

Undergraduate Honors Convocation

Friday, June 11, 2021
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

Raju Metherate, PhD
Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education

2021 Golden Apple Winner

Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching

Matthew McHenry, PhD
Professor, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology



Past Golden Apple winners

Nancy Aguilar-Roca, PhD, '20
Michael Leon, PhD, '19
Julia Massimelli, PhD, '18
Georg F. Striedter, PhD, '17
Justin F. Shaffer, PhD, '16
Kim Green, PhD, '15
Aimee L. Edinger, VMD, PhD, '14
Kailen A. Mooney, PhD, '13
Melissa B. Lodoen, PhD, '12
Susana Cohen-Cory, PhD, '11
Christine Suetterlin, PhD, '10
Steven D. Allison, PhD, '09
Marcelo A. Wood, PhD, '08
Shiou-Chuan (Sheryl) Tsai, PhD, '07

Undergraduate Honors Convocation Awards

Dean's Award for Excellence in Research

David Csuka
Tri Dong

Allyssa Ha
Avril Stulginski

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

Excellence in Research Poster Awards

Samantha Cadondon
Jeanine Esteban

Shreya Gupta
Henry Nguyen

Daniel Soroudi

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.

Robert Ernst Prize in Biological Sciences

Cheyenne Beheshtian
Quynh Do
Fion Ma

Jonathon Nguyen
Oluchi Ofoegbu
Jaehyuk Song

Robert Ernst Prize in Plant Biology

Kathy Vo

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.

Howard A. Schneiderman Prize

Grace Jean

Timothy Shimizu

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 7

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 7

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.

Brian Atwood Scholarship

Rachel Azar
David Csuka

Jonathan Lee
Jose J. Vasquez

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.

Robert H. Avnet Memorial Scholarship

Agatha Augustynski

Ashima Kundu

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.

Kyle Farol Memorial Award

Daniela Gonzalez

Roman Ariel Jr. Meza

Victoria Pham

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.

M. Marlene Godoy Award

Daniela Gonzalez

Sohrab Kharabaf

The M. Marlene Godoy Award was established in 2004 by alumna Marlene Godoy DDS, Biological Sciences class of 1976. This award is given to support a graduating senior who is pre-med or pre-dental. The recipient is one who is actively involved in both philanthropic community service and university service, and is active in undergraduate research.

Dr. William F. Holcomb Scholarship

Eryka Jynae Anderson

Ashley Noheli Diaz

Johnny Han

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.

Carol Becker McGaugh Award

Vivian Chau

Lia Xiao Dolan

Rayomand Kapadia

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 students who excels in both scholarship and research and will support the students in completing research during the subsequent academic year.

Carol and James McGaugh Award

Avril Stulginski

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.

The James Tait Goodrich Award for Excellence in Neurobiology in Honor of James McGaugh

Jorge Miguel Mendoza

Angeni Macawee Muralidhar

This award was established in 2018 by James Tait Goodrich, MD, 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.

Laurence J. Mehlman Memorial Scholarship

Ashley Noheli Diaz
Damani Taye Fields

Anh Phuc Nguyen
Timothy Shimizu

Jerry Zhang

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.

Edward Mittelman Memorial Fund Scholarship

Soomin Park

Behzad Zabanavar

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.

Jayne Unzelman Scholarship

Nadine Ben Romdhane
Daniela Gonzalez

Catthi Ly
Zaid Parekh

Vanessa Allison Valdovinos

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.

Honors in Biological Sciences

David Mina Barsoum
Cheyenne Beheshtian
Nadine Ben Romdhane
Daniel Reynaldo Benavides
Linda Teuta Beqaj
Samantha Armada Cadondon
Isaac Reyes Cinco
Gabriela De Robles
Thu Annie Do
Elizabeth Siyi Duan
Sabrina R Gobran
Kiana Hashemi
Peter Hsin
Timothy Isaac Hsu
Samuel Wagdy Kades
Sohrab Kharabaf
Grace Esther Lee
Colleen Bichquyen Luong
Catthi Ly

Fion Ma
Karina Murillo
Henry Nguyen
Jonathon Nguyen
Trina Thu Nguyen
Tannoz Norouzi
Oluchi Amarachukwu Ebere Ofoegbu
McKenna Kathleen Pace
Victoria Tuong-Vi Pham
Jammie-Lyn Faye Quines
Isaryhia Maya Rodriguez
Jeongbin Seo
Timothy Katsuyuki Shimizu
Daniel Soroudi
Zayn Sikander Suhale
Michelle Vy Nguyen Trinh
Jaime Anne Vasilev
Peter Do Vu
Moiria Anne Williams

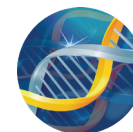
Jerry Jie-Ping Zhang

Honors in Neurobiology

Agatha Sahra Augustynski
Nima Hadidi
Ashima Kundu

Avril Marysia Stulginski
Jose J. Vasquez
Rishi Noel Vermani

Jordan Van Zhang



Dr. Lionel and Fay Ng Scholarship

Hoang Kim Huynh
Jiaqi Li
Hailin Liang
Yichen Lyu

Ziyuan Ma
Yiwen Rao
Tianrun Xiao
Xinyue Yang

Mary Zhuang

The Dr. Lionel and Faye 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.

Latin Honors - Summa Cum Laude

Cheyenne Beheshtian
Elizabeth Siyi Duan
Audrey Wen-Juan Fung
Katelyn Giap
Timothy Isaac Hsu
Hongsheen Kim
Tori Abigail King
Dean Matthew Madory
Melissa Dyan Martens
Angie Nguyen
Oanh Thi Phuong Nguyen

Trina Thu Nguyen
Tannoz Norouzi
Kevin James O'Brien
Zaid Parekh
Daniel Soroudi
Krista Therese Talamo
Ibrahim Ahmed Thein
Kevin Truong
Alicia Christine Wells
Behzad Zabanavar
Setarah Zandi Haghighi

Latin Honors - Magna Cum Laude

Chrissie Alexander
Rachel Azar
Rounak Baghbaninogourani
Grace Ann Baker
Matthew Robert Bang

Nadine Ben Romdhane
Liam Bui
Michael Minh Bui
Nu Nhat Bui
Kaitlin Marie Conroy

Maria Magdy Gerges
Johnny Han
Kiana Hashemi
Kim Hoang
Andy P. Huang
Alejandra Ibarra
Sarah Hatem Ibrahim
Drew Nathan Justeson
Maya Nashat Louis
Catthi Ly
Niayesh Najafi
Binh Thi Huong Nguyen
Britney Thuyan Phan Nguyen
Ryan Dan Nguyen

Victoria Pham
Steve Huy Dinh Phan
Tiffany Thuy Duyen Nguyen Quach
Tannaz Razzaghi
Maven Mondiguig Sinaguinan
Jonathan Davis Tchan
Courtney Elizabeth Tom
Linh Nguyen Phuong Tran
Linh Nguyen Truc Tran
Ilene Phuong-Thao Trinh
Michelle Vy Nguyen Trinh
Jose J. Vasquez
Christina Renee Wong
Jacob Sacamay Yudiono

Latin Honors - Cum Laude

Aneesah Syeda Akbar
Nazanin Alaghemand
Kyle Christian Formentera Allen
Yasmeen Allie
Kathy Marisol Arroyo
Carolyn Kaela Bousmail
Andreana Chen
Clare Chen
Alwin Cheung
Amogha Dahal
Adam Kuno Dewitt
Samantha Thu Dinh
Nathan Anthony Do
Thu Annie Do
Lia Xiao Dolan
Amanda Lynn Eijansantos
Sabrina Estrada
Darren Fan
Yasamin Fazeli
Damani Taye Fields

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Monica F. Gerges
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Joscelyn Giang
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Nima Hadidi
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Febronya Michael Hanna
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Mahtab Farahani Jalali
Sohrab Kharabaf
Meagan Stephanie Khuu
Simran Anil Kukreja
Brandon Masaru Kuriki
Ashley A. Lai
Denise Lam

Latin Honors - Cum Laude

Tien Hong Lam	Vivek Lakshmi Satish
Grace Esther Lee	Neil Chirag Shah
Sarah Eugenie Lee	Haleigh Brooke Sherman
Janice Li	Lingqing Shi
Jason Sk Lo	Justin Hoyin Shiu
Daniel Oscar Lomboy	Mark Maged Soliman
Colleen Bichquyen Luong	Jaehyuk Song
Gor Vagramovich Mirzoyan	Avril Stulginski
Jonathan Ashraf Nasif	Zayn Sikander Suhale
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Joy Ngan Nguyen	Roman Torres
Kathern Le Nguyen	Anthony Nguyenhoang Tran
Matthew Hoai Nguyen	Tiffany Vi Trieu
Nathan Tan Nguyen	Hong An Le Truong
Timothy Duy Nguyen	Jennifer Truong
Trang P. Nguyen	Andres Edwardo Vargas
Anh Phuc Nguyen	Georgene Alexandra Vasquez
Henry Nguyen	Rishi Noel Vermani
Nadeen Maya Nima	Thaomy Vo
Brenda Patricia Penuela Noarbe	Cindy Ngan Vu
Michael Christopher Oca	Peter Do Vu
Riley Matthew Olds	Brooke Elizabeth Waechtler
Soomin Park	Lucas Jared Wang
Xinyue Pei	Matthieu Didier Rene Weber
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Leeanne Qussiny	Jordan Van Zhang
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