

**PAULING EXHIBIT COMES TO SUA
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Linus Pauling was a larger-than-life personality, and to mark the 100th anniversary of his birth this past February, the “Linus Pauling and the Twentieth Century” exhibition will open at Soka University of America, Aliso Viejo’s Founders Hall Art Gallery on May 5.

The exhibition traces more than seven decades of Pauling’s life and his influence on the past century. The 2,556-square-foot exhibition features photos diaries, molecular models and historic artifacts on loan from Oregon State University’s Pauling Special Collection and the Pauling Family.

“The rigor of Pauling’s life and the rigor of science are symbolic of how we at Soka will apply the same vigor to pursuing peace, to creating values, and to achieving our mission,” says Phat Vu, SUA physics professor. “I think Pauling’s life is an exemplary one for a scientist with deep rooted concerns about many sectors of our society.”

Pauling was regarded as one of the world’s foremost scientists, yet he would risk his own reputation for humanitarian causes. A two-time Nobel Prize winner, he was a giant promoter of healthy living and a champion of peace.

But Pauling also endured 24 years of FBI investigations. During the McCarthy years, Pauling was a vocal opponent of cold war policies and nuclear proliferation. Often vilified by local and national press, he did not shy away from controversy or threatened incarceration.

Pauling was not deterred and continued to leap over scientific boundaries in physics, chemistry, biology and medical research. In 1954, he won his first Nobel Prize in chemistry and was the author of one of the most cited sources in scientific history, *The Nature of the Chemical Bond*.

In the early 1960s, Pauling, did not hesitate to take on the world’s two dominant nuclear powers, the United States and the Soviet Union. He called for them to reconsider their nuclear arsenals. In 1962, he was awarded his second Nobel Prize for peace. Later that year, Pauling was honored by being invited to the White House to meet and shake the hand of U.S. President John F. Kennedy.

The exhibit will run May 5–June 10, Tuesdays–Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. and Sundays from 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. The exhibit will be closed on Mondays. There is no admission charge.