

Congressman Scott Peters to Deliver Keynote Address at National University Southern California Commencement

Accomplished member of the United States House of Representatives to speak at the June 30 graduation ceremony at the San Diego Convention Center

San Diego, CA—June 17, 2019—Today, <u>National University</u>, which is among the largest accredited private, nonprofit universities in California, announced Congressman Scott Peters (CA-52) will deliver the 47th keynote address at the <u>Southern California Commencement</u>. Peters is a leader in the San Diego community whose work in Congress has increased resources for the military and veteran community and supported environmental sustainability. He will address approximately 15,000 attendees including graduates, their families, and guests at the San Diego Convention Center on June 30.

"Congressman Peters is a dedicated public servant in San Diego, who contributes tirelessly and passionately to make our community better," said National University President Dr. David Andrews, who will preside over the commencement ceremony. "He exemplifies great leadership and works collaboratively to affect measurable and impactful change. We are honored to have him address National University's graduating Class of 2019."

National University, which is the anchor institution of the <u>National University System</u>, serves a diverse student population, including a significant number of adult learners handling multiple responsibilities while they pursue their degrees. The University's flexible 4-week course format makes obtaining a degree more attainable for students of all ages. Class of 2019 graduates range from 20 to 78 years of age with an average age of 33.

Prior to joining the U.S. House of Representatives, Peters served on the San Diego City Council, as City Council President and as Chairman of the San Diego Unified Port Commission. Before that, he worked as an environmental lawyer for 15 years and served as an economist for the United States Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. He was first elected to Congress in 2012 and has worked across the aisle to stand up for San Diego's military and veterans' community. He was an original co-sponsor of the Forever G.I. Bill, a sweeping reform of veterans' education benefits passed by Congress, and a member of the Veterans Affairs Committee.

"It's an honor to be invited by National University's students, faculty, and leadership to address the Class of 2019," said Congressman Peters. "We share a commitment to public service and supporting our veterans and military community and I look forward to congratulating this year's graduates whose stories embody perseverance, dedication and commitment to building a brighter future for San Diego and beyond."

Peters currently represents California's 52nd Congressional District, which includes the cities of Coronado, Poway and most of the City of San Diego. He serves on the House Committee on the Budget and the House Energy and Commerce Committee, where he advocates for investment in basic scientific research, supports the military's goals to enhance their energy security, and fights for commonsense healthcare reforms that work for families and small business owners.

Peters earned his undergraduate degree from Duke University (magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa) and attended the New York University School of Law.

National University's Southern California Commencement ceremony is set to begin at 2 PM on Sunday, June 30. The event will also be livestreamed on the <u>University's Facebook page</u>.

ABOUT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1971, National University is among the largest, private, nonprofit universities in California. With more than 165,000 alumni, National University is the flagship institution of the National University System. National University is dedicated to making lifelong learning opportunities accessible, challenging, and relevant to a diverse population of students. Four schools and two colleges—the College of Letters and Sciences; the Sanford College of Education; the School of Business and Management; the School of Engineering and Computing; the School of Health and Human Services; and the School of Professional Studies—offer more than 100 graduate and undergraduate degrees and 23 teacher credentials. Programs are offered both online and at campuses throughout California and Nevada. National University is headquartered in La Jolla, California. For more information, please visit <u>nu.edu</u>.

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