



**ACADEMIC MERIT
CONVOCAATION
32 YEARS**

May 21, 2018

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM PARTY

Dr. Richard Cardullo, Interim Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATION AWARDS

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

Christ Ordookhanian, Biochemistry
Folasade Ayodele, Theatre, Film, & Digital Production

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

Ingris Aparcio-Rios, Sociology/Administrative Studies

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

Jeremiah Gordon, History

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

Audrey Lim, Neuroscience

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

Samantha Byers, Biochemistry
Christ Ordookhanian, Biochemistry

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

Karen Kong, Computer Science

Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering

Sandra Vadhin, Bioengineering

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

Cristina Liberal, Business Administration

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

Tomás Rivera Awards

Maritza Salazar, Sociology
Kimberly Valladares, Political Science/Gender and Sexuality Studies

Given in memory of Tomás Rivera, 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 Association Commencement Award

Zachary Dunn, Chemical Engineering

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 service projects and programs.

Samantha Fong, Public Policy/Sustainability Studies
Janine Gharghoury, Public Policy
Thomas Kuhlmeier, Public Policy & History

Public Policy Scholarship

The Public Policy Scholarship is awarded annually to undergraduate students majoring in Public Policy with a GPA of 3.5 or better, and who have taken PBPL 001. Additionally, preference is given to students who have completed an internship (PBPL 198i). For the 2017-2018 school year, a portion of the funds will go towards a student with an interest in international policy and/or the U.S. Foreign Service after graduation.

Western Municipal Water District Charles D. Field Scholarship

Thania Flores Soto, Environmental Engineering

This scholarship is awarded annually by the Dean of the School of Public Policy to continuing, transfer junior, or senior student from western Riverside County who maintained a 3.0 GPA or higher. It is the donor's preference that the students have an interest in pursuing public service.

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

Judah Almanzor
Christian Ardito
Olivia Brandt
Zachary Dunn
Randy He
Hannah Keife
Wesley Poon
Ethan Valdez

Valerie Chacon
Adam Charron
Jordan Cohen
Chelsea Davenport
Mirella Deniz-Zaragoza
Abigail Farison
Samantha Fong
Elizabeth Gillette
Maurice Gonzales
Richard Guzman
Mina Hanin
Hannah Hochberg-Miller
Mortimer Howard

Chad Maxwell
Cynthia Navarro
Perla Osorio Rivera
Chandler Reilly
Brenda Ruiz
Davis Rush
Natalie Saffi
Mindy Solis
Deanna Timmons
David Udell
Katrina Uyehara
Brett Walsh

Rosa McGuire
Taulima Nua
Christ Ordookhanian
Mirella Rodriguez
Adam Thomas
Maximiliano Toledo
Hannah Way

College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

Jacob Abriz
Nikia Altidor
Taylor Brown
Evelin Castro
Ryann Castro

Joshua Hueth
Dustin Hutton
Eli Labinger
Wesley Leary
Anthony Lopez
JC Lu Sing
Johnny Macias

College of Natural & Agricultural Sciences

Carson Brown
Kevan Elkins
Renata Koontz
Sofia Martinez Alberga

School of Business

Samantha Cowles
Raunak Jain
Sungjoo Kim
Gerald Marquez
Valtteri Salomaki
Navreet Thind

School of Public Policy

David Angel

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

Souradeep Bhattacharya

College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

Mina Hanin

College of Natural & Agricultural Sciences

Samantha Byers

School of Business

Karishma Gokhale

School of Public Policy

Samantha Fong

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 and mentorship from the Office of Undergraduate Education. Recipients of these awards represent candidates that excel in academics, scholarship, leadership, and service.

- **Barry Goldwater Scholarship:** Renata Koontz & Nicholas Pham
- **CORO:** Taylor Brown, Mina Hanin, Phong Hong, Allita Watkins
- **Donald A. Strauss Scholarship:** Andrew Eneim
- **Fulbright English Teaching Award, Germany:** Phong Hong
- **National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program:** Rosa McGuire, Shannon Sweitzer
- **National Physical Sciences Consortium Fellowship:** Shannon Sweitzer
- **Public Policy & International Affairs (PPIA) Summer Institute, UC Berkeley:** Muhammad "Omer" Sohail
- **Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship:** Shannon Sweitzer

AWARD DESCRIPTIONS:

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.

CORO: Awarded to students with demonstrated leadership and commitment to public service. The fellowship trains students through placements in business, government, non-profit, labor and campaign sectors. Fellows learn from key influencers and thought leaders by working on projects that shape future agendas that meet the organization's mission. Additionally, Fellows participate in group interviews with prominent city leaders and leadership seminars to learn how to critically examine and collaborate to address complex issues.

Donald A. Strauss Scholarship: Awarded to students who demonstrate a commitment to public service and education. Scholars are awarded \$15,000 to start a public service project that is impactful and sustainable.

Fulbright English Teaching Award: Awarded to students who demonstrate a passion for mutual cultural understandings and teaching. The English Teaching Assistant (ETA) Programs place Fulbrighters in classrooms in over 140 countries abroad to provide assistance to the local English teachers. ETA's help teach English language while serving as cultural ambassadors for the U.S. The age and academic level of the students varies by country, ranging from kindergarten to university level.

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.

National Physical Sciences Consortium Fellowship: Awarded to students who demonstrate outstanding potential in academics and STEM research. The NSPC is a partnership between government agencies and laboratories, industry, and higher education. NPSC's goal is to increase the number of American citizens with graduate degrees in the physical sciences and related engineering fields, emphasizing recruitment of a diverse applicant pool. The fellowship provides an annual \$20,000 expense allowance, bringing total funding to as much as \$120,000, plus full tuition and required fees. Fellows may also participate in 1-2 paid summer internships.

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. Summer Institutes are hosted at Carnegie Mellon University, Princeton University, UC Berkeley, University of Michigan, and University of Minnesota.

Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship: Awarded to students who demonstrate outstanding potential in academics and STEM research. Winners of the Science, Mathematics and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship receive full tuition and fees along with a stipend of \$25,000 - \$38,000, up to \$1,200 for health insurance, up to \$1,000 for books, a paid summer internship, and employment with the Department of Defense (DOD) upon graduation.

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
Robert Arenas
Joshua Beto
Winson Bi
Amanda Cao
Marvin Cao
David Chen
Alexander Choi
Kenneth Derenard
Zachary Dunn
Jose Flores
Jose Garcia-Torres
Alejandro Gonzalez
Brandon Gutzmann
Alex Haduong
Alon Halfon
Emanuel Halfon
Randy He
Karen Kong
Jasmine Kwong
Salud Lemus
Jack Maynard
Kevin Mills
Andrew Munoz
Ansh Nagpal
Steven Nguyen
Evan Oculam
Ryan Pan
Allen Partono
Nicholas Pham
Rebekah Pittman
Wesley Poon
Guthrie Price
Aaron Ramirez
Benjamin Rammelsberg
Joshua Recinos
Nicholas Roskopf
Gustavo Salazar
Elise Schaefer
Mabel Shehada
Raymond Smith
Damian Turner
Ethan Valdez
Zelai Wang
Chase Whitney
Brian Worth
Timothy Yadegar
Mary Ybanez
Noah Yim
Chad Younger
Jasmine Yu
Keith Zmudzinski

College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

Emilie Abraham
Steven Amiri
Daniel Archuleta
Steven Arredondo
Jessica Bautista
Sarah Bazzy
Alexander Beecroft
Elayne Bentley
Lili Berni
Karla Bonilla
Joelle Bova-Havers
Latasha Bridgemon
Alysia Burbidge
Carolina Cabral
Evelin Castro
Valerie Chacon
Fangzhou Chen
Yu-Ting Cheng
Pollyanna Cheng
Lin Khern Chia
Susan Chmiel Williams
Erik Cisneros
Jordan Cohen
Michael Collins
Kevin Connelly
Yema Conteh
Kayleigh Cousar
Christalana Danao
Sydney Deardorff
Thuy Do
Matthew Duffy
Alex Enriquez
Erin Eschbacher
Jennah Espino
Jiashu Fan
Abigail Farison
Jodi Felder
Sabrina Finke
Corinna Franco
Samantha French
Jessica Gallardo
Bailey Gandy
Zana Gant
Dalia Garcia
Richard Garcia
Elizabeth Gillette
Deja Goodwin
Levi Gonzalez
Jacqueline Grimaldo
Debora Handojo
Mina Hanin
Austin Hanks
Jinglin He
Haley Henson
Christian Hoffman
Dustin Hutton
Jason Huynh
Rebekah Keagy

Danielle Kennelly
Kyle Kester
Demi Kim
Julia Kim
Chrystal Kim
Connor Kubota
Paige Kuster
Eli Labinger
Jiasi Lai
Wesley Leary
Grace Lee
Alice Lee
Riley Leight
Shayne Lindsey
Philip Liu
Brianna Lizarraga
Gabriella Lopez
John Lowe
Sophia Lux-Archer
Karen Maestas
Ali Mahmood
Devin Main
Yushu Mao
Jan Maramot Rodil
Sarah Markiewicz
Stephanie Martinez
Andrew McCarrell
Guadalupe Mendoza
James Meza
Marisa Montoya
Laura Moran
Esmeralda Munoz
Crystal Ng
Alejandra Nuevo
Alan Olney
Karli Orona
Markalee Ortiz
Jannon Otto
Rewa Ousman
Gloria Page
Rebecca Paplanus
Ian Peltz
Andrew Peppler
Benjamin Perez Gutierrez
Emily Pham
Sabrina Phung
Augustus Prouty
Laura Pontow
Rachel Quan
Isela Quijas
Sandhya Raghvan
Seth Ragonese
Valeriya Ragoniza
Shyam Rajan
Nathan Ray
Joel Reyes
Mark Reynolds
Andres Riojas
Serena Rodholm
John Rodriguez

Joshua Rosales
Amy Ross
Whitney Runde
Aiden Rutten
Natalie Saffi
Nabeeha Said
Emmitt Saito
Jourdan Santibanez
Julia Scotese
Stephanie Shatkin
Rema Shbaita
Geraldyn Shulkin
Madeleine Simmons
Hannah Smith
Amanda Sohn
Vanessa Soria
Kristin Southall
Jillian Surdzial
Terri Tomlinson
Tramanh Truong
David Udell
Kimberly Valladares
Elizabeth Varela
Sabrina Vasquez
Hannah Vernot
Sofia Villagrana
Randle Villanueva
Danny Vuong
Diana Whang
Lora White-Morgan
Austin Williamson
Kevin Wong
Judy Wu
Cynthia Xia
Jasmine Yamanaka
Dianne Yett
Khaled Zalloum
Julia Zumaya

College of Natural & Agricultural Sciences

Omar Abbas
Christian Agatep
Shayan Ali
Jonathan Balisky
Teresa Benbarka
Vivek Bhatt
Steven Bishay
Journey Burbridge
Samantha Byers
Alvin Chan
Vanessa Cheng
Anthony Cort
Miles Cutuli
Nathan Do
Leandra Doan
Sarah Estawani
Angela Gandara
Jason Garrido

Neima Ghandian
 Calvin Glisson
 Divine Grewal
 Arpita Gupta
 Tommy Ha
 Sumbul Haider
 Francesca Hall
 Michael Hanna
 Adam Haughey
 Madison Hernandez
 Bindi Hira
 Jason Hoang
 Brian Ibrahim
 Joseph Jacinto
 Sami Jelousi Zada
 Benjamin Jones
 Amrik Kang
 Alek Kettenburg
 Ryan Kim
 Hyemin Kim
 Duane Kim
 Christofer Lara
 Linh Le
 Maivy Le

Abby Leung
 Erica Li
 Blake Lockard
 Matthew Luy
 Joshua Mahutga
 Wali Mansour
 Matthew McGinnis
 Trey McGonigle
 Rosa McGuire
 Karen Mina
 Victoria Morris
 Taylor Myhre
 Hannah Navarrete
 Isaac Ngo
 Brian Nguyen
 Leland Nguyen
 An-Phong Nguyen
 Taulima Nua
 Christian Olafsen
 James Pagett
 John Palacios
 Louis Penafiel
 Anser Qazi
 Michael Randall

Matthew Roberts
 Michaela Sabbah
 Georgette Sabbah
 Patrick Samones
 Simran Sandhu
 Dennis Sievers
 Katie Sihavong
 Justin Singh
 Christina Stirwalt
 Karley Sullivan
 Joanna Sung
 Shannon Sweitzer
 Minhtri Ta
 Verena Tadros
 Matthew Tae
 Aliza Tan
 Tamera Taylor
 Amanda Tedesco
 Norbu Tenzing
 Adam Thomas
 Diana Torres
 Ngoc Tran
 Thai Tran
 Daniel Tsai

Thomas Waddleton
 Tina Wang
 Andrew Whitaker
 Aaron Wong
 Mehruba Zaman
 Eduardo Zamora

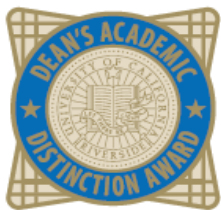
**School of Business &
 Pre-Business CHASS
 students**
 Cristina Liberal
 Hiranyajeet Singh

School of Public Policy
 David Angel
 Samantha Fong

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DEAN'S ACADEMIC DISTINCTION AWARD PINS



2015 Pin



2016 Pin



2017 Pin



2018 Pin



Senior Medallion

The Seal of the University of California

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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