



UCI BioSci

**UNDERGRADUATE
HONORS
CONVOCATION**

2024

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Program

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Raju Metherate, PhD

Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education

Undergraduate Honors Convocation Speaker

Rachael Barry, PhD

Assistant Professor of Teaching

Co-Director, Microbiology & Immunology Major

Procession of Students

Closing Remarks

Raju Metherate, PhD

Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education

Reception

Undergraduate Honors Convocation Awards

Dean's Award for Excellence in Research

Brinda Devireddy

Kayla Ly

Vanessa Johnson

Natalie Yousefian

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

Diya Garg

Melissa Sanchez

Michael Lee

Kyle Suen

Melissa Plata

Tim Vo

Helia Rahimian

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 Dean's Poster

Sarah Cam

Enya Walker

Shiraz Rezaei

Nancy Taki

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

Howard Schneiderman Prize

Isha Bhakta

Jessie Huang

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.

Jayne Unzelman Scholarship Award

Julie Loritsch

Tina Soroudi

Neha Ramiah

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 the community.

Edward Mittleman Memorial Scholarship

Ellen Zhao

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

Laurence J. Mehlman Endowed Memorial Scholarship Award

Katherine Waldvogel

Brandon Wong

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

Hoang Huynh

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

Dr. William F. Holcomb Scholarship

Shalini King

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

Arielle Perrochon

Vy Nguyen Ha Tran

In memory of Robert H. Avnet, this 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.

Dr. M. Marlene Godoy Undergraduate Research Fellowship in Movement Sciences

Cesar Jacques Ibarra

Andrea Yanez

The Dr. M. Marlene Godoy Undergraduate Research Fellowship in Movement Sciences supports undergraduate research training in movement physiology, biomechanics, exercise sciences or a related field.

Brian Atwood Scholarship

Gabriel Gadia

Varleen Kaur

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

Joshuah Arellano

Nolee Bugarin

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 who has demonstrated potential for making a difference in neuroscience.

Carol Becker McGaugh Award

Isha Bhakta

Rushika Weerackoon

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 is presented to a student who excels in both scholarship and research and will support the student in completing research during the subsequent academic year.

James Tait and Judy Goodrich Award for Excellence in Neurobiology Award

Joia Capocchi

Rosana Sabur

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 their junior year and is for outstanding achievement in neurobiology.

Biological Sciences Outstanding Scholar

Jacob Liu

Hassan Shaikh

This recognition is given to students who show exemplary performance in academics, as well as service to UCI and the community at large.

Dr. Lionel and Fay Ng Scholarship Award

Fangning "Sophia" Luo

Kayla Yin

Maxim Pachnev

Antonia Zhang

Vanessa Pham

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.

Gale "Morrie" Granger Award

Rijul Malik

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

<i>Karen Abdelmalek</i>	<i>Patrick Haghnazarian</i>
<i>Laura Acosta Soto</i>	<i>Grace Harrington</i>
<i>Layla Ajouz</i>	<i>Chloe Heras</i>
<i>Laura Bautista</i>	<i>Eddie Hernandez</i>
<i>Isha Bhakta</i>	<i>Neel Iyer</i>
<i>Jordan Buckner</i>	<i>Cesar Jacques Ibarra</i>
<i>Luke Burgard</i>	<i>Michelle Joemon</i>
<i>Trinh Kaitlyn Tuyet Cao</i>	<i>Taekyung Kang</i>
<i>Juslyn Ziai Chan</i>	<i>Fariha Karim</i>
<i>Kayla Chang</i>	<i>Ellie Kim</i>
<i>Cindy Chen</i>	<i>Emma Le</i>
<i>Katherine Wen-Yuan</i>	<i>Uyen-Vy Le</i>
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Dianne Dain Lee</i>
<i>Luke Chi</i>	<i>Justin Huy Lee</i>
<i>Vincent Chin</i>	<i>Rachel Gaeun Lee</i>
<i>Carli Lynne Chiodo</i>	<i>Justine Legaspi</i>
<i>Olivia Claire Cooper</i>	<i>Miriam Lepiz</i>
<i>Madison Ann Elliott</i>	<i>Andrew Yucheng Liang</i>
<i>Beau Tanner Erro</i>	<i>Hailin Liang</i>
<i>Crimson Jade Frankum</i>	<i>Jacob Liu</i>
<i>Daniel Mousa Ghazarian</i>	<i>Sophia Luo</i>
<i>Ralph Gomez</i>	<i>Kayla Thang Ly</i>
<i>Nandini Goyal</i>	<i>Dana Mabin</i>
<i>Olivia Gramza</i>	<i>Aarushi Madan</i>
<i>Kirsten Ha</i>	<i>Shreya Madan</i>
<i>Eliana Haddadin</i>	<i>Aishah Mahmoud</i>

Honors in Biological Sciences

(Continued)

<i>Aqsa Motiwala</i>	<i>Olivia Tea</i>
<i>Ashley Nguyen</i>	<i>Elena Ter-Petrosyan</i>
<i>Khue Nguyen</i>	<i>Eric Huan Tran</i>
<i>Chloe Pak</i>	<i>Kylie Doanvy Tran</i>
<i>Arielle Perrochon</i>	<i>Vienna Uyen Trinh</i>
<i>James Pham</i>	<i>Nikitha Vancheeswaran</i>
<i>Varvara Rubtsova</i>	<i>Jade Vanta</i>
<i>Melissa Sanchez</i>	<i>Karina Wadhwa</i>
<i>Lauren Sayat</i>	<i>Katherine Waldvogel</i>
<i>Amin Shaik</i>	<i>Shane Wilcox</i>
<i>Hassan Shaikh</i>	<i>Lauren Yamauchi</i>
<i>Vidushi Singla</i>	<i>Xinyue Yang</i>
<i>Andre Sison</i>	<i>Natalie Yousefian</i>
<i>Tina Soroudi</i>	<i>Emma Zangenberg</i>
<i>Kaitlyn M. Steinmann</i>	<i>Cuiwen Zhou</i>
<i>Berfin Suzer</i>	
<i>Cassandra Sweet</i>	
<i>Nancy Taki</i>	

Honors in Neurobiology

<i>Ekaterina Deynega</i>	<i>Neha Ramiah</i>
<i>Jessie Huang</i>	<i>Alexis Rosenzweig</i>
<i>Julie Loritsch</i>	<i>Tim Vo</i>
<i>Rijul Malik</i>	

Latin Honors - Cum Laude

<i>Danya Amin</i>	<i>Ghadah Hassan</i>
<i>Irene Baghdasaryan</i>	<i>Charbel Hatem</i>
<i>Amir Bakhshian</i>	<i>Jose Hernandez Santana</i>
<i>Lauren Bear</i>	<i>Emilie Hidalgo</i>
<i>Isha Bhakta</i>	<i>Jiwon Hur</i>
<i>Lucas Bundros</i>	<i>Minh-Hanh Vu Huynh</i>
<i>Allison Burick</i>	<i>Hoang Huynh</i>
<i>Diego Castillo</i>	<i>Claire Illeck</i>
<i>Daniella Chan</i>	<i>Neel Iyer</i>
<i>Juslyn Chan</i>	<i>Sukhnaaz Khangura</i>
<i>Amber Chen</i>	<i>Shalini King</i>
<i>Katherine Wen-Yuan Chen</i>	<i>Anush Kocharyan</i>
<i>Luke Chi</i>	<i>Bethany Kong</i>
<i>Emily Chiang</i>	<i>Emma Yueh-Yun Kuok</i>
<i>Vincent Chin</i>	<i>Raymond Kwan</i>
<i>Olivia Cooper</i>	<i>Karen Truc Lam</i>
<i>Roseanne De Guzman</i>	<i>Audrey Tuuyen Le</i>
<i>Cecilia Dinh</i>	<i>Dennis Nguyen Le</i>
<i>Kristine Viernas Foronda</i>	<i>Jason Lee</i>
<i>Daniel Ghazarian</i>	<i>Kayla Thang Ly</i>
<i>Anmol Gill</i>	<i>Dana Mabin</i>
<i>Eiger Gliozheni</i>	<i>Michael Maida</i>
<i>Patrick Haghnazarian</i>	<i>Ahmad Marshli</i>
<i>Raghdah Hassan</i>	<i>Alexis Medina</i>

Latin Honors - Cum Laude

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Raymond Duy-Minh Nguyen

Ashley An Nguyen

Anh Minh Nguyen

Alison Joy Okamura

Ian Olliffe

Chloe Pak

Chelsea Paylaga

Alexander Pham

Jennifer Phan

Siddhant Pratap

Neha Ramiah

Robert Benjamin Rose II

Varvara Rubtsova

Christopher Sakounsangong

Sara Saleh

Aya Salem

Lauren Sayat

Ilayda Sayin

Nicholas Seto

Tina Soroudi

Vince Wah-Hin Tan

Nolan Matthew Masao Tanji

Gladys Torrez

Duc Duy Tran

Kylie Doanvy Tran

Jocelyn Do Tran

Vy Nguyen Ha Tran

Stacy Tran

Anthony Tran

Bryan Quang-Duy Truong

Truong-An Nguyen Van

Natalie Van Gilder

Perla Vazquez

Suraay Verma

Jennifer Linh Vinh

Joshua Chung Kei Voo

Siyang Wang

Lindsay Anne Whalen

Naomi Yang Wiranatha

Zhili Ying

Jeongwoo Yoon

Alexander Zendejas

Ellen Zhao

Cuiwen Zhou

Latin Honors - Magna Cum Laude

Jordan Buckner

Kayla Chang

Alina Chao

Cindy Chen

Se Yoon Chung

Mansher Singh Dhaliwal

Kent Dinh

Thao Do

Virginia Enoch

Katelyn Friedrich

Kathy Ha

Jason Hoang

Cesar Jacques Ibarra

Ethan Lam

Ngoc Hong Le

Jonathan Vuong Le

Uyen-Vy Le

Don Le

Rocelyn Lee

Angie Kwan-Ho Leung

Ethan Lin

Jacob Yu Hu Liu

Julie Loritsch

Fangning Sophia Luo

Jasmine Montich

Kim Ngo

Nhu Quynh Nguyen

Kyle Ngoc-Hoa Nguyen

Dominic Rojas

Amber Sheu

Cassandra Sweet

Quangminh Nguyen Tang

Lily Tong

Kyle Viet Tran

Hue-An Megan Truong

Sheldon Watanabe

Taylor Feihong Wright

Lauren Yamauchi

Emily Yamauchi

Dengxin Yu

Latin Honors - Summa Cum Laude

Trinh Kaitlyn Tuyet Cao

Kimia Hashemi

Emma Le

Kameron Manzon

Felix McLaughlin

Ngoc Minh Khue Nguyen

Bryan Nolasco Velasquez

Alireza Oladaskari

Arielle Perrochon

Hrithik Popat

Hassan Shaikh

Daria Sysoeva

Eric Huan Tran

Le Thien Ngan Tran

Shanya Vakilian

Eric Wang

Amira Zayed

The Latin Honors distinction for Spring and Summer graduates will be finalized after the final term grades are posted.



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