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USC Student Affairs



## STUDENT RECOGNITION

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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THURSDAY, MAY 13

12:00 PM

### INTRODUCTION

*Winston B. Crisp*

*Vice President for Student Affairs*

### REMARKS

*Dr. Carol L. Folt*

*President of the University*

### USC ACADEMIC HONORS

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### CLOSING

*Winston B. Crisp*



THE ORDER OF

# THE *Laurel & Palm*

HIGHEST HONOR BESTOWED ON GRADUATING SENIORS

Exemplary leadership and high achievement characterize those selected for the Order of the Laurel and the Palm, the highest honor accorded to undergraduates completing their programs of study. Recipients display significant leadership that touches multiple facets of university life and have made notable contributions that leave a lasting impact on the university community and/or the world at large through their commitment to service and value of the university's highest goals and ideals. Less than one percent of undergraduates earning their degrees are selected as members of the Order of the Laurel and the Palm.

The University and the Division of Student Affairs proudly congratulate these 14 gifted leaders and scholars for their vision and transformative leadership – the recipients of the Order of the Laurel and the Palm.

**Radhika Agrawal**

**Kiarra Akiyoshi**

**Ashley Applewhite**

**Jake Bubman**

**Alexandra Da Silva**

**Elizabeth Hannan**

**Nathaniel Hyman**

**Aileen Kim**

**Kimberly Larson**

**Christopher McMorran**

**Kate Sequeira**

**Trenton Stone**

**Elizabeth Yin**

**Jessica Zellmer**



THE ORDER OF *Troy*

Recipients of The Order of Troy have distinguished themselves beyond their peers in at least one facet of university life and have made notable contributions to the university community as active leaders or critical contributors in service to peers, the university community or the world at large. These students have pursued academic excellence while devoting extensive time and energy in service outside the classroom.

This year, 97 students are bestowed the honor of the Order of Troy. The University and the Division of Student Affairs are proud to recognize each of these students for their outstanding leadership in the USC community.

Paul Adams  
Nikita Advani  
Sana Ahsan  
Abriannah Aiken  
William Alpert  
Catherine Amein  
Cameron Audras  
Allan Josiah Salazar Bexton  
Emily Billow  
Lana Bridi  
Lourdes Bustamante  
Lindsey Byster  
Richelle Caday  
Isabella Caltabiano  
Jonathan Carrera  
Shayanne Casapao  
Abigail Castillo  
Cielo Chavez  
Ariana Chen  
Rebecca Chen  
Sidney Chuckas

Bryant Cong  
Colleen Corrigan  
Paige Creason  
Cassidy Cunningham  
Elizabeth Dassow  
Anastasiya Demenko  
Parisa Deokule  
Emily Donahue  
Amulya Donthi  
Javin D'Souza  
Harmony Esqueda  
Luz Mia Esquivel  
Isis Galeno  
Georgina Gemayel  
Harmon Gill  
Paige Godvin  
Benjamin Gould  
Maximillian Gunara  
Julia Han  
Olivia Hart  
Kathryn Hayes

Raivyn Hearne  
Jonathan Holtmann  
Ayojide Hospidales  
Justin Hu  
Alexander Ibrahim  
Anushka Joshi  
Kiana Kerr  
Young-Kyung Kim  
Frances Lawley  
Joanne Lee  
Cameron Levine  
Madeline Lim  
Ellory Longdon  
Yvette Lopez  
Lauren Mattice  
Sydney Mayer  
Jeremiah Miller  
Sabrina Mir  
Seth Mitchell  
Dominie Miyasato  
McCrae Mower  
Ken Murakami  
Clarissa Newman  
Austin Nguyen  
Ryan Nhu  
Matthew O'Grady  
Sarah Orsborn

Pantelis Paliouras  
Michelle Phan  
Ramida Phoolsombat  
Kimberly Phung  
Elena Pilch  
Sidney Ramsey  
Seher Randhawa  
Raymond John Rapada  
Emma Rice  
Rhys Richmond  
Lea Romano  
Helen Salinas  
Megan Seifert  
Hailee Shafer  
Jiwon Shin  
Katherine Shiu  
Shreya Sridhara  
Eileen Toh  
Isabel Torres  
David Tupper  
Aurora Vaughan  
Nicolette Walker  
Hua Ting Wang  
Harrison Weinerman  
Andrew Yock  
Sarah Zhang  
Elizabeth Zhou



THE ORDER OF *Arête*

Arête, taken from the Greek, means virtue or excellence in attaining one's utmost human potential. Members of the Order of Arête have distinguished themselves above their peers through campus or community leadership roles beyond those required for their programs of study, often making notable contributions to the university, academic discipline, community or world at large. In these leadership roles, members demonstrate significant depth and scope of responsibility, and they are recognized for upholding value and meaning over individual achievement. The award represents the highest honor accorded graduate students upon completion of their academic programs.

This year, 113 students are bestowed the honor of the Order of Arête. The University and the Division of Student Affairs are proud to recognize each of these students for their outstanding work within their individual programs and their dedicated service to the campus community.



Aria Aaron
Lacey Lovejoy Allen
Dalia Ameripour
Nillani Anandakugan
Quinn Anex-Ries
Kruthi Annigeri
Ayah Bany-Mohammed
Brandee Beiriger
Zachary Bellicini
Wahaj Bokhari
Cheri Chan
Jing Chen
Karishma Chhugani
Madeline Choi
Elizabeth Contreras
Yareli Contreras
Katherine Crandall
Ruben Cuellar
Matthew Cummins
Emily Doan
Chirag Doshi
Jeremy Dow

Veronica Estrada-Edeh
Brandon Fields
Brian Fleenor
Savanna Forry
Ramata Franklin
Alexander Garbin
Nicole Garcia
Elaina Rodriguez Garza
Megan Gates
Kelsey Genda
Vasyl Ghanimian
Elana Glasenberg
Angad Gogia
Jacqueline Gomez
Nicolas Albertoni Gomez
Stephanie Gomez-Rubalcava
Alicia McConnell Hatch
Milan Haupt
Sunil Homes
Yeon Joo Hong
Pascal Jakowec
Kayla Johari

Justin Kawaguchi
Aida Kouhi
Christina Kundrak
Hiu Ching Pinky Lam
Calvin Lee
Kristen Liang
Kelliann Lively
Sandra Luo
Patricia Lyczkowski
Ashley Mach
Joshua Manlutac
Lindsey Marks
Alexia Martin
Ada Martinez
Megan Matthews
Jeffrey McDermott
Tal Medovoy
Simone Montgomery
Asia Liza Morales
Noam Morningstar-Kywi
Andrea Banuelos Mota
Hannah Mulroe
Reaghan Murphy
Valerie Narumi
Trang Nguyen
Ananya Paul-Majumdar
Sophia Plata
Lourdes Johanna Avelar Portillo
Victor Qiu
Nathalie Quintero
Marley Randazzo
Sara Rasmussen
Sarah Rasmussen
Christian Reyes
Lawrence Rolle

Raquel Roman
Nathalie Sami
Ariana Sedighpour
Tianna Shaw-Wakeman
Tara Shooshani
Sofia Siegel
Joshua Silva
Laer Streeter
Adam Strizich
Sydney Stupp
Mahalakshmi Subramanian
Whitney Tang
Ian Thomas
Zackery Torres
Jairo Umana
Fatime Uruci
Rini Varghese
Brenda Vega
Consuelo Divina Vigilar
Alejandra Viveros
Kristin Walker
Catherine Wang
Kai Wang
Yiyang Wang
Kevin Warasila
Maria Warith-Wade
David White
Grace Williams
Niles Wilson
Tiara Wilson
Emma Wong
Jonathan Xue
Vatche Yousefian
Kelebogile Zvobgo



## *Academic Honors*

### **Class of 2021 Valedictorian**

Tianna Shaw-Wakeman, *Psychology*

### **Class of 2021 Salutatorians**

Ashwin Bhumbra, *Computer Science; Narrative Studies*

Jake Bubman, *International Relations and the Global Economy; Spanish*

### **USC Provost's Award**

The USC Provost's Award is granted to graduating seniors who have attained the highest scholarship average of all undergraduate transfer students at the University. The recipients have attained a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Alexis Marie Amaradio, *Public Relations*

Caitlin Guevarra Gutierrez, *Sociology; Minor: The Dynamics of Early Childhood*

Philip Jung, *Computer Science*

Raelyn Mariel Kelley, *Lifespan Health*

Gina Kim, *Psychology*

Skyler Melnick, *Narrative Studies*

Hunter Dean Nelson, *Theatre Studies (Acting)*

Kyle Mark Popok, *Communication*

Paige Natalia Raskin, *Psychology*

Mya Jada Kamilla Roberts, *American Studies and Ethnicity (African American Studies)*

Emily Elise Torp, *Political Science; Minor: Psychology*

Kyla-Rose Walden, *Psychology*

Yuchen Wang, *Economics/Mathematics*

Zhengyu Yang, *Computer Science, Applied and Computational Mathematics*

### **University Trustees Award**

The University Trustees Award is granted to graduating senior men who have attained the highest scholarship average of all undergraduate men at the University. The recipients of this award have earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average for their entire undergraduate course of study at USC.

Bryant Cong, *International Relations; Economics/Mathematics*

John Anthony Kimble, *Psychology; Political Science*

Jeremiah Aaron Miller, *Business Administration*

Ryan Christian Samuel Storgard, *Biological Sciences*

Jacob William Toney, *Chemical Engineering*

### **Emma Josephine Bradley Bovard Award**

The Emma Josephine Bradley Bovard Award was founded by USC's Faculty Women's Club and is granted to graduating senior women who have attained the highest scholarship average of all undergraduate women at the University. The recipients attained a perfect 4.0 grade point average for their entire undergraduate course of study at USC.

Kiarra Mary Akiyoshi, *Cognitive Science; Spanish*

Katrina Bianca Chandra, *Computer Science*

Prerika Chawla, *Cognitive Science; Minor: Cinematic Arts*

Deborah Choe, *Biological Sciences; Minor: Health Care Studies*

Anjali Devgan, *Health and the Human Sciences*

Nastaran Khorasani Far, *International Relations; Law, History and Culture*

Sophie Claire Hammond, *English; History*

Julia Yulian Han, *Applied and Computational Mathematics; Minor: Business Finance*

Stella-Ann Harris, *American Studies and Ethnicity*

Catherine Ying Liang, *International Relations (Global Business); Music*

Lindsey Nicole Marks, *Biomedical Engineering (Mechanical Engineering)*

Anuva Mittal, *Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Studies*

Molly Noelani Sulzer, *Law, History and Culture; Art History*

Jasmine Siyu Wu, *GeoDesign; Minor: Architecture*

## Steven & Kathryn Sample Renaissance Scholars

USC Steven and Kathryn Renaissance Scholars are students who graduate in two or more widely separated fields of study with both a major and minor, or two baccalaureate degrees. Renaissance Scholars must meet requirements for superior academic performance, including no less than a 3.5 overall grade point average, and no less than a 3.5 grade point average in their respective programs of study.

This year, the University recognizes 254 graduating seniors as USC Steven & Kathryn Sample Renaissance Scholar Candidates. Of this group, 82 scholars applied for the prize competition, and ten have been selected to receive a \$10,000 prize towards graduate study.

Alexa Blanchet, *Architecture (B.Arch)*; *Minor: Dance*

Stella Grimaldi, *Theatre; Law, History and Culture*; *Minor: Musical Theatre*

Yinghui “Linda” He, *Psychology; Applied and Computational Mathematics; Computer Science (B.S.)*

Astoria Ho, *Lifespan Health (B.S.)*; *Minor: Computer Programming*

Haley Hsu, *Linguistics; Russian; Mathematics*

Sheetal Madnani, *Chemical Engineering (Sustainable Energy) (B.S.)*; *Minor: Political Science*

Tejas Ramdas, *Computational Neuroscience (B.S.)*; *Minors: Philosophy, Mathematics*

Janis Stuurman, *Comparative Literature*; *Minor: Jazz Studies*

Oksana Trifonova, *Economics; French; Narrative Studies*

Emily Yang, *Quantitative Biology (B.S.)*; *Minor: Sociology*

## Discovery Scholars

USC Discovery Scholars are students who have produced exceptional original scholarship or creative work at USC while compiling a distinguished overall academic record, including no less than a 3.5 overall grade point average.

This year, the university recognizes 128 Discovery Scholars. Of this group, 34 scholars were nominated as prize finalists and ten have been selected to receive a \$10,000 prize towards graduate study.

Pantcha Abareshi, *Roski School of Art and Design*

For, “TENDER CALAMITIES”

Zane Durante, *Viterbi School of Engineering*

For, “Causal indicators of disclosure and truthfulness in child forensic interviews”

Aaron Ghrist, *Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences*

For, “Spectroscopic Characterization of Fluid Interfaces: Fundamental Mechanisms and Tools towards Solving the Navier-Stokes Equations”

Nathanael Jo, *Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences (Reviewed by Viterbi)*

For, “Learning Optimal Prescriptive Trees from Observational Data”

Rachel McKenzie, *Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences*

For, “Effects of addiction science on conceived freewill and responsibility”

Ryan Nhu, *Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences*

For, “The Work of Want: Interracial Desire and Contemporary Literature, 1962-2020”

Agnieszka Nogalska, *Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences*

For, “Police Interviewing Behaviors and Commercially Sexually Exploited Adolescents’ Reluctance”

Sidney Ramsey, *Glorya Kaufman School of Dance*

For, “Homunculus”

Lauren Rothman, *USC School of Cinematic Arts*

For, “At What Cost?”

Lucy Sun, *Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences*

For, “Escapes and Deceptions: Chinese Women’s Resistance to Sexual Violence During the Nanjing Massacre, 1937-38”

## Global Scholars

The Global Scholars program recognizes undergraduates who have excelled in their studies both at home and abroad, spending at least ten weeks outside of the U.S. as part of their undergraduate experience, and achieving no less than a 3.5 overall grade point average.

This year, the University recognizes 36 seniors as USC Global Scholars.

Of this group, 14 graduating scholars were nominated as prize finalists by their schools, and ten have been selected to receive a \$10,000 prize towards graduate study.

Jacqueline Andrews, *Roski School of Art and Design*

For, “Layers”

Carolyn Bradley, *USC School of Cinematic Arts*

For, “The Mural”

Adrianna Frasz, *USC School of Architecture*

For, “Collective Living”

Eva Isakovic, *Dornsife College of Letters, Arts & Sciences*

For, “The Burek Initiative”

Joanne Lee, *Dornsife College of Letters, Arts & Sciences*

For, “The Amandiki Phenomenon: When the West Meets the ‘Wild’”

Sophia Norton, *Dornsife College of Letters, Arts & Sciences*

For, “Towards an Intersectional Understanding of the Jordan Compact: Exclusion and Inequality in Refugee Assistance in Jordan”

Pantelis Paliouras, *Marshall School of Business and Leventhal School of Accounting*

For, “An International Perspective on the US Healthcare Market”

Alexis Pinela, *Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences*

For, “Window into Wiradjuri Life”

Beatriz Suarez, *USC School of Architecture*

For, “Urban Protagonists”

Liangjie (Janice) Zheng, *Marshall School of Business and Leventhal School of Accounting*

For, “A Tale of Three Countries: The Digital Payments Landscape in China, Singapore, and the United States”

# Competitive Fellowships

## **Astronaut Scholarship**

Zane Durante, *Computer Science (B.S.), Applied and Computational Mathematics*

## **Barry Goldwater Scholarship**

Zane Durante, *Computer Science (B.S.), Applied and Computational Mathematics*

Aaron Ghrist, *Chemistry (Chemical Nanoscience) (B.S.), Applied and Computational Mathematics*

Emily Yang, *Quantitative Biology (B.S.); Minor: Sociology*

## **David L. Boren Scholarship for International Study**

Bryant Cong, *International Relations; Economics & Mathematics (B.S.)*

Eva Isakovic, *Economics*

Leah James, *International Relations (Global Business); East Asian Languages & Cultures*

Sophia Norton, *Middle East Studies; minors: Arabic, Economics*

Maya Prakash, *International Relations (Global Business); Economics; Minor: Middle East Studies*

Emma Taylor, *International Relations*

## **Fulbright U.S. Student Program**

Jack Bekos, *English Teaching Assistantship, Spain*

Elaine Huang, *English Teaching Assistantship, Taiwan*

Eva Isakovic, *Research Grant, Bosnia and Herzegovina*

Lindsay Opie, *English Teaching Assistantship, Uruguay*

Tiffany Wong, *Graduate Degree Grant, Taiwan*

## **National Science Foundation**

### **Graduate Research Fellowship Program**

Tyler LaBonte, *Applied and Computational Mathematics (B.S.); Minor: Computer Science*

Diana LaFollette, *Chemical Engineering (Sustainable Energy) (B.S.); Minor: Environmental Studies*

## **Schwarzman Scholars Program**

Benjamin Ma, *Computer Science (B.S./M.S.); Minor: Music Production*

Trenton Stone, *International Relations (Global Business); Philosophy*

## **Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Fellowship**

Betty Thai, *Political Science; East Asian Languages & Cultures*



# Student Recognition Committee

Cynthia Tucker, *co-chair*

Jonecia Mahan, *co-chair*

April Alba  
Mona Cravens  
Beau Foley

David Kirschner  
Linda Mendoza Lopez  
Jason Moran

Mallika Samtani  
Steven Tomiyama

## **Selection Committee**

Alexa Argumedo  
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Kelsey Fowler  
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Jeff Teng  
Steven Tomiyama  
Jeff Tylicki  
Maria Velasquez  
Naomi Warren  
Geoff Wong  
Danni Wu  
Nicole Zardenetta

## **Academic Honors & Fellowships**

Katie Capra

Willia Erickson

Andy Jones-Liang

# The History of Student Recognition

The Order of the Laurel and the Order of the Palm awards originated at USC in 1960. The Order of the Laurel was presented to outstanding senior women; the Order of the Palm was presented to outstanding senior men. Several years later, the Orders of the Laurel and the Palm were combined and redefined as the highest honor bestowed on graduating seniors. Distinguished leadership in multiple facets of university life and external community service were key descriptors along with excellent scholarship. A cumulative grade point average of 3.25 was customary.

The Order of Troy award originated in 1977 to recognize students who were excellent scholars and leaders, who had attained a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. In 2005, the Order of Arête was established to recognize graduate students who have demonstrated significant depth and scope of responsibility in a campus or community leadership role.

Reflective of university growth, the formal recognition program has been expanded to honor a larger number of remarkable outstanding scholars and leaders deserving of recognition and formal expression of gratitude for their contributions to student life. In addition, the program also recognizes Academic Honors, Renaissance Scholars, Discovery Scholars, Global Scholars, and Competitive Fellowships.



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