



Provost's Welcome

Dear Sixth College Faculty,

I am delighted to welcome you to the first edition of our faculty newsletter. Sixth is 23 years young and we continue to thrive. We take great pride in our students and our collective achievements from our unique [earned-honors program](#) to our [faculty-led Global Seminars](#). Faculty are a fundamental part of the academic team at Sixth College and we value our collaborations with you. We also recognize that many Sixth-affiliated faculty mainly see Sixers in classes related to their majors and may be unaware of other opportunities to interact with the college.

I want to share three ways in which faculty can get involved in and/or learn about Sixth, from teaching in our lower-division sequence ([CAT 1](#), [CAT 2](#), and [CAT 3](#)) to joining us for our annual common reading event in the fall, [CAT Conversations](#), or participating in Commencement. Next time I'll share three more! Students benefit hugely from interactions with faculty from the broader university at all stages in their undergraduate career development. We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,
Lakshmi Chilukuri
Provost, Sixth College, UC San Diego

Ways To Get Involved!

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#1: Teach with us!

A fundamental part of the Sixth College student experience is engagement in the CAT Writing Program and our [experiential learning requirement](#). In addition to our own faculty, each year faculty from across campus elect to teach in the college, as it provides an opportunity to develop innovative/dream courses that speak to the intersections of culture, art, and technology. Faculty also have opportunities to work with and mentor our amazing graduate student TAs.

You can see more about the kinds of courses we offer and opportunities for faculty to come teach in the Writing Program here:

<https://sixth.ucsd.edu/cat/courses/index.html>.

Faculty can also teach in our experiential learning program! For more on experiential learning at Sixth, check out our courses here: <https://sixth.ucsd.edu/elr/cat-124/index.html>.

When faculty teach in CAT, they receive research funding, significant programmatic support in developing and implementing their courses, and an opportunity to bring students into their discipline. If you are interested in teaching with us, please reach out to our faculty director: pbronstein@ucsd.edu



#2: CAT Conversations

Starting in 2021, Sixth College launched our annual common reading and speaker series to enhance the experience of CAT students. We've hosted authors from [Robin Kimmerer](#) to [Naomi Oreskes](#) and this year, we featured mathematician, classical pianist, and best-selling author [Eugenia Cheng](#). Our program is always free and open to the campus and public and we invite you to join us in the audience, at a meal with our speaker, and/or even onstage as our moderator.

Look out for announcements and invitations to our Fall 2026 CAT Conversations!

#3: Join us for Spring Events!

Commencement: Sixth Commencement is an exciting and special time to celebrate our graduating seniors as they become our newest alumni. Faculty presence on the stage means

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If you would like to join our college senior staff and faculty on the stage, please email Naomi Chavez: n4chavez@ucsd.edu. We would love to have you!

📣 Spring CE Poster Session: Launched in Fall 2024, Sixth College's Community-Engaged (CE) Honors Program is the first of its kind at UC San Diego! Our program is an earned-honors model that blends small seminar-style courses with a focus on community engagement, climate justice, and changemaking. Read more about our CE program and our partnership with [SAGE Garden Project](#) in [UC San Diego Today!](#)

Look out for an invitation to spring poster session at the end of Spring quarter, which features our CE students' final projects.

See examples of past CE students' work here: <https://dh6th.com/student-projects/>

🎨 Mosaics and Climate Change: Join us for the opening of new artwork at Sixth College! Our new pieces are the result of our experiential learning course series "Arts and Activism." This literature, led by Dr. Tim Lueker and CAT faculty member Adriana Tosun, speaks to the power of art and imagination to raise awareness and shape our encounters with the climate crisis."

Monday, May 11th at 2:00 PM in the [Sixth College Admin Hub, Catalyst Basement Lobby](#)



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