At a university, it’s all about Commencement.

Whether we are members of the faculty or staff, the end goal of everything we do at SFSU is to educate students and send a new crop of freshly graduated young people out into the world each year, wide-eyed and eager to conquer the world and, hopefully, well-equipped to do just that. Some of us teach, others administer and raise fund; still others type and process exams and grades, generate paychecks, keep the computers humming, the classrooms clean and the campus green. Whatever we do, we are all part of the process, and the objective is the same. Yes, Hillary, “It takes a village to raise a child.” SFSU is our village, and the students are our children. The Class of 2016 has been nurtured and fed, and it is time to set them free, to test their skills in the real world. Congratulations to the Class of 2016. And congratulations to each and every one of us, on a job well done!

“Education breeds confidence. Confidence breeds hope. Hope breeds peace.”

Confucius

At the Honors Convocation, Thursday before Commencement, UWA Volunteers will be ushering at the ceremony again this year – an opportunity to see and congratulate the students in person, marching to the familiar beat of “Pomp and Circumstance”. Jeanne Mangerich coordinates the volunteers. Thanks to Agnus Barin, Lily Gee, Lin Ivory, Maria Meyer, Connie Tallerico, and Annette Speed for volunteering to usher, and to Lily, Lin, and Stephanie Schwartz who will be decorating Jack Adams Hall with balloons and flowers for the reception that follows the ceremony.

WHAT’S NEW?

APRIL 20 LUNCHEON RECAP.
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TOUR THE NEW SF MOMA.
After an extensive remodel, nearly doubling the size and collection of the SF Museum of Modern Art, the museum will re-open this month. We are planning a Private Docent-led Tour for the UWA in late June or early July. Watch for a flyer with all the details – coming soon.

SAVE THE DATE:
Holiday Luncheon set for Sunday, December 4, at the St. Francis Yacht Club in S.F. Yes, we know it’s only May, but we were so excited about the new venue we just HAD to tell somebody! It’s going to be FABULOUS! Details to follow, (much) later in the year. But DO save the date.
The SFSU Women's Association celebrated its own honor students at the Spring Luncheon, held in the Vista Room on April 20. Two students who were awarded the Gloria Spencer UWA Scholarship for 2015-2016 were introduced at the luncheon, and both addressed the crowd and gave updates of the progress they have made toward their educational goals. Students present were Lina Jurkunas, Graduate in English, and Doris Garcia, Graduate in Counseling. Each student received a $1,200 scholarship from the UWA.

[A personal aside: I am always so impressed when we meet the scholarship recipients each year. The Committee makes their selection without ever talking with the students or knowing their gender or ethnicity. Selections are based entirely on whatever the student chooses to say in her/his application; the verified GPA and confirmation of financial need; and recommendations, generally from faculty, concerning their qualifications. And yet, all of the students over the years, without exception, have been so very articulate, confident, and enthusiastic, they absolutely amaze me – and make me hopeful for the future.] Scholarship Chair Annie Antler presented each of the students with a Certificate of Achievement and a rose. Mrs. Phyllis Wong, First Lady of SFSU, spoke briefly commending the students and the importance of Scholarship opportunities such as those provided by the UWA. Other special guests at this luncheon were Mabel Tong Chan (Financial Aids) who has been extremely helpful to UWA committee members with the scholarship procedures, and Dave Reddy (Public Affairs) along with Sophia Wenzel (Dave’s Student Assistant) who designed and maintain the new UWA Website. We had an excellent turn out for the luncheon this year, 40 people, including many “first-time” participants from campus. UWA President Lily Gee made the welcoming remarks and introductions. Scholarship Committee members present were Annie Antler (Chair), Bettie Barnes, and Donna Ryan, as well as the Scholarship Opportunity Administrator, Connie Tallerico. We hope to make the spring luncheon an annual tradition. In addition to giving us an opportunity to showcase our scholarship recipients, it is a convenient and fun way to encourage more campus-wide participation in the University Women’s Association. For additional photos, see the photo galley on our webpage, at uwa.sfsu.edu.