks No. 21 in the nation for graduate schools enrolling Hispanics – *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, April 2010
- SDSU ranks No. 20 in the nation for racial diversity – *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Colleges 2010"
- SDSU ranks as one of the top 20 most LGBT friendly campuses in the nation, according to CampusPride.org, July 2010.
- SDSU ranks among the top universities for economic diversity – *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Colleges 2010"

International

- SDSU offers 335 international education programs in 52 countries. Twenty-five SDSU programs now require international experience for graduation.
- SDSU ranks No. 2 among universities of its type nationwide and No. 1 in California for students studying abroad as part of their college experience. – Institute of International Education.
- Nearly 12,000 students have studied abroad in the past 12 years: a 900% increase in that time.
- A record 10 SDSU students or recent alumni were selected as Fulbright Scholars in 2010.
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- The International Business Program at SDSU is one of the largest undergraduate international business programs in the country, serving more than 850 students annually.
- SDSU is home to the first-ever MBA program in global entrepreneurship. As part of the program, students study at four universities worldwide, including the Indian

Institute of Management, Lucknow (NOIDA campus); University of Hyderabad; United Arab Emirates Higher Colleges of Technology (HCT); American University of Beirut and is currently negotiating partnerships with universities in China.

- SDSU is the first U.S. university to offer a transnational triple degree program in international business. In fact, SDSU has the only two such programs in the country. Undergraduate students earn degrees from SDSU and universities in Mexico and Canada in the CaMexUs program, or degrees from SDSU, Mexico and Chile in the PanAmerica program.
- SDSU and Universidad Autónoma de Baja California in Mexico offered the first transnational dual degree between the United States and Mexico in 1994 through the Mexus/International Business program. SDSU's international business program also runs transnational dual degree programs with Brazil, Canada, Chile and Mexico.
- SDSU's Language Acquisition Resource Center is one of nine sites selected by the U.S. Department of Education to serve as a National Language Resource Center.
- SDSU's American Language Institute is one of the largest university-based English as a Second Language (ESL) learning programs in the U.S.
- SDSU's International Security and Conflict Resolution (ISCOR) major is the first of its kind in California.

Research

- For the fourth consecutive year, SDSU is ranked as the No. 1 most productive research university nationwide among schools with 14 or fewer Ph.D. programs based on the Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index.
- SDSU faculty received more than \$150 million in grants and contracts for research and administering programs during fiscal year 2009-2010, the most of any California State University campus. SDSU faculty members have received a total of more than \$1.1 billion in external funding since 2000.
- SDSU received more than \$29 million in research funding from the National Institutes of Health alone in 2008–2009, a record for the university. The university ranked No. 48 in the nation for NIH funding and received more NIH funding than each of the following states: Alaska, Idaho, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming.
- SDSU serves as host institution for CSUPERB, which is designed to channel resources from the entire California State University system and catalyze interdisciplinary, inter-campus, synergistic endeavors involving biology and chemistry departments (including biotechnology research and applications), as well as engineering, agriculture and computer science. CSUPERB also serves as the official liaison between the CSU and industry, government, the Congressional Biotechnology Caucus and the public arena in all biotechnological matters.
- SDSU's MS in regulatory affairs — a key area of the biotech industry — is one of only two programs of its kind in the country and is considered the most comprehensive.

Community Service

- SDSU is a recognized leader in innovative efforts to improve urban K–12 education. SDSU's programs in this area include:

City Heights Educational Collaborative: The City Heights Educational Collaborative, begun in 1998, is a unique, ongoing partnership between SDSU, the San Diego Unified School District, the San Diego Education Association and Price Charities. The primary goals of the Collaborative are to positively impact the academic achievement of students in three City Heights schools - Rosa Parks Elementary, Monroe Clark Middle and Hoover High - and to improve upon the way educational professionals working in the inner-city are trained and supported. For more information, visit http://www.pricecharities.com/CHI_education.shtml.

Compact for Success: The Compact is a partnership between SDSU and the Sweetwater Union High School District and is supported by the Ellis Foundation and the Stensrud Foundation. The Compact guarantees admission to all Sweetwater graduates who meet the program's requirements, starting with the Class of 2006. SDSU also is supporting the district's efforts to strengthen its curriculum requirements and teacher development programs. For more information, visit <http://coe.sdsu.edu/compact/>.

National Center for Urban School Transformation: The National Center for Urban School Transformation at SDSU works to help urban school districts and their partners transform urban schools into places where all students achieve academic proficiency, evidence a love of learning, and graduate well prepared to succeed in post-secondary education, the workplace, and their communities. The center identifies successful urban schools nationwide and brings their best practices to support other urban schools in creating model high-performing schools. For more information, visit <http://edweb.sdsu.edu/ncust/>.

SDSU's Coastal and Marine Institute, established in 1991, was created to study processes that affect the coastal and marine environment, to educate students and the public, and to provide advice on the wise use and management of natural resources. The new Coastal Waters Laboratory on San Diego Bay is a powerful tool for SDSU scientists who are researching environmental problems up and down the coast of southern California. <http://www.sci.sdsu.edu/CMI/>

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