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EVENT FLOW



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Rebecca Seañez

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

Chancellor Address
S. Jack Hu, Ph.D.

Presentation of Teaching Assistant Award

Presentation of Faculty Awards

Presentation of Pillars of Excellence Awards

Valedictory
2026 University Honors Valedictorian
Cecile Juarez Diroll

Recognition of University Honors Graduates

Closing Remarks



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES

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FACULTY AWARDS

OUTSTANDING TEACHING ASSISTANT RECIPIENT

Jovana Isevski

English

FACULTY-MENTORS OF THE YEAR

Dr. Ilana Bennett
Professor Toni Pasion
Dr. Wantong Li

Psychology
Dance
Electrical & Computer Eng.

PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

Dr. Richard Cardullo

Evol, Ecol, & Organismal Bio

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STUDENT AWARDS

UNIVERSITY HONORS VALEDICTORIAN

Cecile Juarez Diroll

Public Policy

UNIVERSITY HONORS PILLARS OF EXCELLENCE

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Leonardo Altafini

Political Science

Isabelle Huang

Biology

Rishitha Kona

Psychology

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Entomology

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Business Administration

Leo Guzman

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Education

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Tiana Phan

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Anthropology

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SOCIAL IMPACT CAPSTONE PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP

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Maliha Richards

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Biochemistry
Psychology
Biomedical Sciences
Biology
Biochemistry



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