

Undergraduate Honors Convocation

Thursday, June 9, 2022
6:30 PM





Program

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Frank M. LaFerla, PhD
Dean and Chancellor's Professor

Undergraduate Honors Convocation Speaker

Raju Metherate, PhD
Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education

Procession of Students

Closing Remarks

Frank M. LaFerla, PhD
Dean and Chancellor's Professor

Undergraduate Honors Convocation Awards

Dean's Award for Excellence in Research

Aliza Hasnain

Andrew Saghir

Kaylen Suryajaya

Wesley Vu

These awards are given to students who demonstrated outstanding work in the Excellence in Research program as selected by the Honors Committee.

Robert Ernst Prize in Biological Sciences

Graciella Angeles

Mehr Bawa

Ananth Kolli

Nitya Mehrotra-Venkat

Elaine Tran

Seongjoon Won

Miranda Xiao

Dr. Robert Ernst received a PhD in Biological Sciences in 1979 after retirement from a career in organic chemistry. He was fascinated by orchids and their physiology, and he grew orchids for many years, combining this interest with his academic knowledge. Since 1983, the Robert Ernst Prizes have been given for outstanding research in the area of plant biology and in biological sciences.

Excellence in Research Poster Award

Ghalia Azouz

Shawyon Ezzati

Elaha Noori

Jessica Yeung

As part of the Excellence in Research program, students submitted posters which summarized their work in visual form. The Poster Awards recognize students for their exceptional posters.

Howard Schneiderman Prize

Leila Lin

The Howard A. Schneiderman Prize was established in support of excellence in research to commemorate Dr. Howard A. Schneiderman, member of the National Academy of Sciences and third Dean of the UCI School of Biological Sciences. The prize is used to recognize both outstanding research projects in the Excellence in Research program and outstanding posters.

Honors in Biological Sciences

For award winners, see page 9

Students in the School will receive the Honors in Biological Sciences notation on their transcript if they fulfilled the following requirements: completed the Excellence in Research program, received an overall 3.5 GPA as well as a 3.5 GPA in all required Biological Sciences courses and completed the Honors Seminar in Biological Sciences.

Honors in Neurobiology

For award winners, see page 9

Students in the School will receive the Honors in Neurobiology notation on their transcript if they fulfilled the following requirements: completed the Excellence in Research program, received an overall 3.5 GPA as well as a 3.5 GPA in all required Biological Sciences courses and completed the Honors Seminar in Neurobiology.

Jayne Unzelman Scholarship Award

David Csuka

Quynh Do

John Robb

Jayne Unzelman, a graduate student in Developmental and Cell Biology, received the Edward A. Steinhaus Award for outstanding teaching assistant for the 1971-1972 academic year. She received her PhD posthumously in June 1973. The scholarship in her name is awarded to students with high academic achievement who have served the School and community.

Edward Mittelman Memorial Scholarship

Allyssa Ha

A scholarship in memory of Mrs. William D. Redfield's first husband, Edward Mittelman, and her son, Dr. David C. Redfield, a specialist in infectious diseases who graduated from UCI in 1970.

Laurence J. Mehlman Memorial

Zaynab Ketana

Joshua Kim

Established to honor the memory of Laurence J. Mehlman, an outstanding undergraduate of biology at UCI. Laurence was a member of the Biological Sciences Honor Society, graduated Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa from the UCI School of Biological Sciences, and was accepted to the UCLA School of Medicine, entering the class of 1974. He was highly regarded as a person of great dedication and personal magnetism. The award recipients have demonstrated outstanding achievement in scholarship and community, school or campus service.

Kyle Farol Memorial Award

Wesley Vu

To honor the memory of Kyle Farol, this award is presented to an outstanding undergraduate in the School who has dedicated their time as a volunteer in a clinical setting.

Dr. William F. Holcomb Scholarship

Rojina Pad

The William F. Holcomb Scholarship was established to support an undergraduate student conducting research in the area of biomedical, marine biology and/or other related studies.

Robert H. Avnet Memorial Scholarship

Phuong Le

Leo Meller

In memory of Robert H. Avnet, the Avnet Scholarship was established by Lillian Marks to assist students interested in becoming physicians. The recipients must be majors in the School of Biological Sciences, accepted to, or have an excellent chance of being accepted to medical school or other health professional schools and have financial need.

Brian Atwood Scholarship

Celine Crooks

Steven Gong

Established in 2007, the Brian Atwood Scholarship is awarded to two junior Biological Sciences majors who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in both scholarship and service to the UCI community.

Carol and James McGaugh Award

Kayla Solorio

In memory of Carol McGaugh and to honor Dr. James McGaugh, this award was established in 2018 by daughter Janice McGaugh Morrow and son-in-law William Morrow. The award recognizes a hard-working student with a strong moral character, integrity, and demonstrated potential for making a difference in neuroscience.

Carol Becker McGaugh Award

Erick Ho

The Carol Becker McGaugh Award was established in 2003, by Carol Joyce Becker McGaugh and Dr. James McGaugh. Selected by a committee appointed by the Director of the Center for the Neurobiology of Learning and Memory, the award recognizes juniors who conduct outstanding research in the area of the neurobiology of learning and memory. This award recognizes a student who excels in both scholarship and research and will support the student in completing research during the subsequent academic year.

Dr. Lionel and Fay Ng Scholarship Award

Hongmei Wu

Kayla (Ziqing) Yin

Oceanus (Zhuoyang) Zhang

The Dr. Lionel and Fay Ng Scholarships were established by Dr. Ng and Mrs. Ng, their son Lester Ng, and his wife Vani Ng. Lester is an alumnus of UCI Biological Sciences, and the family wishes to award students who display excellence in academics and research, and are active in the International Students Program in the School of Biological Sciences.

James Tait and Judy Goodrich Award for Excellence in Neurobiology Award

Sean Lee

This award was established in 2018 by James Tait Goodrich, M.D., PhD and Mrs. Judy L. Goodrich to honor long-time mentor and friend, Dr. James McGaugh. The award recognizes an undergraduate student completing his/her junior year for outstanding achievement in neurobiology.

Gale "Morrie" Granger Award

Brittany Ojiyi

This award was established to support undergraduate or graduate students enrolled in the School of Biological Sciences pursuing a degree in Biological Sciences with an immunology emphasis.

Honors in Biological Sciences

Quynh Do
Amanda Duong
Maria Epino
Brandon Hajihassanzadeh
Madeline Halseth
Alexander Hong
Grace Jean
Summer Kasallis
Zaynab Ketana
Dieu-Thanh Le
Phuong Le
Jonathan Lee
Jiaqi Li

Yingte Liu
Cristina Martel
Grace An Hong Nguyen
Elaha Noori
Thrisha Reddy
John Robb
Amora Robinson
Basma Salem
Kaylen Suryajaya
Wesley Vu
Kevin Wu
Miranda Xiao
Jessica Yeung

Honors in Neurobiology

Ghalia Azouz
Caleb Coates
Shawyon Ezzati
Allyssa Ha

Aliza Hasnain
Kiersten Hernandez
Lance Mahoney
Karina Tran



Latin Honors - Cum Laude

<i>Avni Agrawal</i>	<i>Amanda Shing Ping Huang</i>
<i>Judy Alhanno</i>	<i>Cindy Huang</i>
<i>Najia Ali</i>	<i>James Edward Johnson</i>
<i>Micheal Yousef Atyia</i>	<i>Hridhay Sai Karthikeyan</i>
<i>Jasmine Mika Baba</i>	<i>Zaynab M. Ketana</i>
<i>Sarah Nicole Batarseh</i>	<i>Jisoo Kim</i>
<i>Bianca Bhakta</i>	<i>Ananth Vishwanath Kolli</i>
<i>Neel Bhardwaj</i>	<i>Velma Puspamilenia Kusnadi</i>
<i>Angelica Armada Cadondon</i>	<i>Toan Thao Lam</i>
<i>Melissa Campos</i>	<i>Alexander Lee Liu</i>
<i>Sophia Chan</i>	<i>Linda Liu</i>
<i>Aryan Chaychian</i>	<i>Nile Khai Luu</i>
<i>Nancy Lin Chea</i>	<i>Lance Wyatt Mahoney</i>
<i>Alexia Noelle Choi</i>	<i>Cristina Sofia Martel</i>
<i>Vivian Bich Van Vu Dang</i>	<i>Joshua Cesar Martinez</i>
<i>Mili Desai</i>	<i>Adrian Mendoza Arvilla</i>
<i>Archis A. Deshpande</i>	<i>Sona Mkrtychyan</i>
<i>Madison Kemika Dulkanchainun</i>	<i>Andrew Amir Mostafania</i>
<i>Amanda Anh-Thi Nghiem</i>	<i>Mei Chi Maggie Ng</i>
<i>Pola F. Gaid</i>	<i>Alvin Dzuy Phong Nguyen</i>
<i>Ashley Gao</i>	<i>Amanda Anh-Thi Nghiem-</i>
<i>Brandon Kasra Hajihassanzadeh</i>	<i>Nguyen</i>
<i>Shifa Haneen Haquani</i>	<i>Anthony Khoi Nguyen</i>
<i>Aliza Hasnain</i>	<i>Charlotte Diem Chinh Nguyen</i>
<i>Anthony Nhat Hoang</i>	<i>Emily Thanh Phuong Nguyen</i>

Grace An Hong Nguyen
James Dinh Nguyen
Kevin Khoa Dang Nguyen
Kimberly Anh Nguyen
Nhi Vu Lien Nguyen
Phuong Duc Nguyen
Tiffany Truc Nguyen
Uyen Kim Nguyen
Valerie Phuong Quynh Nguyen
Victoria Huyen-Vi Nguyen
Vincent Nguyen
Vu Quy Nguyen
Elaha Noori
Mmeridi Ifeosoluchi Okenwa
Shreya Esheta Pavani
Alexis Ramirez
Rebecca Olan Richards
Laila Maria Salameh
Basma Ahmed Salem
Sandra Del Carmen Sandria
Aruba Mahar Siddiqui
Harmanjeet Singh
James Allan Stirwalt
Kaylen Glory Suryajaya
Sima Tahmouresie
Christian Alexander-
Tatevossian
Cindy Tien
Alvinh Viet Tran
Brandon Do Tran
Daniel Huy Tran
Jennifer Tran
Joanne Hanh Tran
Karina Quynh-Mi Tran
Thinh Phu Tran
Tsai Yu Tseng
Colleen Stephanie-
Habaradas Velasco
Hayden Bryce Villandre
Devon Binh Vu
Yuqian Wang
Kevin Wu
Ivana Xu
Jiamin Yan
Lucy Luo Yang
Shuyi Yang
Yiqing Zhang
Caisen Zhou

Latin Honors - Magna Cum Laude

Mylene Faye Nacor Canosa

Natalie Elfahel

Lucy Mary Eprem

Shawyon Ezzati

Sina Famarzi

Fiona Carolyn Freeland

Shreya Gupta

Brandon Scott Hughes

Mikaela Dea Kunika

Fei-Perng Law

Anh Thu Nguyen Le

Dustin Nguyen Le

Tu Khanh Phuong Le

Xuan Anh Thu Le

Yasaman Lorkalantari

Jamie (Do H.) Mai

Jessica Anne Martin

Leo Li Tang Meller

Merit Raafat Mikhael

Nida Saher Nasimzada

Phong Trach Ngo

Ethan T. Nguyen

Joseph Nguyen

Ly Cong Nguyen

Priscilla Minh Ngoc-Truc Nguyen

Peace Niyonteze

Rojina Pad

Neha Deepak Patel

Huy Pham

John Michael Robb

Moushegh Shakarian

Allison Han Tran

Wesley Vu

Seongjoon Won

Catherine Zhang

Latin Honors - Summa Cum Laude

*Mohamed Ahmed
Christina Arianna Attard
Hesam Bakhshi
David Alexander Csuka
Negin Hadjiabdolhamid
Alexander Tu Hong
Joshua Kyungho Kim
Phuong Uyen Le*

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