



**31st ANNUAL
HONORS CONVOCATION**

May 22, 2017

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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM PARTY

Richard Cardullo, Interim Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATION AWARDS

Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate

Research and Creative Achievement

Natalie Fisher, Entomology

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

Kianna Maldonado, Political Science and Int'l Relations

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

Matt Jason Llamas, Neuroscience

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

Joshua Thunder Little, History & Native American Studies

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

Mariejo Plaganas, Environmental Science

Gabriel Ruiz, Statistics

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

Lydia Slyker, Chemical Engineering

The Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering

Mitchell Scott McDonald, Electrical 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 Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering.

Delta Sigma Pi Key Award

Barry Wilson, Business Administration-Accounting

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

Tomás Rivera Awards

Joshua Thunder Little, History/Native American Studies

Aldo Martinez, Religious Studies

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

Matt Jason Llamas, Neuroscience

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.

The Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering Preston

Giorgianni
Jeremiah Griffin
Jonathan Lee
Jesse Mendoza
Jasmine Moreno
Jorge Sanchez
Dung To
Julian Tsai

College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

Nasiha Alicic
Kristen Asada
Maryam Baig
Alexandra Bustamante

Joana Chavez
Kristi Coy
Katrina Damaso
Dorian De La Garza
Riley Doyle
Halah Elsahar
Samuel Finch
Priya Garcia
Andrew Hardin
Sierra Amber Lapoint
Ghorban Miarkiani
Aaliyah Muhammad
Yujia Niu

Crystal Odabe
Danielle Oleskiewicz
Gloria Olivas
Laura Pontow
Rashaun Richardson
John Rodriguez

Cynthia Romero
Romel Singleton
Alexia Stockton
Maricela Toops
Kimberly Valladares
Konysha Wade
Mark Watson
Kevin Wong
Brian Yang
Bianca Zabala
Khaled Zalloum

College of Natural & Agricultural Sciences

Rohan Boone
Pedro De La Cueva
Kollan Doan
Sara Drake

Danielle Hamilton
Aaron Lai
Geoffrey Logan
Rosa McGuire
Christ Ordookhanian
Louis Penafiel
Shannon Sweitzer
Dylan Turner

School of Business Administration

Long Dinh
Thompson Ebeigbe
Hannah Lerstad
Shraddha Patel
Turner Stanton
Barry Wilson

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.

The Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering

Andrew Scott

College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

Sierra Lapoint

College of Natural & Agricultural Sciences

Adam Green

School of Business Administration

Turner Stanton

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.

Phong Hong – 2017/2018 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.

- **Public Policy & International Affairs (PPIA) Summer Institute**

An intensive seven-week summer program that focuses on preparing students for graduate programs in public and international affairs and careers as policy professionals, public administrators and other leadership roles in public service. Phong will participate in the Carnegie Mellon University program, upon completion of this summer institute, he will be eligible for the PPIA Fellowship to support his graduate studies.

Joselyn Soto – 2017/2018 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.

- 2017/2018 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.

Peter Stokes – 2017/2018 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program

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Shannon Sweitzer – 2017/2018 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.

Travis Wrightsman – 2017/2018 Fulbright Research Award - Germany.

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Zizhong Xiao – 2017/2018 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program

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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.

The Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering

Peter Abdou
Sergey Alkorn
Judah Almanzor
Christian Ardito
Joshua Beto
Winson Bi
Marvin Cao
Enoch Chang
Madeleine Chen
Maggie Chiu
Alexander Choi
Kenneth Derenard
Justin Doss
Zachary Dunn
Danial Esaid

Daniel Frink
Erick Garcia
Jose Garcia-Torres
Alejandro Gonzalez
Brandon Gutzmann
Alex Haduong
Alon Halfon
Daniel Handojo
Maggie Harake
Randy He
Jiahui Huang
Jiajun Huang
Kevin Huang
Alan Hunt
Joseph Jacinto
Jack Kolb
Karen Kong
Timothy Lam

Jonathan Lee
Tyson Loveless
Mitchell McDonald
Narek Megerdich
Tamara Mustafa
Tae Nam
Ansh Nagpal
Steven Nguyen
Evan Oculam
Eric Ong
Ryan Pan
Nicholas Pham
Rebekah Pittman
Wesley Poon
Guthrie Price
Benjamin Rammelsberg
Nathan Ray
Joshua Riley

Gustavo Salazar
Nolan Sandie
Elise Schaefer
Catherine Seo
Kiran Sinjali
Lydia Slyker
Raymond Smith
Sean Steffens
Uy Tran
Damian Turner
Ethan Valdez
Armand Vasquez
Samantha Vu
Daniel Wahyu
Chase Whitney
Joshua Wong
Brian Worth
Timothy Yadegar

Mary Ybanez
Noah Yim
Alexander Yu
Keith Zmudzinski

***College of Humanities,
Arts & Social Sciences***

Emilie Abraham
Nasiha Alicic
Royce Allas
Steven Amiri
David Arellano
Steven Arredondo
Braden Atchley
Edvin Balyans
Nicholas Barry
Sarah Bazy
Alexander Beecroft
Elayne Bentley
John Berba
Cynthia Brinker
Ashley Brown
Alysia Burbidge
Evelin Castro
Xinyi Chen
Lin Chia
Susuan Chmiel Williams
Jordan Cohen
Kevin Connelly
Yema Conteh
Gumaro Contreras
Amanda Copeland
Kayleigh Cousar
Anthony Crain
Isabel De La Garza
Jetz Desamparo
Thy Do
Ashley Duell
Matthew Duffy
Alex English
Erin Eschbacher
Valentina Escobar
Anneliese Esparza
Jiashu Fan
Abigail Farison
Jodi Felder
Sabrina Finke
Samantha Fong
Brandon Forte
Corinna Franco
Helen Fuentes
Jessica Gallardo
Dalia Garcia
Madelyn Garcia
Selena Garcia
Elizabeth Gillette
Samuel Goble
Sonia Gomez Huerta
Levi Gonzalez
Jacqueline Grimaldo
Cristian Guerrero Martinez
Kimberly Gutierrez
Caroline Hall
Nikolaus Hammons
Debora Handoj
Mina Hanin
Austin Hanks

Mira Haydu
Sarah Hayter
Jinglin He
Anne-Lise Helland
Haley Henson
Ahtziri Hernandez
Kaitlynd Hewitt
Halle Homel
Casey Horst
Jay Hotrum
Dustin Hutton
Jason Huynh
John Ito
Raquel Izucar
Raunak Jain
Elliot Jones
Daniel Jun
Jeremy Jurgens
Amirk Kang
Rebekah Keagy
Danielle Kennelly
Yasar Khan
Chrystal Kim
Ivy Kim
Julia Kim
Ryan Knight
Kristen Kopko
Connor Kubota
Eli Labinger
James Lambert
Sierra Lapoint
Grace Lee
Riley Leight
Cecilia Lemus
Jingrong Li
Mingzhen Li
Beiyu Lin
Vivian Lin
Gabriella Lopez
Rafael Lopez
John Lowe
Karen Maestas
Devin Main
Waahida Mansion
Yushu Mao
Jan Maramot Rodil
Sarah Markiewicz
Cynthia Martinez
James Meza
Guadalupe Mendoza
Andrew McCarrell
Andre Mohammad-Agha
Lesly Monslave
Marisa Montoya
Emily Moorhouse
Esmeralda Munoz
Crystal Ng
Chelsea Nguyen
Alejandra Nuevo
Danielle Oleskiewics
Karli Orona
Gloria Page
Krista Palmer
Pranav Patel
Radhika Patel
Drew Patterson
Andrew Peppler
Jake Perez

Benjamin Perez Gutierrez
Laura Pontow
Augustus Prouty
Isela Quijas
Gilbert Quintero
Sandhya Raghvan
Valeriya Ragozina
Ronni Ravid
Tyler Reed
Anai Reyes
Joel Reyes
Emma Rivera
Serena Rodholm
John Rodriguez
Jessica Roe
Joshua Rosales
Amy Ross
Dillon Ruan
Whitney Runde
Natalie Saffi
Emmitt Saito
Jourdan Santibanez
Sydney Schabacker
Sophie Schragger
Steven Shatkin
Rema Shbaita
Jaime Shefferd
Hiranyajeet Singh
Sunjay Smith
Ashlee Simon
Dylan Skrah
Amanda Sohn
Melinda Solis
Vanessa Soria
Robert Sorrells
Alexia Stockton
Marisol Suarez
Jillian Surdzial
Julianne Teng
Stephanie Thibodeaux
Tramanh Truong
David Udell
Cecilia Uribe
Peter Van
Mistilyn Van Bebber
Destene Vasabhuti
Allan Vazquez
Jose Vega
Courtney Vickers
Mia Watson
Ross Webster
Katherine Wells-Lane
Patrick Williams
Lynn Williamson-Renwick
Dulce Wilkinson
Austin Williamson
Matthew Woods
Kevin Wong
Austin Williamson
Ben Witthayaphaphorn
Cynthia Xia
Jasmine Yamanaka
Dianne Yett
Khaled Zalloum
Qianyun Zhou
Julia Zumaya

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

Christian Agatep
Irene Akram
Khoi Bach
Michael Baird
Teresa Benbarka
Steven Bishay
Journey Burbridge
Lindsey Bustos
Samantha Byers
Jolie Carreon
Alvin Chan
Vanessa Cheng
Elliot Chung
Emily Coburn
Jaime Coronado
Anthony Cort
Miles Cutuli
Lauren Dagan
Justin Dang
Ashley Dawson
Nathan Do
Leandra Doan
Mario Flores
Angela Gandara
Jason Garrido
Calvin Glisson
Divine Grewal
Rossella Guevara
Gina Guerrucci
Arpita Gupta
Michael Hanna
Adam Haughey
Madison Hernandez
Bindi Hira
Andrew Holman
Joshua Horeczko
Martin Jensen
Benjamin Jones
Alek Kettenburg
Duane Kim
Hyemin Kim
Ryan Kim
Korbin Kleczko
Anvita Konreddy
Maivy Leung
Abby Leung
Erica Li
Aaron Lai
Junwen Liao
Blake Lockard
Geoffrey Logan
Breanna Lucero
Matthew Luy
Joshua Mahutga
Wali Mansour
Roilea Maxson
Jesus Medina
Diana Medina-Yerena
Benjamin Meza
Matthew McGinnis
Jamy Milay
Brandon Miranda
Victoria Morris
Taylor Myhre
Hannah Navaratte
Ally Nguyen

An-Phong Nguyen
Brian Nguyen
Leland Nguyen
Lincoln Nguyen
Syris Norelli
Taulima Nua
Christian Olafsen
James Pagett
Louis Penafiel
Daniel Perry
Andrew Pham
Anser Qazi
Bilal Rana
Michael Randall
Alyssa Rodriguez

Janette Rodriguez
Georgette Sabbah
Patrick Samones
Rachel Santiago
Amanda Schaaf
Billy Shiou
Dennis Sievers
Inna Standley
Joanna Sung
Shannon Sweitzer
Minhtri Ta
Matthew Tae
Verena Tadros
Amanda Tedesco
Norbu Tenzing

Bassam Theodory
Adam Thomas
Thais Tran
Kunsakol Triloges
Daniel Tsai
Jordan Tu
Emilee Tullis
Thomas Waddleton
Andrew Whitaker
Aaron Wong
Brandon Wong
Changxin Xie
Max Yang
Sami Jelousi Zada
Eduardo Zamora

**School of Business
Administration* & Pre-
Business CHASS students**
Nicholas Blaney
Guillermo Jimenez
Cristina Liberal
Alexa Saborio
Hiranyajeet Singh
Barry Wilson
Sarah Yen

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DEAN'S ACADEMIC DISTINCTION AWARD PINS

The Seal of the University of California



2014 Pin



2015 Pin



2016 Pin



2017 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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