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San Diego Magazine announces finalists for the 2016 Woman of the Year

Alison Aguilar Lopez Gutierrez McLeod Crotty, Religious Education director at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito (UUFSD) has been named a finalist for *San Diego Magazine's* 2016 Woman of the Year Awards. All finalists will be featured in *San Diego Magazine's* September issue, which comes out August 19. The Woman of the Year will be announced at the Celebrating Women event on September 29, 2016 at MCASD La Jolla.

ABOUT ALISON:

Alison Aguilar Lopez Gutierrez McLeod Crotty is responsible for an award winning Religious Exploration program in coastal San Diego County, entering her 10th year of service at UUFSD. With a reach that spans beyond the county line, Alison serves on numerous boards for organizations that **address issues faced by women of color, civil rights and social justice**. While earning her Bachelor's degree in English Education and Masters of Education at Washington State University, Alison served on the City Council of Pullman, Washington, was a teacher for Alternative High School and taught tennis at a local high school. She continued that work across the country working for various non profits and continues to do so today, **focusing on youth and child empowerment through community involvement and reaching beyond social and economical constraints**.

ABOUT THE AWARD:

San Diego Magazine's [Woman of the Year Award](#) is **given to one woman each year who has worked tirelessly to affect positive change and enhance the community**. She is an unabashed leader, champion of helping others, and widely respected by her peers for her measurable success in business and outstanding character.

Nominations are evaluated based on the following categories:

- Leadership
- Passion and mission
- Challenges and perseverance
- Personal integrity, charitable contributions and volunteer work
- Achievement
- Humanitarian/social enterprise
- Impact/measurability

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CELEBRATING WOMEN EVENT:

All finalists are honored at the Celebrating Women event on September 29 at MCASD La Jolla, which includes hosted bites and beverages, a networking hour, a panel discussion, awards ceremony and dessert. Last year's Woman of the Year, Dr. Karen S. Haynes, Dean of California State University San Marcos will present the award to this year's winner.

Celebrating Women

MCASD La Jolla

September 28, 2016

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at sandiegomagazine.com/woman

ABOUT SAN DIEGO MAGAZINE:

San Diego Magazine, the city's leading lifestyle publication with an award-winning history, gives readers the insider information they need to experience the city to the fullest – the best in food, fashion, culture, business and people. For more information please visit sandiegomagazine.com, or follow us on social media: [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Pinterest](#).

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