

## UC San Diego's Earl Warren College Hosting April 22 Hollywood-Style Awards Ceremony Honoring the Humanitarian Work of Pop Icon Paula Abdul and Tritons Who Embody Campus's Principles of Community

LA JOLLA, C.A., April 6, 2017 -- The Academe Awards for Principles of Community, a.k.a. The BEARLS, recognizes achievements in nomination categories drawn from UC San Diego's Principles of Community. This new awards program incentivizes outreach activities, aligning the Tritons' most cherished values with high-profile accolades in order to promote social change at home and around the world. Following a campus-wide nomination period, Warren College leadership has selected 15 Tritons (UC San Diego community members) as finalists in the following categories: Celebrating All Cultures, Promoting Individuality, Rejecting Acts of Discrimination, Championing Freedom of Expression, and Resolving Conflict Constructively. The inaugural 2017 awards show will take place at the Qualcomm Institute (CalIT2) auditorium on the UC San Diego campus on Saturday, **April 22, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

The ceremony will bring all the glamour of celebrity awards programs to campus, complete with a live-streamed red carpet arrival, cocktail hour and live performance by Coded Reform (featuring Warren College alumna Ashley Sanchez), and VIP "swag bags" for all invited guests. Highlights of the evening include distinguished alumna and recipient of the 2017 Warren College Alumni Award, **Dr. Tess Mauricio** ("America's Favorite Dermatologist"), who will also be presenting The Earl Warren College Humanitarian Award to celebrity **Paula Abdul**. The world knows Emmy-, Grammy- and American Music Award-winner Paula Abdul as an entertainer/entrepreneur who sings, acts, dances and designs. America knows that she has one of the kindest hearts in all of Hollywood from her time judging *American Idol* and *So You Think You Can Dance*. The awards ceremony will be hosted by Warren College Provost (and Theatre & Dance professor) Emily Roxworthy and Warren Dean of Student Affairs Kafele Khalfani.

The Academe Awards for Principles of Community is affectionately known as The BEARLS, in reference to the Earl Warren College mascot as well as the famous *Bear* statue on UC San Diego's campus. The BEARLS was created in 2016 as a program to inspire and recognize contributions to diversity, equity, and inclusion in our society generally and at UC San Diego in particular, with support from the Vice Chancellor Office for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

Attendance will be limited to nominees and invited guests but the entire community can participate by watching the live-streamed red carpet and awards ceremony at <https://warren.ucsd.edu/programs/bearls.html>. Viewing parties will be hosted across UC San Diego campus including at the Student Activities Center at Warren. Follow the [Warren College Student Affairs Facebook page](#) for viewing party prizes and other incentives.

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