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*
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
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
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 Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences
Nasiha Alicic
Kristen Asada
Maryam Baig
Alexandra Bustamante

College of Natural & Agricultural Sciences

School of Business Administration

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.
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.
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.

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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 | Daniel Frink | Erick Garcia | Jose Garcia-Torres | Alejandro Gonzalez | Brandon Gutzmann | Alex Haduong | Alon Hafon | Daniel Handjojo | Maggy 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 Oculum | 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 | Chase Whitney | Joshua Wong | Brian Worth | Timothy Yadegar |
College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

Emilie Abraham
Mina Hanin
Debora Handojo
Caroline Hall
Cristian Guerrero Martinez
Jacqueline Grimaldo
Levi Gonzalez
Sonia Gomez Huerta
Mina Hanin
Austin Hanks

College of Natural & Agricultural Sciences

Christian Agatep
Irene Akram
Khoi Bach
Michael Baird
Teressa Benbarka
Steven Bishay
Journey Burbidge
Lindsey Bustos
Samantha Byers
Jolie Carreon
Alvin Chan
Vanessa Cheng
Elliott 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
Rosella Guevara
Gina Guerrucci
Arpita Gupta
Michael Hanna
Adam Haughey
Madison Hernandez
Bindi Hira
Andrew Holman
Joshua Horeczko
Martin Jensen
Benjamin Jones
Benjamin Meza
Jesus Medina
Roilea Maxson
Wali Mansour
Joshua Mahutga
Matthew Luy
Blake Lockard
Geoffrey Logan
Breanna Lucero
Matthew Luy
Joshua Mahutga
Walli Mansour
Roilea Maxson
Jesus Medina
Diana Medina-Yerena
Benjamin Meza
Matthew McGinnis
Jamy Milay
Brandon Miranda
Victoria Morris
Taylor Myhre
Hannah Navarrete
Ally Nguyen
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.