Dear College of Arts and Letters prospective graduate:

Dean Norma Bouchard and the faculty and staff of the College of Arts and Letters congratulate you on your upcoming commencement. We are all looking forward to celebrating this important milestone with you and your family and friends.

Please take a few minutes to read the following IMPORTANT items:

Time, Date, Place. Commencement will be conducted from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Friday, May 6 in Viejas Arena. It will be preceded and followed by separate department and program recognitions and receptions at various campus venues. Student names will not be called at the main college ceremony, but at the departmental ceremonies. Please note that some department ceremonies will take place before the main college ceremony. We encourage all students to attend both ceremonies.

Assembly. Graduates will assemble in Lot L, across from Parking Structure 4, north of Viejas Arena. Please arrive for Commencement no later than 10:30 a.m. Security measures require that you present your SDSU Red ID card. Without it you will not be admitted and will not be allowed to participate.

Guests and Disabled. Each graduate will be allowed five reserved-seat tickets for guests. Please advise your guests that only graduates will be allowed in Lot L. Any graduate or guest who requires special assistance must e-mail Tracy Fox-Tanga in Student Disability Services (foxt23@mail.sdsu.edu) no later than May 1. Numerous accommodations (designated parking, assisted seating, interpreters, wheelchair loan, etc.) are available, but only with proper and timely notification.

Rehearsal. There will be no student rehearsal. At the staging area outside of Viejas Arena you will be put into orderly columns by major and you will simply have to follow the classmates in your column into the arena, through clearly marked gates.

Diplomas. Your diploma will arrive by mail after the Registrar has verified completion of all graduation requirements. If you want, in addition, an official copy of your BA diploma inscribed in Latin, order it at the Office of the Registrar (SSW-1641) after you receive confirmation that your degree has been awarded. The Latin diploma ($22) is available only to SDSU Bachelors of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Questions? Access http://newscenter.sdsu.edu/commencement/, or visit the Office of the Assistant Dean, AL 202.

With our best wishes,
Seth Mallios, Ph.D.
Professor of Anthropology,
Commencement Grand Marshal
Dear Anthropology Graduates

Congratulations! Graduation is just around the corner. There are two events scheduled for graduations. Both will be on Friday, May 13, 2016. The Department of Anthropology Ceremony will take place from 8:30 am – 10:30 am in AL 201. The College of Arts and Letters ceremony will be from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm in Viejas Arena.

Please join us for a reception immediately following the department’s ceremony on the 1st floor Patio of Arts and Letters building. This will give you an opportunity to have a snack and take pictures with family, friends and faculty prior to the college’s ceremony.

It’s well worth the effort to participate in the Anthropology Department’s Ceremony. The Anthropology Department’s Ceremony is small and personal. This is when your name will be called out and you walk across the stage to receive your diploma covers and master’s students will be hooded by their advisor. We will have a professional photographer who will take you picture as you accept you diploma cover. We will also recognize the Anthropology Outstanding Graduating Senior. We do not limit the number of family and friends you can invite.

Before and after the department’s graduation ceremony, we will be running a slide show of pictures featuring the class of 2016. But we need your help to do this! Please send 1-3 pictures of yourself, preferably doing anthropological work, to anthro@mail.sdsu.edu. Please make sure the pictures are appropriate. If you have any questions, just give us a call.

Please take a few minutes to read the following IMPORTANT items:

**Dress and Decorum.** Academic caps and gowns will be worn over clothes and shoes that befit this formal occasion. Bachelor’s candidates will wear tassels on the right of their caps. Master’s and doctoral candidates will carry hoods draped over their left arms and will wear tassels on the left of their caps. Please have a good time, but for the sake of those who understand what a university degree means, we hope that all graduates—and their guests in the stands—will observe this serious occasion with all due decorum.

**Rehearsal.** There will be no student rehearsal. At the staging area, outside of AL 201 you will line up into orderly columns and you will simply follow your classmates into the room. Please arrive no later than 8:15 am.

Don’t hesitate to contact us at anthro@mail.sdsu.edu or (619) 594-5527 if you have any questions. And, please share this email with your family and friends.

We wish you success in your future career, and look forward to seeing you at the Commencement Ceremonies.

Frederick J. Conway
Chair