



UNIVERSITY HONORS CORDING CEREMONY

JUNE 05, 2025 • 5:00 PM
STUDENT RECREATION CENTER - NORTH GYM

UNIVERSITY HONORS EVENT FLOW

Land Acknowledgement
Donna Arteaga Alvarez

Welcome
Begoña Echeverria, Ph.D.
Howard H Hays, Jr. Chair

Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Address
Elizabeth Watkins, Ph.D.

Presentation of Faculty Awards

Presentation of Teaching Assistant Award

Performance
Pete Pridanonda

Presentation of Pillars of Excellence Awards

Valedictory
Award Presentation: Mina Hanin
2025 University Honors Valedictorian
Jennifer Ibarra

Recognition of University Honors Graduates

Closing Remarks

Special Performance By: Rene Montenegro

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES

UNIVERSITY HONORS

FACULTY AWARDS



PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

Dr. David Cocker

Chemical & Env. Engineering



FACULTY-MENTORS OF THE YEAR

Dr. Hoori Ajami

Dr. Kalina Michalska

Dr. Daniel Novak

Environmental Sciences

Psychology

School of Medicine





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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Dr. Nigel Hughes

Earth & Planetary Sciences



OUTSTANDING TEACHING ASSISTANT RECIPIENT

Amanda Herbert

Evol, Ecol, & Organismal Bio



UNIVERSITY HONORS STUDENT AWARDS

UNIVERSITY HONORS PILLARS OF EXCELLENCE

Noel Lofton
Lance Santana
Allison Wang
Christina Zhu

Business Administration
Business Administration
Political Science
Biology

UNIVERSITY HONORS VALEDICTORIAN

Jennifer Ibarra

Educ., Society, & Human Dev.

HOWARD H HAYS, JR. UNIVERSITY HONORS RESEARCH FELLOWS

Anna Azanon
Lily Caplon-Guin
Daniela Cruz
Manahil Khan
Noel Lofton
Ulises Mata
Madison Oliva
Gianna Pelayo
Alexandra Rochin
Angie Salinas
Nakanlaya Tupsamphan
Ila Youssefi
Alexa Zelaya

Liberal Studies
Bioengineering
Theatre, Film, & Digital Prod.
Neuroscience
Business Administration
Psychology
Mathematics
Biology
Educ., Society, & Human Dev.
Political Sci. Law & Society
Theatre, Film, & Digital Prod.
Psychology
Psychology

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STUDENT AWARDS

SOCIAL JUSTICE
CAPSTONE PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP

Rahul Almeida
Kulpreet Chhokar
Karin Funaki
Lance Santana
Shrutisri Sonekar
Angelina Tang
Michelle Wang

Biology
Cell, Molecular, & Dev. Biology
Psychology
Business Administration
Psychology
Psychology
Philosophy, Law, & Society

UCOP ADDRESSING BIAS & BIGOTRY
SCHOLARSHIP

Rahul Almeida
Anna Azanon
Daniela Cruz
Karin Funaki
Manahil Khan
Ulises Mata
Dina Mirmotalebisohi
Angie Salinas
Shruti Sonekar
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Biology
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Neuroscience
Psychology
Biology
Political Sci. Law & Society
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