



2018 UC DAVIS OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARDS

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UC Davis Conference Center





PROGRAM

Welcome

Principles of Community Awards

Center for Student Involvement
Leadership Awards

Community Service and
Civic Engagement Awards

Student Affairs Awards

Performance – Lounge Lizards A Capella

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University Medal

Closing

Reception

Principles of Community Award

In recognition of registered student organizations that are committed to fostering the Principles of Community at UC Davis and that seek to implement activities or programs that exemplify and promote the Principles of Community throughout the student community. The award is presented by the Office of Campus Community Relations in partnership with the Student Assistants to the Chancellor.

Platinum

Bayanihan Clinic

Gold

Davis Women in Business

Bronze

Engineers Without Borders

Advancing Academic and Career Goals Award

The Aggie Transcript

In recognition of a registered student organization that successfully promotes academic achievement and provides opportunities for a diverse range of students to explore new areas of interest and develop academic and/or professional qualifications for future success.

Balanced Leaders Award

Zeta Sigma Chi Multicultural Sorority, Inc.

In recognition of a registered student organization that best develops members' skills to support time management, academic commitments, social engagement and self-care. Balanced leaders aspire to achieve academic goals while also maintaining co-curricular involvement and personal wellness.

Excellence in Student Collaboration Award

Communication Club at UC Davis

In recognition of a registered student organization that demonstrates a collaborative and inclusive approach to their projects and a commitment to utilizing diverse frameworks in developing their contributions to education.

Global Engagement Award

AIESEC Davis

In recognition of a registered student organization that demonstrates a commitment to exposing UC Davis students to global perspectives, promoting cross-cultural awareness, and exploring intersections of identity between domestic and international communities.

Inspirational Aggies Award

Startup Hub

In recognition of a registered student organization that demonstrates a commitment to creating and sustaining a healthy campus climate at UC Davis through programs, activities and/or initiatives that promote an inclusive and respectful community.

Organizational Improvement Award

Indian Graduate Student Association

In recognition of a registered student organization that has taken significant steps in order to improve its overall effectiveness from one year to the next. Areas of improvement may include: member academic success, membership recruitment and retention, budget management, program planning, and leadership while fulfilling the mission and goals of their organization.

Adams Award for Leadership in a Student Organization

Victoria Chau

In recognition of individual leadership and accomplishment within registered student organizations. In honor of Ted Adams, former director of the UC Davis Student Programs and Activities Center, the Adams Award is presented annually by the Center for Student Involvement to a leader of a registered student organization who has effectively directed or influenced the student organization, campus and/or wider community.

Community Service and Civic Engagement Award

In recognition of dedicated service to others that is substantial in breadth, quality and time commitment. The honorees' service has resulted in a substantive and positive community impact. The honorees not only excel in the areas of leadership and scholarship, but also apply their abilities in innovative ways to improve the lives of others, and has demonstrated a commitment to equity and inclusion. Their service has impacted campus, local, national, and/or international communities.

First Year

Tyler Rho

Undergraduate Students

Jennifer La

Samantha Mong

Eori Tokunaga

Graduate Student

Nazeela Awan

Student Organization

Project RISHI

Student Promoting Advocacy and Redefining Community Award

Jennifer La

In recognition of a rising student activist that has displayed a passion for engagement across multiple communities. The SPARC Award is presented annually by the Community Resource and Retention Centers, in homage to a rising student leader that has displayed advocacy for one or more communities.

Margarita Robinson Student Leadership Award

Nitika Mummidivarapu

In recognition of a junior student for outstanding service and leadership through involvement in recognized student groups and activities. Established in 1982, this award serves as a memorial to Margarita Robinson who was house mother at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity for 30 years and a founder of the Prytanean Honor Society at UC Davis.

Social Justice and Inclusion Award

Angela Kim

In recognition of a graduating student of any gender who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to social justice in the areas of leadership, scholarship, and service. This award honors a student who has served as a change agent and made a tangible impact on campus community promoting equity and inclusion.

Mary Jeanne Gilhooly Award

Nisha Marwaha

In recognition of a graduating woman believed to be the most outstanding in the areas of leadership, scholarship, integrity and service in the campus community. This award was established in 1942 to memorialize the achievements of Mary Jeanne Gilhooly, recognized as an “unofficial goodwill ambassador to every prospective Aggie.”

Veloyce Glenn Winslow Jr. Award

Connor Grant

In recognition of a graduating man believed to be the most outstanding in the areas of leadership, scholarship, integrity and service in the campus community. This award was established in 1966 to memorialize the achievements of Veloyce Glenn Winslow, Jr., who died while serving as vice president of the student body at UC Davis.

Outstanding Senior Awards

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In recognition of a graduating senior from each major who has made significant contributions to the dynamic intellectual life at UC Davis. Students' selections are based on outstanding contributions to their learning environment through active academic engagement by way of involvement in a research group or creative production, significant contributions to classroom discussion, leadership in student groups committed to the advancement of learning, or other intellectual pursuits with faculty and fellow students.

University Medal

Emily Eijansantos

In recognition of a graduating senior for excellence in undergraduate studies, outstanding community service, and the promise of future scholarship and contributions to society. The University Medal is the highest university award given to a student completing undergraduate work.

Outstanding Senior Awards

Sogol Aliabadi

Music

Sogol is a dedicated young musician who demonstrated a steady, thorough growth during her time as an undergraduate in the Music Department. Her attentiveness to detail and inquiry is connected to her desire to become a well-rounded, well-informed musician. She contributes regularly as a performer in a number of ensembles, and is highly regarded by her instructors. The Music Department recognizes her work as a promising member of the UC Davis undergraduate community, and as a musician who wishes to become part of the larger world of musicians outside the UC Davis community.

Daisy Ament

Italian

In addition to outstanding grades in the major (4.0) and overall (3.814), Daisy is a leader in the Italian department. She currently is the Italian peer advisor, was an Italian tutor, and coordinated Italian film nights and other activities. Daisy took initiative to help promote the Italian major by developing short film clips featuring student insights into the program, and is consistently a resource for other students. In addition to all of this, Daisy is doing significant independent research in Italian, and writing a senior honors thesis on the city in modern Italian literature.

Callie Austin

Clinical Nutrition

Callie demonstrates a strong commitment to the field of nutrition in and out of the classroom. She maintains a near perfect grade point average while also participating in many nutrition related internships. Callie currently is part of a research team working on a systematic review of The Double Burden of Malnutrition and is an editor for a food publication website, Spoon University. Callie also demonstrates a commitment to student service as an academic peer advisor in the Nutrition Department. Upon graduation, Callie will pursue a master's degree in Public Health Nutrition at the University of Chester in England.

Yuzhe Bai

Mathematics (Bachelor of Science)

Yuzhe is an extraordinarily bright mathematician who has demonstrated initiative, dedication, and creativity in his academic pursuits. Faculty describe Yuzhe as highly motivated, dedicated, careful, and precise. He has successfully balanced very heavy course loads, has excelled in graduate level courses, and is currently conducting research that will result in a publishable research paper.

Helena Bayat

Environmental Toxicology

Helena is an exemplary student, maintaining a stellar major GPA. She excelled in honors research in Professor Tran Nguyen's lab analyzing third hand smoke. Helena gave an oral presentation on the research at the American Chemical Society National Meeting, March 2018. She also completed an independent project in Professor Johanna Schmitt's lab (EVE) involving ecology fieldwork in the Sierras. Helena successfully completed two years in the University Honors Program, 2015-17, and served in leadership roles with the UC Davis Dressage Team, 2014-17. Her future career interests are in the research/policy intersection with respect to public and environmental health.

Haley Blackwell

Marine and Coastal Sciences

Haley is an excellent student, with strong grades in all of her major required courses. Haley completed intensive field based coursework at Bodega Marine Laboratory in 2017, and performed well in all three of the courses as part of this program. She has been an active participant in the major, and completed a research project during her junior year.

Jennifer Blanc

Genetics and Genomics

Jennifer has maintained a 3.9 GPA and represents the best of the Genetics and Genomics (GGN) students. She not only excelled in her coursework, but she served as a tutor for her fellow students. Her research mentor, Dr. Michael Turelli said that Jennifer is in the top 1% of undergraduates he has mentored in his 41 years at UC Davis. Jennifer began her research with Dr. Turelli in her first year and has since carried on projects with both Dr. Turelli and Dr. Coop. GGN faculty are proud to award Jennifer as the 2018 GGN Outstanding Senior.

Patrick Brobst

International Relations

Patrick is graduating with a double major in International Relations (IR) and Middle East/South Asia Studies and a double minor in East Asian Studies and History. He participated in the IR honors seminar and completed a thesis that explores the predictive power of CINC scores regarding war outcomes from 1816-2007. Patrick served as Crisis Director for Model UN at UC Davis and held several research assistant positions during his time as an undergraduate student.

Kyla Broderick

Food Science

Kyla is a standout student both academically and professionally. Kyla is mature, thoughtful and always puts her best foot forward. She provides thoughtful input, which the faculty appreciate, as the undergraduate student representative to the teaching committee and head of the Food Tech Club. Kyla is Captain of a product development team that created a product to enhance the nutritional quality of traditional Ethiopian diets. This product (Ber-Bites) was entered into the 2018 Institute of Food Technologists Student Association (IF TSA): Developing Solutions for Developing Countries competition. Kyla has integrity and an honest desire to improve food quality for all people.

Beau Brown

Film Studies

Beau took his first film class four years ago, where he stood out as an exceptionally gifted thinker with his intellectual curiosity, willingness to engage thoughtfully, with care, about difficult political and social questions. Rarely do students stand out so much in a class of 200 students that they are remembered four years later. In his last film class as a UC Davis student, it is this same thoughtfulness, genuine excitement about film history, film theory and practice, along with his now complex, mature way of approaching topics that makes Beau continue to stand out among his peers.

Gary Calcagno

Art History

Gary, an exceptional student, has excelled academically earning one of the top GPAs in the major. He is an enthusiastic ambassador for the campus arts community as a student assistant for the Manetti Shrem Museum. Gary's thoughtful demeanor complements his deep passion for the field and his incisive intellect. Gary is able to engage critically with challenging topics, as evidenced by his honors thesis on Japanese colonial architecture in Korea, which he will present at the regional Bay Area Undergraduate Art History Research Symposium. He plans to continue his studies at the graduate level and pursue a museum career in curatorial work or collections management.

Kathryn Canepa

Sustainable Environmental Design

Kathryn is co-founder and president of the Student Leadership in Green Infrastructure Club at UC Davis, an organization that has entered the EPA Rainworks Challenge competition two years in a row. Under the guidance of faculty mentor Kevin Perry (adjunct in Landscape Architecture), the club designed rain gardens for four locations on campus and constructed two of those. A stellar student, Kathryn holds a 3.99 GPA and has received

A+ marks in 21 classes. She hopes to pursue a career in public lands and wilderness planning.

Sammy Carey

Political Science

Sammy is ambitious, bright, friendly, and hard-working. She works for the UC Davis Washington Program helping interested students find the right resources. In Spring 2017, she was awarded the Political Science Undergraduate Scholarship which requires academic achievement and involvement in non-academic pursuits. Samantha is a stellar student, as evidenced by her acceptance into six honors societies, and is active with Mock Trial and IGNITE, an organization working to empower women to become leaders in business and politics. She also worked as a First Year Experience Peer Advisor and served as president of the Speech and Debate Team.

Zoya Chakourski

Russian

Zoya's is an exemplary student with a major GPA of 4.0. She is working on an honors thesis focusing on art, society, and violence presented in the Soviet-era novel *The Master and Margarita* by Mikhail Bulgakov. Zoya also has an outstanding record as a Russian tutor and has been involved in the Russian Cultural Association.

Jennifer Chen

Anthropology (Bachelor of Arts)

Jenny is volunteering in Professor Eerkens' archaeometry lab and preparing archaeological samples for stable isotope analysis, which form the basis for her senior honors thesis. Jenny's honors thesis focuses on dietary and mobility reconstruction of a set of individuals living some 7,000 years ago in the Lake Titicaca region of the Andes. Her faculty advisors anticipate her data will form the basis of a publication about Early Holocene diets in high elevation landscapes of South America, for which she will be involved in the writing process as a full co-author. Jenny is a dedicated, engaged student and the Anthropology Department enthusiastically awards Jenny as their Outstanding Senior.

Cheyenne Chen

Animal Science

Cheyenne made numerous outstanding contributions in support of Animal Science (ANS) faculty, staff, and students. Many have benefited from her expertise as an academic peer advisor and residence hall advising team member. A capable multi-tasker, Cheyenne has excelled as a track and field athlete while maintaining a 3.77 GPA. She also played key administrative

roles in several departmental events, including the Career Symposium, Picnic Day, Decision Day, and vet prep workshops. Her positive attitude and incredible enthusiasm contribute greatly to ANS undergraduate activities. The department is excited to see her achieve her career goals as she continues her studies at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine.

Xi Cheng

Computer Science

Xi is a double major in Statistics and Computer Science (CS), with an amazing 3.92 GPA. This may be the only case in which a student at UC Davis has ever done such first-rate work simultaneously in these two fields. She has done excellent in her General Education courses as well, quite a feat for an international student whose native language is radically different from English. Xi currently is doing research in machine learning, mentored by CS professor Norm Matloff and two post doctoral researchers at Stanford. She developed the entire software package associated with the research, and is conducting experiments comparing these methods to neural networks, with intriguing results.

Kyle Cheung

Biological Systems Engineering

Kyle is being recognized for significant contributions toward a new course on design for first year engineering students. His contributions have been essential in making the course a successful, engaging and meaningful educational experience for those enrolled. The instructor noted that Kyle consistently made himself available to support students on their design projects, to troubleshoot the weekly technology challenges inherent to a pilot project, and to provide leadership during open studio hours. Kyle's enthusiasm for the undergraduate engineering experience have set a positive and uplifting tone for all students, staff and faculty, and make him worthy of this award.

Jiahao Deng

German

Jiahao has impressed his professors not only with his enthusiasm for German language and culture, but also with his extensive knowledge of world politics and economics. He writes well and always contributes original, deep thoughts to classroom discussions.

Matthew Dimon

Economics

Matt is brilliant in research and teaching. He was the most engaged of the students in the teaching training program Economics offers, and currently

is a teaching assistant for “Introduction to Economics”. Matt was the only student in Economics who participated in the Honors Program both in teaching and in research, where he also completed a honors thesis. He produced original research estimating a model that analyzes how the re-sale prices of video game figurines, Amiibo, are determined by their supply, their popularity, and the release of new games. Matt denoted creativity, ability to analyze original data, and presents his work in a very engaging way.

John Dolan

History

John Dolan is a dedicated student and has a passion for helping others. As the senior peer advisor for History and as a peer advisor for International Relations, John has provided invaluable assistance to the students in History, Economics, East Asian Studies, and International Relations. He continues to support others as the co-director of Camp Kesem at UC Davis, a program that provides a free summer camp to children whose parents have been impacted by cancer. On top of all his work as a peer and co-director, John has maintained a great academic record.

Emily Eby

Managerial Economics

Emily is an exemplary Managerial Economics student and will complete the Agribusiness Economics emphasis. In addition to her excellent academic performance and engagement inside the classroom, faculty perceive her as a self-motivator and eager to learn. Through her involvement in the Undergraduate Honors Thesis Program, Emily demonstrated great leadership potential. Her thesis focused on the effect of early recess on students’ fruit and vegetable consumption in school cafeterias. Emily served the campus community and public as a peer advisor for the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences where her excellent oral and communication skills contributed to her impeccable customer service.

Emily Eijansantos

Neurobiology, Physiology, and Behavior

Emily is a UC Davis Regents Scholar, a member of the University Honors Program, and excelled in her academics at UC Davis. Her research mentor described Emily as an exceptionally motivated, well-organized, reliable, creative, and incredibly independent undergraduate researcher. Emily is the first author on a book chapter and a co-author on two other publications. Emily received several awards and presented her work at the International Biophysical Society conference and the UC Davis undergraduate research conference. Emily hosted Davis Wushu’s “Fight The Stigma! Charity Showcase” to raise money and awareness for a mental health clinic and postpartum depression.

Alexandra Fafard

Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems

Allie is a Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems (SAFS) peer advisor who has done an outstanding job advising students. She is proactive meeting with faculty track advisors to ensure advising is up-to-date. Allie was instrumental during the past year in helping move SAFS advising from Human and Community Development to Land, Air, and Water Resources. She verifies the curriculum offerings frequently and organizes extracurricular activities for the students in the major. Her performance is telling of her future leadership qualities.

Savanna Fee

Animal Science and Management

Only Animal Science and Management's best students reside at a campus animal facility. Savanna is responsible for animal care, meaning that during calving season, Savanna worked nights and weekends while successfully balancing the rigors of academics. Savanna also participated in a variety of extracurricular activities, many with a leadership role, including the Little I Stock Show contest as group leader, the Young Cattleman's Association as event coordinator, and Ag Science Field Day. Savanna plans to continue learning and to give back to UC Davis in recognition of the institution's role in helping her achieve a career that promotes sustainability of agriculture in California.

Qi Feng

Communication

The Communication Department is pleased to award Qi as the Communication Outstanding Senior of 2017-2018. Qi has a 4.00 GPA and is a double major in Communication and Statistics. It was a pleasure to have Qi in class, where she excelled above her peers. Qi also has been active in research at the VICTR lab for at least three quarters. As a lab research assistant, she was meticulous, reliable, and a pleasure to work with. The department gives her their highest accolades with no reservations.

Jonathan Fernandez

Philosophy

Jonathan has distinguished himself as a leader who excels in the classroom, in independent study, and in the volunteer services he provides to his fellow undergraduates. A double major in Philosophy and Political Science, Jonathan has maintained an outstanding GPA and ranks among our top graduating seniors in Philosophy. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Barrall Family Philosophy Scholarship (2017) and the Hertog

Foundation's Political Studies Fellowship (2018). After graduating in Winter, Jonathan relocated to Washington, D.C. where he serves as a Research Intern at the Hudson Institute through June.

Cheryl Fichter

Chemical Engineering

Cheryl is an exemplary student leader on campus through her involvement in a variety of clubs. In addition to excelling in her course work, Cheryl held many leadership positions, including president, in the Society of Women Engineers (SWE). Cheryl was a speaker at the UC Davis Hackathon, tutored students in chemistry, and participated in off-campus internships with Chevron and Morgan Stanley. Cheryl's example of leadership and involvement made her a well-known face in the college and a perfect choice for such a prestigious award. The department is proud and excited to see Cheryl's successful career manifest after graduation with her Microsoft job opportunity.

Rachelle Fishbin

Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies

Rachelle is a double major in Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies and Political Science. She has interned in the Yolo County Superior Court, been a peer educator for the WRRC, chaired the ASUCD Sexual Assault Awareness Advocacy Committee, is a member of Delta Delta Delta Women's Fraternity, and chaired the UC Davis Campus Judicial Board. She advocated for the UC Davis Title IX Office to change adjudication policies to hold student organizations more accountable for sexual assault, and collaborated with campus administration to implement these changes. Through her education and service she is laying the foundation to reach her goal of becoming a judge.

Shelley Foster

French

The program in French names Shelley for their Outstanding Senior Award. With a GPA of 4.0 GPA in the major and 3.939 overall, Shelley has produced dazzling work. For instance, in a course on 18th-century social and political thought, Shelley completed a research project on the "ocular harpsichord" (an odd attempt to combine the arts from the period) and gave a fascinating class presentation that combined her interests in music and literature. Always prepared for class discussion and providing insightful interventions in response to peers and teachers, Shelley is an exemplary senior.

Madison Garcia

Sociology – Organizational Studies

Maddy is a top performing student at UC Davis. She is working on an honors thesis on educational inequality that will be presented at the Undergraduate Research Conference. In addition, she worked with Dr. Patler to develop an evaluation of the UC Immigrant Legal Services Center, the results of which were used in a report for UCOP, and contributed to raising funds for additional immigration attorneys on UC campuses. Maddy also is a student leader in the Sociology department, serving as a peer advisor and as president of the Sociology Student Association. On multiple occasions she has mentored students (even on her own time) through the process of becoming sociology majors.

Montserrat Garcia Juarez

Chicana/Chicano Studies

Montserrat's departmental and campus contributions extend beyond the leadership positions she held at the AB540 & Undocumented Student Center, Mujeres Ayudando La Raza, and the Department of Chicana/Chicano Studies as the academic community advisor. She has served both the Davis campus and the Chican(x)/Latin(x) community with integrity, intelligence, and great character while still being able to demonstrate outstanding academic performance. She has shown a passion and a commitment to work that fosters social justice, community and student engagement. For this, the department would like to recognize her as the outstanding senior for Chicana/Chicano Studies.

Cameron Gee

Landscape Architecture

Cameron is a truly outstanding student in the Landscape Architecture major. He has consistently achieved excellent grades in his lower and upper division courses, achieving one of the highest GPAs in the major. Cameron has excellent analytical, writing, design, and organizational skills, as well as being a genuinely easy-going, friendly person. He is passionate about his work and has great potential for graduate school or professional work in the landscape architecture profession.

Anna Gomes

Agricultural and Environmental Education

Anna is an exceptional individual representing how UC Davis Aggies make an impact locally and globally. She served as a US delegate for the 2017 Youth Ag-Summit in Belgium sponsored by Beyer Crop Sciences, traveled throughout Europe under the Global Cities Urban Realities program, and completed an internship through the UC Davis Washington Program. Anna also served as an intern at the Climate Institute of Innovative Solutions

Initiative, and on campus at the Sheep and Dairy Barns, Market Garden, and Soil Life Research. Anna provided student leadership as an Aggie Ambassador officer, UC Davis Alumni FFA Chapter, and coordinated Ag Connections Day, an event providing opportunities for local FFA high school students to experience and learn about UC Davis.

Kennedy Gould

Environmental Science and Management

Kennedy taught herself how to use 'R' statistical software to start working on her independent data analysis for her senior honors thesis. She works with graduate student Jamey Volker in the Handy lab to build a database on environmental impact reports, and navigates the complexities of 30-plus variables of interest on hundreds of reports. In the Lubell lab, she works with graduate student Jess Rudnick on a farmer adoption project, assisting with data collection and entry, and is writing her senior thesis using a subset of the data she helped build to investigate barriers to farmers' adoption of cover crops.

Alexandra Camille Greb

Pharmaceutical Chemistry

Pharmaceutical Chemistry is honored to award Alexandra as an Outstanding Senior. Not only does she possess all of the analytical and creative skills necessary to excel in the medicinal sciences, but she also is a model advocate promoting community within the Department of Chemistry. She received numerous undergraduate research awards, served as a student ambassador with Health Professions Advising, and held key positions on student outreach committees to further inform and educate other students in her cohort. Per her faculty advisor, David Olson, "Alex ranks among my top 5% in terms of her scientific potential. I have every confidence that she will be extremely successful in her future endeavors."

Matthew Hanna

Sociology

Matt was a top student at UC Davis who was selected as a teaching assistant for an upper division sociology course because of his high achievement and desire to mentor students, where he tutored students and helped with course projects. Matt also was a research assistant for two years in Dr. Smith's PACOTE research lab on fatal and nonfatal police violence. Matt expanded on the PACOTE database for his honors thesis on the topic of suicide by cop, which received high praise from faculty. Matt organized a syllabus and weekly meetings for all sociology students working on honors projects. He graduated from UC Davis a quarter early, but will return in fall 2018 as a law student.

Lahari Indraganti

Evolution, Ecology, and Biodiversity (Bachelor of Science)

Lahari blended her research in the labs of Professors Annie Schmitt and Jenny Gremer with her work as a curatorial intern in the UC Davis Herbarium, into an independent research project. Her project uses herbarium specimens collected from 1900 onwards to address how climate change and elevation affect flowering time in the California Jewelflower. She is now scoring records for flowering and fruiting and combining these with climate data from the year and site of each collection. Lahari is presenting her research at the 2018 Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Conference.

Rebecca Jain

Viticulture and Enology

Rebecca made significant contributions to the UC Davis Viticulture and Enology department. Rebecca has proven to be an exceptional leader in her role as president of the Davis Enology Viticulture Organization (DEVO) from 2016-2017 and Co-Chair of the 2017 Winkler Dinner fundraiser. She is deeply committed to departmental research and activities, working as an Undergraduate Research Assistant in 2018 in Dr. Heymann's Lab, coordinating the VEN 190X Seminar Series from 2017-2018, and organizing multiple departmental events such as: the parade float for Picnic Day, and Repeal Party. Rebecca's academic achievements and leadership have been a tremendous asset to the department.

Pnithan Jantarakolica

Aerospace Science and Engineering

Pnithan is a top student in Aerospace Science and Engineering counting the highest GPA in his major among his many accolades. He has great passion for Aerospace Engineering particularly in the field of aeroacoustics where he has assisted Professor Seongkyu Lee research computational fluid dynamics and basic acoustic theories. Outside of the classroom and lab, Pnithan served as president of the Thai-American Association at UC Davis where he organized and hosted social gatherings, fundraising events, and helped acclimate Thai students new to UC Davis. He holds a private small aircraft pilot's license and will pursue a PhD at UC Davis, researching rotorcraft aerodynamics and aeroacoustics.

Reyna Jimenez

Animal Biology

Reyna is among the brightest, most gifted, and hardworking of undergraduates, with an interest in human and animal welfare, and the biological research arena in which these two interact. A prestigious scholar,

research experience, and a mentor to fellow students, she is active in two campus clubs and community planning. The Animal Biology (ABI) major encompasses research, funneling exceptional students into the post-graduate research arena, and training them how to do science with animals. Her choice of the ABI major stems from an interest in farm animal medicine as well as a real fascination how animal medicine and human welfare interact at a deeply conceptual level.

Onaiza Kazi

Physics (Bachelor of Science)

Onaiza made exceptional contributions to physics at UC Davis. As president of the Physics Club, she leads the clubs efforts in undergraduate tutoring, new demonstration development, and outreach efforts including the annual Picnic Day show. As president of the Undergraduate Diversity in Physics club, she has made physics a more welcoming and inclusive department. Working with faculty, Onaiza also took up the cause of easing the transition to UC Davis for physics transfer students. An effective and inspiring leader, Onaiza represents the best that the physics department has to offer.

Sally Keating

Geology (Bachelor of Science)

Sally is a strong student who made the Dean's Honors List for numerous quarters and is excelling in many difficult major classes. They have taken the initiative to participate in a variety of co-curricular experiences, including additional field-based coursework and a senior honors thesis, "Mapping Shallow Structures of the Northern Escanaba Trough".

Samuel Koehler

Plant Sciences

Samuel has achieved academic excellence in the major of Plant Sciences with an emphasis in Plant Breeding and Genetics. He was a recipient of the California Cotton Alliance Scholarship in recognition of his academic accomplishments and the evaluation of his potential for future achievement. Samuel also presented research at the Undergraduate Research Conference several times during his time working in the Gordon lab. In addition, Samuel is a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity where he held a leadership position and participates in numerous fundraising and volunteering activities.

Titcho Farima Kone Kito

African American and African Studies

Farima is a fourth-year Burkinabé UC Davis International student and community activist. Double majoring in African & African American Studies

(AAS) and Communication, her research investigates the effects of the media on contemporary Black African diasporic communities. Her future goals include gaining a graduate degree in media studies and African studies. Farima embodies the spirit of the AAS department and is a leader in the African Diasporic community here at UC Davis.

Ming Yin Kwong

Chemistry (Bachelor of Science)

Ming Yin is one of the more consistent students in the Department of Chemistry. She connected with others in her cohort to create a strong academic, social, and professional network. Ming excelled in the chemical sciences, receiving many departmental awards as well as being a presenter at research conferences. As a researcher, she has served under two lab groups, one which yielded second author in a published paper with Drs. Susan Kauzlarich and Julia Zaikina. Dr. Kaularich noted, “She worked well with others in my group and showed elements of good leadership with others. Ming is an excellent student and is deserving of her success.”

Cynthia Lai

Statistics (Bachelor of Science)

Cynthia combined her plentiful scholastic talent with a remarkably sincere and optimistic approach to learning by contributing to the academic community as a whole. Her academic performance and range of scholarly experience and achievements are very impressive, yet what stands out is her service to the Statistics Undergraduate Program as the peer advisor and as the president of the Statistics Club. She also was instrumental in organizing IIDATA, a data science convention. Cynthia has been very active and successful, both in the classroom and by engaging in undergraduate research, and has excelled in leadership roles that are beyond purely academic.

Tricia Lam

Human Development

Tricia joined the SELF lab, a lab that examines antecedents and consequences of self-views across a person’s life, three years ago. She also took an interest in a program in engineering that aims to increase self-beliefs for girls in STEM, a natural extension of the lab’s work. She applied research from the lab to study how girls’ self-views are influenced by contextual factors in an educational setting. Over the three years, she built on her experiences by taking on extra responsibilities and becoming a vital leader in research for the “STEM for girls” program.

Carlos Alberto Leal

Spanish

Carlos is a double major in Spanish and Human Development. He is a really caring and congenial individual who works well in a team and has all characteristics of a leader. Carlos is a non-stop “go-getter” who, apart from being an excellent student, is involved in many extracurricular activities, such as Danzantes del Alma. Last year, Carlos together with Consuelo Jiménez-Ornelas successfully secured full funding for the Undergraduate Student Affairs Grant entitled “Diversity and Innovation Grant” and this year they have been working diligently in organizing an array of activities for undergraduate students.

Tyler Lee-Wynant

Linguistics

Tyler has impressed everyone by his dedication, curiosity, and versatility as a student and research assistant. He is equally at ease behind a keyboard, writing code for linguistic research on the computer, or in the field recording stories and eliciting sentences from his Native American consultants. By pairing his skills in language documentation and language technology, Tyler exemplifies the kind of student the Linguistics department trains for future work in the subject.

Tyler Lee-Wynant

Chinese

Tyler’s performances in Chinese courses are stellar. He brought to bear his linguistics background to the materials and raised classroom discussions to a new level. His journal writing is exemplary and shows excellent critical thinking. Tyler helps his classmates and has a great sense of humor. Finally, his dedication to his studies is remarkable. The terrible Santa Rosa fire burned down his home, forcing him to commute several hours each week during that quarter. Students like Tyler are why professors get into this business in the first place.

Wendy Liu

Art Studio

Wendy consistently produces outstanding and ambitious artworks that integrate printmaking, photography, painting and installation. Taking public and private space as the subject, Wendy creates environments of a scale that surround their viewers. In her senior year, Wendy organized and curated “Remedy,” a group exhibition that included her work and the art of her peers. Wendy actively assists faculty as a Teaching Assistant and supports technical staff in the printmaking studios. In this role, Wendy works with fellow students to positively contribute to the culture of our program.

Karley Lujan

Biological Sciences (Bachelor of Science)

Karley has an excellent record of scholarship and research, as well as outstanding contributions to the learning environment. Karley has carried out research in the Eisen lab to characterize new microbes isolated from the environment, and she has co-authored two “Genome Announcement” publications about her work. She is noted for her intellectual curiosity, hard work, and independence in the lab, and for being generous in helping others. Further, Karley took on a leadership role in the Biology Undergraduate Scholars Program (BUSP), where she tutored younger students for the past two years. Karley’s passion for learning in combination with her intellectual ability will take her very far.

Juliet Maestas

Native American Studies

Juliet, from the Native California Hupa/Hoopa tribe, does excellent work in her classes and actively participates in the life of the department. She has a wonderful presence in the classroom through her activity in class discussions and supportive nature of other students. She achieved all of this as a transfer student while juggling work and family responsibilities.

Melissa Marshall

Wildlife, Fish, and Conservation Biology

Melissa is a role model for students in the Wildlife, Fish, and Conservation Biology major, demonstrated by her work as a department peer advisor and in research with the Wood Duck Project. She currently is writing an undergraduate thesis on behavioral consistency across a wood duck’s lifetime. Over the summer, Melissa helps with research on the Channel Islands, working specifically with island foxes and skunks. In addition to her department contributions, she maintains academic excellence as a member of the university honors program.

Alec Michael

Microbiology (Bachelor of Science)

Alec has a 4.0 GPA in his major and overall. Dr. Marsh-Armstrong states, “Alec is a delightful, smart, hard-working student, whom I’ve had the pleasure of interacting with. Alec truly impressed through everything he does from collecting the data to presenting it. Besides his excellence in the lab, Alec is also a truly delightful person, who is always cheerful and willing to think of others.” Alec also is a lower division biology, statistics, and calculus tutor at the Student Academic Success Center (SASC). Alec’s leadership ability and dedication to connect with students helps inspire students to be more comfortable asking questions and answering them, too.

Sofia Molodanof

English

Sofia's experience at UC Davis is marked by high academic achievement. She is currently in the process of completing her honors thesis. During her time here, she worked as a peer writing tutor for the Student Academic Success Center and as an officer in the Pre-Law Association. Sofia also has an impressive record within the university's student government; in particular, her efforts to raise awareness of mental health issues on campus is indicative of her community spirit. Sofia exemplifies the best qualities of the English department's students; therefore, the department is proud to single her out for this prestigious award.

Ivan Munkres

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Ivan is a stellar student both academically and in his research project with Dr. Zerbe, who said, "His passion for plants and curiosity about research is palpable. Although working to support his studies, he often spends extra time in the lab and has already made substantial contributions to our work... Ivan also volunteered to help teach a new CURE class on plant biotechnology, where he joined the course as a mentor during class time." Ivan represents the best of our students who take on rigorous course work, research projects, and mentoring roles even as he works to support his education.

Peter Nasielski

Design

Peter's design work has been of a professional and even patentable standard, yet it also has been open-minded and joyful. He worked for UC Davis Design and Construction Management as the recipient of a highly coveted internship, while successfully navigating a double major in Design and Sustainable Environmental Design. He was the winner of two industry student design competitions in lighting, and his design of an interactive chalkboard and video monitor space transformed the entry to the Department of Design in Cruess Hall. His commitment, ingenuity and generosity has, in short, been a model for other students.

Tessa Oates

Religious Studies

Tessa completed a senior honors thesis about genocide in Rwanda and served as a peer advisor while earning a 4.0 GPA. Tessa was a student assistant with Campus Dialogue and Deliberation, served as a United Way intern, and demonstrated her dedication to leadership as president of the Sustained Dialogue Club.

Leslie Panyanouvong

Community and Regional Development

Leslie is exemplary in all aspects of her college career. Apart from her impressive 3.6 GPA, she has been extensively involved in funded research with Professors Martin Kenney and Anne Visser, training new student assistants, internships with diverse populations and disadvantaged youth, and uncompensated community service to the Community and Regional Development major, particularly for its seven year program review. She was instrumental in working closely with others to ensure peer participation in focus groups, surveys, and meetings with the review committee, as well as helping the master advisor and curriculum committee prepare necessary documentation and create a student survey.

Kimberly Pariyavanh

Asian American Studies

Kimberly is one of the top students in Asian American Studies (ASA). She consistently proves to be an intellectually sophisticated and hard-working student, demonstrating exceptional critical reading and analytical skills. Moreover, she is very politically engaged in social justice and community activism, reflected in her leadership as the Holistic Retention Coordinator of SAFE and her active participation in the SEA Retreat and SEA Youth Conference. Overall, Kimberly has shown to be an intelligent, diligent, thoughtful, mature, sensitive, and socially committed individual. Based on her exceptional academics and personality, she represents the best of ASA at UC Davis.

Nicole Peacock

Mechanical Engineering

Nicole is a truly exceptional student. Aside from her stellar academic performance and near perfect GPA, her most proud accomplishments include participating in a NASA Aerospace Scholars Program, earning numerous scholarships and grants for her hard work and dedication, and building a CNC milling machine, 3D printer, and Shigley Hauler. As a second baccalaureate student, her list of achievements extend beyond the classroom. Nicole has a degree in Kinesiology and is a mother of two. In addition to coaching her kids' sports teams, she mentors 8-12th grade girls interested in STEM careers through the Playbook for Teens STE@M Mentoring Program.

Richard Phouasalith

Biomedical Engineering

Richard works tirelessly to establish a formal connection between his internship company and his major department. Richard's vision is

compelling, his focus unwavering, and his management skills innate. His commitment to the department and the legacy he will leave are testimony to his professional skills and his personal desire to help others.

Donald Pinckney

Computer Science and Engineering

Donald is completing his double major in Computer Science & Engineering and Mathematics. He has an outstanding academic record with a near perfect GPA and many A+'s. He interned twice at Apple, developing new user interface elements for macOS. He also engaged in research, working with Professor Zhendong Su on robust deep learning, and with Professor Thomas Strohmmer on generative adversarial networks. Outside of his academic work, Donald mentored the FIRST Robotics Competition team at Davis Senior High School for two years and taught students introductory programming concepts. After graduation, Donald will pursue his PhD in Computer Science, focusing on programming languages research.

Sophie Quynn

Mathematical Analytics and Operations Research

Sophie is a double major who successfully integrated math with her coursework in economics and computer science. One professor described Sophie as “the strongest student in Mathematical Analytics and Operations Research.” In addition to her strong record in upper division math classes, Sophie demonstrates initiative and enthusiasm in applying her knowledge of mathematics in real-life applications. Sophie proactively pursued several data analysis opportunities outside the classroom, including conducting research for the sustainable transportation and energy pathways program, where she creates data visualizations to influence California’s transportation policies.

Colin Rankin

Comparative Literature

Colin’s intellectual gifts and enthusiasm for learning are widely recognized in Comparative Literature. Grades, while his are extraordinary, are almost beside the point for Colin: a refreshing attitude his professors appreciate. Beyond his academic achievements, Colin has modeled for other students maturity, deliberation, patience, and persistent questioning. He took on mentorship and instructional roles in the department beyond those of a typical undergraduate. Serving as a teaching assistant, he made an impact on his students and contributed insights and valuable suggestions to his faculty. For all these reasons, Colin defines “outstanding senior” in Comparative Literature.

Shivani Reddy

Cell Biology

Shivani is an outstanding scholar, having maintained a 3.9 GPA during her tenure as a cell biology major. Shivani represents the best of the cell biology majors, who are community minded and dedicated to research. Shivani served as a tutor in the core courses and has been involved in research on nuclear hormone receptors that are implicated in cancers.

Florence Rusly

Biochemical Engineering

Florence achieved great personal success during her undergraduate career while contributing to the success of others. Florence is an international student from Indonesia and, despite having to overcome language barriers, is an exceptional chemistry tutor at the Student Academic Success Center. Additionally, Florence is a part of the honors program and conducts research involving the synthesis of microspheres for targeted drug delivery. Florence's contributions go beyond academics as she is a member of and choreographer for Agape, a dance club on campus. Biochemical Engineering is proud and excited to honor Florence with this prestigious award.

Alexandra Camil San Pablo

Civil Engineering

In addition to an outstanding GPA (~3.9), Alex is known for her exceptional and enthusiastic involvement in research and her generous campus service. Alex conducts research at the Center for Bio-Mediated and Bio-Inspired Geotechnics where she demonstrates an ability to think critically and creatively and work independently, thus leading to her admission into the Ph.D. program for Fall 2018. Equally impressive is her proactive leadership in the creation of a lending library at the AB540 and Undocumented Student Center. Also, as student assistant to the chancellor, she organized food drives and advocated for food safety and resources for undocumented students.

Maria Sanchez

Global Disease Biology

Maria maintains a stellar academic record and actively pursues her research interests in labs on campus, studying tick-borne diseases of animals and humans, and soil-borne diseases of plants. She finds time to work as a genetic counseling assistant and clinical advocate at the UC Davis Prenatal Diagnostic Clinic and Pediatric Clinic, respectively, where she meets with at-risk or underrepresented families to discuss the health of their baby. Recently, Maria learned that she was awarded a prestigious Fulbright Award that will take her to Austria. Maria is most deserving of the 2018 Outstanding Senior Award in Global Disease Biology.

Sinead Santich

Cinema and Digital Media

Cinema and Digital Media recognizes Sinead as outstanding senior for 2018. Not only has Sinead excelled academically, but she also is a great citizen, collaborator and colleague to the department. Sinead founded the UC Davis chapter of the organization React to Film, was leader of the UC Davis Film Festival, worked on the Sacramento Art Street installation, collaborated on work for the Imagining America conference at UC Davis, and is finishing her honors project “Brake the Cycle”, a documentary on “Sustainable Cycles” a cross-country community education project that promotes sustainability and feminist awareness.

Kartik Singhal

Biotechnology

Kartik is an exemplary student and an integral part of the Plant Sciences Department Advising Office team. As a peer advisor, Kartik has demonstrated his knowledge and enthusiasm for the major during interactions with students, and has earned the praise from all staff advisors in the department. Kartik also is deeply involved in the leadership of the Biotechnology Club, which encourages networking and professional development among students interested in the Biotechnology field. In addition to his academic achievements, Kartik received the Gail E. & Ruth M. Oliver scholarship and presented in the UC Davis Undergraduate Research Conference in 2016 and 2018.

Jacqueline Sun

Mathematics (Bachelor of Arts)

Jackie is a double major who has been a dedicated leader in the Mathematics Department. Jackie served as the peer advisor in the Department of Mathematics for the past three years, offering friendly and informative advice to fellow math students. She also is an active member of Math Club, currently serving as its co-president. In addition, she has engaged in undergraduate research with Professor Harry Cheng in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, and studied abroad at the University of Edinburgh during fall of 2017.

Leila Tabrizi

Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning

Leila is one of the top students in Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning (EPAP) with one of the highest GPAs in the graduating cohort. She has excelled in research and impressed the faculty with her writing and critical thinking skills. Leila sought an internship opportunity with Professor Arnold, working on her local fracking policy research. Leila is truly fantastic in this capacity, earning Professor Arnold’s trust to untangle complicated data issues, think through database construction in ways

that flag potential issues and opportunities, work accurately and quickly, and communicate clearly and responsively with Professor Arnold and the internship team members.

Anna Toyama

Nutrition Science

Anna's dedication gained her academic success, but her most rewarding educational experiences were outside of the classroom. As a research intern, she worked on a study of the interaction of antioxidants on fetal alcohol syndrome. As an intensive case manager at the International Rescue Committee, she was an advocate for global refugees, helping them gain access to healthcare and obtain social security benefits. She participated in a global health internship in South Africa where she learned about HIV/AIDS public health concerns. Upon graduation, Anna plans to work as an anesthesia technologist while preparing for a career as a physician's assistant.

Khoi Nguyen Tran

Chemical Physics

Though he is described as a quiet and unassuming young man, Khoi is an accomplished academic and researcher. One faculty advisor noted, "Khoi possesses the intellectual capacity to excel in his chosen field of chemical physics. He demonstrates his strong desire to learn by asking relevant, insightful questions while showing efficiency in and outside of the classroom and labs. Khoi will serve as an asset to any organization or academic program following graduation. He gets along well with others, communicates his thoughts clearly, and uses good judgment. It has truly been a privilege to have him as part of the chemical physics program."

Vidush Vishwanath

Computer Engineering

Vidush is a dual Computer Engineering and Electrical Engineering major. During his time at UC Davis he made the honors list each quarter, was a member of the University Honors Program, and a UC Regents Scholar. He began researching under an Electrical and Computer Engineering faculty member in his first year and has a U.S. Patent for Intelligent ringtone and alarm management for smartphones he invented. He interned at Texas Instruments for two summers and served as the vice president of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) club. Vidush plans to go to graduate school in the fall.

Jonathan Wapman

Electrical Engineering

Jonathan is the Outstanding Senior for Electrical Engineering. He has been on the Dean's List during his entire time at UC Davis. He was an intern at Varian Medical Systems and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. While attending school full-time, Jonathan served as a research assistant in three different laboratories and co-authored a paper for the SPIE BiOS Conference. In addition to being an outstanding engineer, Jonathan is an Eagle Scout. He will attend graduate school in the fall.

Jasmine Washington

Theatre and Dance

Scholar and artist Jasmine embodies the best qualities of an "Aggie". She models the highest standards of cultural inclusion, critical thinking and creative work in every aspect of her engagement with the university. These qualities are exemplified in her honors thesis, *Callus*, an original full-length play that explores the interpersonal negotiations in a black family navigating the challenges of structural racism in the US health care system.

Davis Watkins

Anthropology (Bachelor of Science)

Davis is a volunteer in Professor Eerkens' lab preparing samples for stable isotope analysis, focusing on using data for his honor's thesis. Davis is inquisitive, highly motivated, a good communicator, and a quick learner. He presented a poster on his research at the Society for California Archaeology, a conference attended by over 1,200 archaeologists. Davis was the first author on the poster for the collaborative project between the Muwékma Ohlone Tribe, Far Western (a private cultural resource management firm), and UC Davis. Two publications are expected to emanate from this work, with Davis as a co-author on both. The department enthusiastically recognizes Davis for this prestigious award.

Keith Williams

American Studies

Keith is an exceptional student in American Studies (AMS) whose acute curiosity has prompted original research and creative projects. He has produced various videos and podcasts on neoliberalism and human agency, the history of student loans and human knowledge, and the post capitalist abandonment of American cities. The first was incorporated into one of the faculty's teaching curriculum for the introductory AMS course. Currently, Keith is developing an e-book that analyzes drivers' licenses and citizenship for his senior thesis project. He will begin an M.A. program in Broadcast and Electronic Communication Arts at San Francisco State University in the fall.

Amy Wong

East Asian Studies

Amy is an excellent student as demonstrated by her exceedingly hard work ethic and diligence. She is sharp and is achieving a high GPA. With only one year of Chinese language training, she became one of the top students in many courses and worked very hard to read through the original Chinese texts. Nominated by six East Asian Studies professors, Amy is an outstanding student and deserves every accolade of this award.

Morris Yang

Materials Science and Engineering

Morris proved himself as an extremely well-rounded and capable student. His academic excellence, paired with his research experience, allowed him the ability to expand and apply his knowledge in his field of study. Morris also works hard to teach others about his major through his involvement with Material Advantage Student Chapter (MASC), and helping plan and execute events for first year students and for the Davis community. Morris also has been working toward a French minor, and demonstrated his language skills by traveling abroad to France. The department is proud and excited to honor Morris with this award.

Dominic Yang

Applied Mathematics

Dominic is an outstanding student who has excelled not only in his academics, but also as a researcher. Dominic's research prowess is quite impressive. He has worked with multiple faculty within the math department, who described his work as "top-notch".

Jiapeng Zhong

Japanese

Jiapeng excelled in the Japanese major while pursuing two engineering majors. His deep engagement with East Asian Languages and Cultures is evinced by his work as a Chinese language tutor and his participation in the Kyoto program. Jiapeng has gone on to excel in the highest level of Japanese language study at UC Davis. The nominator is especially impressed by the combination of accuracy and felicity of expression in Jiapeng's translations, which demonstrate his mastery of complex discourse in both Japanese and English. In literature and culture courses as well, Jiapeng has distinguished himself with incisive writing and valuable contributions to class discussions.



