



**30th ANNUAL
HONORS CONVOCATION**

May 23, 2016

7:00PM PROCESSIONAL (*Audience stands for Processional*)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM PARTY

Steven Brint, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATION AWARDS

Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement

Carlos Rodriguez, Chem. & Environmental Engineering
Brandon Tran, Psychology

These awards are given to graduating seniors who have distinguished themselves by conducting an outstanding research project or creative work.

Dean Loda Mae Davis Award

Nathaly Martinez, Sociology

Established in 1964 by the Prytanean Women's Honor Society, this award is given in memory of UCR's first Dean of Women. This award recognizes a graduating woman for her outstanding participation in extracurricular campus activities, leadership in campus organizations and academic achievement.

Dean Thomas L. Broadbent Award

Michael Ervin, Political Science

Given in memory of UCR's first Dean of Students and established in 1965 by the Associated Men Students, this award recognizes a graduating male student for his outstanding participation in extracurricular campus activities, leadership in campus organizations and academic achievement.

Marguleas/Weiman Humanitarian of the Year Award

Taylor Le, Biochemistry

Established in 1990 by Anthony Marguleas in honor of his grandparents, Joe and Belle Marguleas and Louis and Jessie Weiman, who dedicated their lives to the betterment of their community, this award recognizes a UCR undergraduate student who serves as a role model and inspiration to others.

Rosemary S.J. Schraer Awards

Connor Richards, Physics

Micaelina Sarmiento Martinez, Environmental Science

Given in memory of Rosemary S.J. Schraer, UCR Chancellor, 1987-1992, this award recognizes the academic excellence of two outstanding graduating seniors in the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences.

Marlan and Rosemary Bourns Awards Bourns College of Engineering

Jonathan Lee, Mechanical Engineering

Steven Rhyans, Chemical Engineering

Given in honor of the continuing commitment of Marlan and Rosemary Bourns and Bourns, Inc., this award recognizes the academic excellence of two outstanding graduating seniors in the Bourns College of Engineering.

Delta Sigma Pi Key Award

Adrian Gonzalez, Business Administration

The *Delta Sigma Pi Key Award* honors the graduating senior business student with the highest grade point average.

Tomás Rivera Awards

Elizabeth Villalobos, Dance

Amanda Wixon, History

Given in memory of Tomás River, UCR Chancellor 1979-1984, this award recognizes the academic excellence of two graduating seniors in the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences for outstanding academic and/or creative achievement and demonstrated commitment to community service.

UCR Alumni Associated Commencement Award

Jericha Mae Viduya, Biology

Established in 1965 by the UCR Alumni Association this award includes a lifetime membership in the organization. It is given to a distinguished student leader who has devoted significant time and effort to community services projects and programs.

PRESENTATION OF COLLEGE ACADEMIC AWARDS

Academic Excellence Awards

These awards recognize students, one from each undergraduate program, who are selected by their faculty for achieving excellence in their academics, and research or creative activity.

Bourns College of Engineering

Haala Al-Hadithy
Henry Garcia
Brandon Leu
Jasmine Moreno
Francisco Raygoza
Jorge Sanchez
Abhinaya Shankar
Dung To

Narayani Chaurasia
Victoria Ciudad-Real
Zoey Dow
Nushaw Fahimy
Christi Fontaine
Melanie Ford
Yazmin Franco
Jennifer Frias
Courtney Garcia
Andrew Golden
Honeiah Karimi
Kiersten King
Melissa Kyzer
Sierra Amber Lapoint
Angelo Lingos
Nicole Martin
Katherine Miller
David Narain
Krista Palmer
Drew Patterson

Nicole Perez
Gabriela Perez
Melanie Queponds
Morrise Richardson
Sheila Robinson
Katelyn Robinson Leviton
Jorge Rodriguez
Tye Rush
Cristal Salcido
Asbeidy Solano
Nathan Ta
Nia Thomas
Jocelyn Torres
Brandon Tran
Kaytlyn Van Dorn-Hanson
Heidi Vandergrift

College of Natural & Agricultural Sciences
Eunice Adinata

Noah Angel
Taryn Barsotti
Jonathan Dugan
Chris Gentile
David Guenaga
Lauren Perry
Mariejo Plaganas
Alyssa Rodriguez
Brian Stelts

College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

Desi Adeleke
Russel Altamirano
Timothy Baca
Abraham Barba
Veronica Cardenas Ramos
Ivy Chan

School of Business Administration

Ibrahim Aceves
Bryan Burgoon
Marcus Cummings
Stephanie Fong
Kailin He
Raymond Leung

Outstanding Achievement Award

Selected by their respective college deans this award recognizes students for their exemplary achievement in academics and research or creative activity, their breadth of involvement in the college, and for their commitment to service and citizenship.

Bourns College of Engineering

Tyler Musgraves

College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

Melanie Queponds

College of Natural & Agricultural Sciences

Connor Richards

School of Business Administration

Nadeesha Hapuarachchi

PRESENTATION OF PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

These students are recognized for pursuing prestigious national and international award opportunities that require campus endorsement for consideration by the organization. Recipients of these awards represent candidates that excel in academics, scholarship, leadership and service.

Connor Richards – 2016/2017 Gates Cambridge Scholarship

Scholarships are awarded to outstanding applicants from countries outside the UK to pursue a full-time postgraduate degree in any subject available at the University of Cambridge. The selection criteria are outstanding intellectual ability, leadership potential, a commitment to improving the lives of others, and a good fit between the applicant's qualifications and aspirations and the postgraduate programme at Cambridge.

Geoffrey Pronovost – 2015/2016 Barry Goldwater Scholarship

Awarded to students who demonstrate outstanding research potential and intend to pursue research careers in mathematics, the natural sciences or engineering. Each scholarship covers eligible expenses for undergraduate tuition, fees, books, and room and board, up to a maximum of \$7,500 annually.

Amanda Tedesco – 2016/2017 Barry Goldwater Scholarship

Awarded to students who have outstanding research potential and intend to pursue research careers in mathematics, the natural sciences or engineering. Each scholarship covers eligible expenses for undergraduate tuition, fees, books, and room and board, up to a maximum of \$7,500 annually.

Jwyanza Hobson – 2016/2017 Fulbright English Teaching Award – Vietnam.

Award places Fulbrighters in classrooms abroad to provide assistance to the local English teachers. ETA's help teach English language while serving as cultural ambassadors for the U.S.

Julianne Rolf – 2016/2017 Fulbright Research Award - Germany.

Award fully funds recipient to conduct self-designed research with advisors at foreign universities or other institutes of higher education. The study/research awards are available in approximately 140 countries.

2016/2017 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program

Awarded to students who demonstrate outstanding potential in academics and STEM research. Fellows benefit from a three-year annual stipend of \$34,000 along with a \$12,000 cost of education allowance for tuition and fees (paid to the institution), opportunities for international research and professional development, and the freedom to conduct their own research at any accredited U.S. institution of graduate education they choose.

Marissa Gionet Gonzales – 2016/2017 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program

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Hanni Schoniger – 2015/2016 Donald A. Strauss Scholarship

Awarded to students who demonstrate a commitment to public service and education. Scholars are awarded \$10,000 to start a public service project that is impactful and sustainable.

Jade Zamorano – 2015/2016 Donald A. Strauss Scholarship

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Suketu Dudhat - 2016/2017 Donald A. Strauss Scholarship

Awarded to students who demonstrate a commitment to public service and education. Scholars are awarded \$10,000 to start a public service project that is impactful and sustainable.

Chirawat Sanpakit - 2016/2017 Donald A. Strauss Scholarship

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PRESENTATION OF DEAN'S ACADEMIC DISTINCTION AWARDS

Dean's Academic Distinction Awards

Recognizes undergraduate students maintaining a GPA of 3.90 or above by awarding a pin each year that the GPA is maintained. In their graduating year, the award includes a medallion on which their pins may be placed. The decorated medallion may be worn over their graduation gown during Commencement Ceremonies.

Bourns College of Engineering

Judah Almanzor
Christian Ardito
Joshua Beto
Marvin Cao
Vamsi Choday
Robert Diersing
Annie Du
Zachary Dunn
Jake Eggan
Erick Garcia
Kyle Grout
Alon Halfon
Daniel Handojo
Randy He

Nicholas Humphreys
Karen Kong
Timothy Lam
Jonathan Lee
Jang-Shing Lin
Tyson Loveless
Steven Luna
Elijah Marchese
Jack Maynard
Mitchell McDonald
Tae Nam
Nicholas Pham
Wesley Poon
Benjamin Rammelsberg
Destin Raymundo
Laura Rivera-Castaneda

Alexander Roissier
Edward Rubio
Michael Rusheen
Teghveer Sahni
Elise Schaefer
Kushagra Singh Sachan
Kiran Sinjali
Lydia Slyker
John Stuart
Aaron Tan
Venkatesh Tavva
Damian Turner
Ethan Valdez
Joshua Wong
Brian Worth
Spencer Wright

Timothy Yadegar
Mary Ybanez
Jonathan Zhang

College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

Russel Altamirano
Michael Amorelli
David Angel
Steven Arredondo
Braden Atchley
Michael Barrameda
Kaelyn Barron
Anna Baumann

Alexander Beecroft
John Berba
Eric Berg
Nicolai Bonca
Karla Bonilla
Alysia Burbidge
Riki Carrasco
Elizabeth Carter
Evelin Castro
Mayra Ceballos
Anakaren Chable Bazan
Lin Chia
Susan Chmiel Williams
Jordan Cohen
Carol Colclasure
Kevin Connelly
Amanda Copeland
Kayleigh Cousar
Kristi Coy
Sierra Diggs
Annmarie Dillon
Zoey Dow
Ashley Duell
Nanda Dyssou
Christi Ehrmantrout
Alex English
Erin Eschbacher
Destenie Fafard
Abigail Farison
Sabrina Finke
Samantha Fong
Austin Fournier
Corinna Franco
Ashley Frazier
Courtney Garcia
Gabriela Garcia
Madelyn Garcia
Dalia Garcia
Lydia Ghabour
Michael Gillis
Andrew Golden
Sonia Gomez Huerta
Lesly Gonzalez
Levi Gonzalez
Brett Green
Kimberly Gutierrez
Margaret Guzik
John Gwinn
Caroline Hall
Nikolaus Hammons
Debora Handojo
Russel Hash
Haley Henson
Jwyanza Hobson
Andrew Holyfield
Jay Hotrum
Maha Husain
Dustin Hutton
John Ito
Aishwarya Jayabharathi
Sukhmeen Kahlon
Rebekah Keagy
Aaron Kim
Yoon Kim
Eui Kim
Julia Kim
Kiersten King
Yuka Ko

Marcy Kuo
Melissa Kyzer
James Lambert
Sierra Lapoint
Adriana Lara
Grace Lee
Kalyn Lee
Jessica Leming
Felix Leong
John Lewis
Angelo Lingos
Breanna Lucero
Jan Maramot Rodil
Tania Martinez
Cynthia Martinez
Elisabeth McAllister
Katherine McGregor
Geovanna Medina
Katherine Miller
Andre Mohammad-Agha
Marisa Montoya
Emily Moorhouse
Nicollette Morettini
Olive Naftzger
Ethan Ng
Courtney Nguyen
Danielle Oleskiewicz
Radhika Patel
Drew Patterson
Andrew Pepler
Leslie Peraza
Jake Perez
Roxana Perez
Benjamin Perez Gutierrez
Brianna Phamtuong
Gerardo Pombo
Augustus Prouty
Gilbert Quintero
Genesis Ramirez
Andreas Rauch
Lisette Ravard
Jessica Renfrow
Serena Rodholm
Jorge Rodriguez
Jessica Roe
Jesselyn Rosas
Amy Ross
Santana Rubio
Whitney Runde
Mary Sarchizian
Jenilyn Sarmiento
Lindsay Senechal
Steven Shatkin
David Shoup
Ashlee Simon
Vanessa Soria
Samantha St. Claire
Alexia Stockton
Marisol Suarez
Claudine Talamayan
Nancy Tang
Julianne Teng
Norbu Tenzing
David Udell
Cecilia Uribe
Peter Van
Mistilyn Van Bebbler
Heidi Vandergrift

Elizabeth Vargas
Allan Vazquez
Jose Vega
Courtney Vickers
Arynn Wallace
Katherine Wells-Lane
Dulce Wilkinson
Lynn Williamson-Renwick
Amanda Wixon
Miles Woods
Judy Wu
Jasmine Yamanaka
Khaled Zalloum
Ren Zhang
Qianyun Zhou

***College of Natural &
Agricultural Sciences***

Chima Abaeze
Christian Agatep
Sameera Ahmad
Aryan Ahmadian
Shayan Ali
Alexander Avakian
Jennifer Avila Cerros
Khoi Bach
Michael Baird
Niusha Bavadian
Rebecca Bao
Teresa Benbarka
Kevin Bleich
Taylor Brantner
Samantha Byers
Tuong Cao
Rachel Cavanaugh
Alvin Chan
Vanessa Cheng
Allison Cid
Michael Dang
Eriel Datuin
Brittenny De La Cruz
Danielle Delgado
Renjie Diao
John Dover
Jonathan Dugan
Brandon Duong
Gio Gemelga
Rossella Guevara
Arpita Gupta
Sumbul Haider
Brandon Han
Sina Hananian
Madison Hernandez
Bindi Hira
Andrew Holman
Joshua Horeczko
Nishan Kazazian
AleK Kettenburg
Samuel Khong
Hyemin Kim
Duane Kim
Ryan Kim
Korbin Kleczko
Aaron Lai
Brittany Le

Erica Li
Regina Li
Chung-Kuang Lin
Kyle Lo
Blake Lockard
Geoffrey Logan
Matthew Luy
Joshua Mahutga
Wali Mansour
Monique Martinez
Roilea Maxson
Matthew McGinnis
Jesus Medina
Narek Megerdich
Victoria Morris
Taylor Myhre
Ishan Naik
Hannah Navarrete
Ruby Navarro
Isaac Ngo
Brian Nguyen
Quinn Nguyen
Hanna Nguyen
Leland Nguyen
Lincoln Nguyen
Jacob Ochsner
Christian Olafsen
Krista Palmer
Yatna Patel
Louis Penafiel
Lauren Perry
Anser Qazi
Jose Raymundo
Connor Richards
Alyssa Rodriguez
Georgette Sabbah
Patrick Samones
Amanda Schaaf
Hanni Schoniger
Justin Schopick
Jennifer Shedden
Billy Shiou
Vikas Shukla
Dennis Sievers
Christopher Snapp-Kolas
Inna Standley
Brian Stelts
Sabrina Stulting
Shannon Sweitzer
Minhtri Ta
Amanda Tedesco
Bassam Theodory
Malcolm Tran
Thai Tran
Hien Truong
Ching-Hsuan Tso
Mark Van Zee
Greyson Voigt
Thomas Waddleton
Alice Wei
Andrew Whitaker
Michelle Yang
Jennifer Yerxa
Mehruba Zaman
Eduardo Zamora

**School of Business
Administration* & Pre-
Business CHASS students**
Ann Ang
Nicholas Blaney
Samuel Briseno-Jimenez

Ashley Chen
Andrew Cheng
Jetz Desamparo
Steven Dinh
Gavin Hagey
Robert Lam

Bryan Loi
Guillermo Jimenez
Hannah Lerstad
Valtteri Salomaki
Hiranyajeet Singh
Charanjiv Tamber

Jinghui Wang
Brian Weng
Barry Wilson
Sarah Yen

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DEAN'S ACADEMIC DISTINCTION AWARD PINS

The Seal of the University of California



2013 Pin



2014 Pin



2015 Pin



2016 Pin



Senior Medallion

The University of California has used two different seals in its lifetime. The present seal, designed by Tiffany and Company in 1903 and put into use in 1910, incorporates symbolic icons and phrases that represent the portrait of the image of the University. The open book is symbolic of the accumulation and dissemination of knowledge; the letter "A" highlighted in the text of the book represents the beginning of wisdom. Above the book is a five-pointed star emanating rays of light, representing the discovery and sharing of knowledge. The English translation of the University motto, "Fiat Lux" or "Let There Be Light" is displayed upon a scroll, representing the coming of light and knowledge into the world.



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