

On May 23rd, Southern States University, a private school with 2 learning centers in San Diego and Newport Beach, held its second commencement ceremony for 74 students receiving their Master's Degrees in Business Administration. Year 2010 SSU graduates came to study in the United States from 16 countries.

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After finishing high school in Japan, Yuki Yamomoto decided that to pursue a successful business career, she needed to get a degree from an American university. She applied to Master of Business Administration Program at Southern States University (SSU), which has campuses in San Diego and Newport Beach, and now is sure that she made the right choice. The university supported her in obtaining a student visa, and made her experience in a new country less stressful. SSU offers Business Administration programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Over 130 students have received their Master of Business Administration diplomas during the last 2 years. Yuki Yamomoto, who graduated this year with perfect 4.0 GPA, was a Student Speaker at the Commencement Ceremony.

This year's graduates represented sixteen countries. The graduating class has students from Argentina, Turkey, Mongolia, India, Brazil, Pakistan, Germany, Russia, Thailand, China, Korea, Japan, Turkmenistan, Venezuela, Philippines, and the USA. Some students are planning to return to their native countries, while others are inspired to pursue careers in America. They are ready to join companies and organizations and pursue their professional careers. Hoda Mardani, one of the 2010 graduates, had job interviews with the Geiko Company and with the City Bank San Diego the week before the Commencement Ceremony. Tatiana Student, last year SSU graduate, who was awarded "Alumni of the Year" certificate during this year graduation ceremony, is back to her native Brazil and is employed by one of the world's leading professional recruitment consultancies, Michael Page.

The commencement ceremony for MBA graduates, which was held on May 23rd, is the second for the growing university. Southern States University opened its doors in Orange County in 1983, and established its current programs under new ownership. The

Master of Business Administration program was launched in 2006, and the Bachelor of Business Administration program was launched in 2008. Since then, SSU has grown to over 650 students, and is very proud of its nearly 200 MBA graduates. The University also offers a TESOL Certificate Program and an Intensive English Program where many of today's SSU graduates advanced their English skills before entering SSU MBA program.

“The eighteen month MBA program offers a specific curriculum for experienced mid-level and senior managers and company executives, who must address the complex global and integrative issues facing businesses, health care, government, and non-profit organizations,” says Robert Tepper, SSU Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer. The four year undergraduate program provides students with an enriching academic background and extensive hands-on experience necessary to succeed in today's challenging business and corporate marketplace. Both programs can be completed residually and with up to 50% of the courses studied via distance education.

The school is in the application process for national accreditation, in addition to its State of California Institutional Approval status. One educational institution review called Southern States University the “best kept secret university in San Diego” for its affordable MBA program, high quality English language institute, desirable location, and support of its students.

“This school becomes more and more popular and attractive to new students because Southern States graduates provide the school with excellent references”, said Perapong Khinthong, a graduate from Thailand. His sister was a student at SSU. Perapong is following in his sister's footsteps at Southern States University.

The Commencement Ceremony and Reception took place at the Town and Country Resort located at: 500 Hotel Circle N, San Diego, CA, 92108.

Robert Tepper, SSU Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer, was the main speaker. Chico Brown, the founder and business executive at the Reach Back L.A., gave the commencement address.

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