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
March 2016

Dear Graduate,

The History/Social Science Department Ceremony will be conducted in Peterson Gym on Friday, May 13, at 5:00pm. Tickets are not necessary for this ceremony and there are no limitations on how many guests you can have. To ensure a timely ceremony, graduates should arrive no later than 4:30 pm; guests should be seated upon arrival.

Graduates will assemble in hallway behind the stage doorways. You will be asked to fill out a card with the phonetic spelling of your name and line up single file in two lines (one for History and one for Social Science). As soon as everyone is assembled you will be directed to your seats. Each graduate will then be called individually to the podium, congratulated, and presented with a diploma cover. A professional photographer will be taking pictures at the department ceremony. The department ceremony should last a little over one hour once Graduates are seated.

- Any questions regarding the department ceremony should be directed to the History Department office at 619-594-5262.

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****If you are planning on going to the Arts and Letters Commencement, it is important to check their web site for instructions as they are different than the department ceremony.****

Sincerely,
Adriana Putko
Administrative Coordinator
History Department