January 31, 2013

Dear San Diego County Students and Leaders,

As part of the University of California, San Diego’s 2012-13 California Native American Day (CANA-Day) Celebration, our committee is proud to announce our Annual CANA-Day High School Essay Contest. This year’s celebration theme is: Wellness and Healing; Family and Community.

Included in this packet is a copy of the essay contest application and our promotional flyer. Feel free to duplicate and distribute these materials. The contest is open to all San Diego County students in grades 9-12. It is our hope to have students of all backgrounds participate in the contest, particularly those from San Diego’s Native American communities.

The application deadline is Friday, April 26, 2013. Winners will be notified by May 10, 2013. All entrants are invited to attend UC San Diego’s annual Pow Wow, to be held in May 2013, hosted by UC San Diego’s Native American Student Alliance (NASA). There, all contest entrants will be recognized and prize winners will have the opportunity to present their entries to the audience and will receive their awards. In addition to the cash award, one first prize winner will be eligible to receive a UC San Diego $500 Incentive Scholarship which will be awarded upon being admitted and enrolled at UC San Diego, within four years of high school graduation.

If you have questions concerning the essay contest, please contact our Staff Intern for Campus Diversity Initiatives, at (858) 822-3808 or chanintern@ucsd.edu. Further resources and a complete listing of this year’s CANA-Day events are at: BLINK.UCSD.EDU/GO/NATIVEAMERICAN.

Thank you for your support and we hope to see you at this year’s CANA-Day festivities!

Whitney Baugher
Native American Alumni Chapter and Chair of UC San Diego’s 2012-13 CANA-Day Essay Contest Committee

Ross Frank
Professor of Ethnic Studies and Chair of UC San Diego’s 2012-13 CANA-Day Committee
THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO
CALIFORNIA NATIVE AMERICAN DAY CELEBRATION
IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR ANNUAL
CANA-DAY HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

GRADES 9-10 1st PLACE: $250
GRADES 11-12 1st PLACE: $250
A.I.R. PROGRAM MEMBER 1st PLACE: $250
TRIBAL MEMBER 1st PLACE: $250

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ESSAY TOPIC: Native American communities have ways of strengthening family and community through practices of, and beliefs about, wellness and healing.

Using words and images, identify an example of one of these Native American practices or beliefs related to wellness and healing and connect it to your experience within your own family or community.

Submit completed essay and application to:

EMAIL: CANADAYESSAY@UCSD.EDU

U.S. MAIL: UC SAN DIEGO
CANA-DAY ESSAY CONTEST
C/O IRMA VELASCO
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
9500 GILMAN DRIVE #0005
SAN DIEGO, CA 92093-0005

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DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ENTRIES: FRIDAY, APRIL, 26, 2013

Additional resources: BLINK.UCS.D.EDU.GO/NATIVEAMERICAN
### UC SAN DIEGO’S CANA-DAY
### 2013 HIGH SCHOOL (9-12) CONTEST APPLICATION

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Office of the Chancellor
9500 Gilman Drive #0005
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For additional information, please contact: (858) 534-9689 or ccccenter@ucsd.edu

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