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This Sunday: Students from CSUSB Palm Desert Campus to receive college degrees at McCallum Theatre

PALM DESERT, Calif. (June 16, 2009) – A group of 150 students from the Palm Desert Campus of California State University, San Bernardino will receive their college degree at a commencement ceremony this Sunday, June 21, at the McCallum Theatre in Palm Desert.

The 19th annual ceremony will begin at 6:00 p.m.

The group of graduates, many of whom are first-generation college students, is comprised of 118 undergraduates and 32 graduate students from across the Coachella Valley. They will be joined by University Administrators, Faculty, Cal State Trustees, Community Leaders and Commencement Speaker, Jerry Patton, President of College of the Desert.

Special awards will be given out to Jesseca Valcazar for Outstanding Undergraduate Student and Cynthia Bradley for Outstanding Graduate Student. Valcazar will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice with High Honors. Bradley will receive a Master of Arts degree in Education: Reading & Language Arts. Both will speak at the ceremony.

This year, a married couple, Dennis and Emi Tiangco, will graduate together; both receiving their Bachelor of Science degree in Administration with a concentration in Accounting. Emi is also a Rogers Scholar with High Honors.

The mission of the CSUSB Palm Desert Campus is to provide a nurturing, high-quality, academically diverse and technologically advanced environment to deal with the challenges of a dynamic society.

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