THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR THE 33RD ANNUAL ACADEMIC MERIT CONVOCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE! THE STUDENTS HONORED HERE TONIGHT HAVE DEMONSTRATED ACADEMIC DISTINCTION DURING THEIR UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION AT UC RIVERSIDE.

7:00PM PROCESIONAL (Audience stands for Processional)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF CAMPUS LEADERSHIP
Dr. Jennifer Brown, Vice Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Education

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATION AWARDS

Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement
Daniel Castaneda, History
Malcolm Tran, Biology
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
Yi-Ting "Annie" Wu, Biology
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
Michel Seley, Political Science/International Affairs
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
Amber Ibekwe, Sociology/Law and Society
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.

Tomás Rivera Awards
Kini Marie Sosa, Creative Writing
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.

Rosemary S.J. Schraer Awards
Cebrina Nolan, Entomology
Malcom Tran, Biology
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 College Awards**

**Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of 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**

Sofia Schrager, Business Administration-Management

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

**UCR Alumni Association Commencement Award**

Allison Limfat, Biology

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.

**Public Policy Scholarship**

Kyla Foreman, Public Policy

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.

**Western Municipal Water District Charles D. Field Scholarship**

Ansh Nagpal, Chemical 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.

**College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences**

Richard Guzman

Ariya Haghight

Samuel Higuera

Rebekah Keagy

Paige Kuster

Jonathan Lauffer

Deonté Lee

Philip Liu

Ethan Ng

Perla Osorio Rivera

College of Natural & Agricultural Sciences

Ran Tan

Antonio Toles

Tramanh Truong

David Udell

Carla Villamil

Cathy Vo

Emily Zeng

Omar Abbas

Mei Cai

Benjamin Ellis

Jacob Abrisz

Mireya Amparano

Wanyue An

Adriana Cardona

Chelsea Davenport

Ashley Drew

Alex Enriquez

Bailey Equite

Abigail Farison

Deja Goodwin

Gursheen Guron

Erin Gutierrez

Omar Abbas

Mei Cai

Benjamin Ellis
Astrid Garcia  
Thomas Haensel  
Sumbul Haider  
Paige Helms  
Eric Lin  
Breanna Lucero  
Cebrina Nolan  
William Richards  
Tamera Taylor  
Minh Tran  
Graduate School of Education  
Rocio Garcia  

Ron Garcia Lizarra  
Tulsi Kardani  

Marlan and Rosemary Bourns  
College of Engineering  

Rocio Garcia Lizarraga  
Tulsi Kardani  

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.

College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences  
David Udell  

College of Natural & Agricultural Sciences  
Madison Hernandez  

Graduate School of Education  
Andrea Carreno-Cortes  

School of Business  
Vivian Lin  

School of Public Policy  
Eric Calderon  

Presented by 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

Awarded to students who demonstrate outstanding research potential and intend to pursue research careers in mathematics, the natural sciences or engineering.

CORO

Awarded to students with demonstrated leadership and commitment to public service.

Donald A. Strauss Scholarship

Awarded to students who demonstrate a commitment to public service and education.
Fulbright Awards

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program is the largest U.S. exchange program offering opportunities for students and young professionals to undertake international graduate study, advanced research, university teaching, and primary and secondary school teaching worldwide.

(Semi-finalist) Phong Hong, Entomology; (Semi-finalist) Nicholas Pham, Chemical Engineering and Physics

Marshall

Selected candidates demonstrate academic excellence, research expertise, and ambassadorial potential.

Cindy Yanez, Physics
Sophia Martinez Alberga, Mathematics
(Honorable Mention) Sumbul Haider, Chemistry

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program

Awarded to students who demonstrate outstanding potential in academics and STEM research.

Samir Al-Alami, Political Science/International Affairs

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.

Rhodes

Rhodes Scholarships are the oldest and most celebrated international fellowship awards in the world. Rhodes Scholars based on academic excellence, outstanding scholarly achievements, and most importantly their character, commitment to the common good, and for their potential for leadership in whatever domains their careers may lead. The scholarship funds any graduate discipline offered at Oxford University.

(Semi-finalist): Phong Hong, Entomology

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.

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Austria: Russel Altamirano, Art History
Australia: Cebrina Nolan, Entomology
(Alternate) Ghana: Imani Todd, Creative Writing

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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.
GET ENGAGED at UCR

Student Engagement
- uResearch (Opportunities Portal, Research Journal, Research Symposium, Mini-grants, Chancellor's Research Fellows)
- Prestigious Scholarships and Awards
- Engaged Learning (R’Courses, Community Engaged Learning)
- Academic Internships (UCDC/UCCS)

Academic Resource Center
- Academic, Counseling, and Encouragement
- Supplemental Instruction
- Undergraduate Writing Center
- Graduate Exams Preparation

University Writing Programs

Summer Sessions

First Gen Support

Army ROTC

California Minority Participation in STEM (CAMP)