
Awards Program

5:00 PM
Doors Open
Refreshments & Hors D'oeuvres

Awards Program Welcome with
Dean Austen Parrish

Presentation of Student Bar Association Awards

Presentation of Pro Bono Awards

Photographs with Award Winners

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PRO BONO AND STUDENT LIFE AWARDS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023

Presentation of Awards

UCI Law Leadership & Service Awards

Presented by Grace Palcic

Professor of the Year (1L)

Professor of the Year (Upper Level Classes)

Staff Member of the Year Award -
Support/Coordinator Role

Staff Member of the Year Award -
Student Development/Outreach Role

Administrator of the Year

Department/Team of the Year

Presented by Dean Jennah Jones

Student Leader Awards

LL.M. Award

Community Bridge Builder Award

UCI Law Community Builder Award

Trailblazer Awards

UCI Law Legacy Awards

Student Group Community Outreach Award

Student Group Enhancing Intellectual Community Award

Student Group Best Event or Project Award

Pro Bono Awards

Class of 2025 - 1L

Pro Bono Achievement Award (2022–23) - continued

Sasha Stepanov

Nicholas Ushiyama

Danielle Straus

Neil K. Vermani

Zohal Taheri

Cassidy Wakeham

Ramon Thomas

Kathleen Won

Zach Unsell

Genie Yae

Pro Bono Awards

Class of 2025 - 1L

Pro Bono Achievement Award (2022–23)

Darina Abulkhanova	Iris Lopez
Miriham Antonio	Diana Mansuryan
Ahmad Azzawi	Melanie McCorkle
Sullyari Bautista	Daniel Mina
Henry Borkgren	Elizabeth D. Monroe
Fiona Chin	Logan Nantais
Kaiya Daniels	Jay Narimatsu
Nada Elquosey	Evelyn Oates
Esther T. Esho	Lawrence T. Oberemok
Curtis Ferrarini	Ikenna Ojukwu
Edith Guadalupe Garcia	Angelique Phillips
Elisa Rea Herrera	Paul Pouzet
Jaimee Hocker	Keili Prenton
Ryan Johnson	Arletha Saint-Jean
Jennifer Kaku	Sarah Salame
Courtney Le	Riley Salvo
John Lee	Arturo Samaniego
Alexandria Lee	Ji Seo
Erica Lee	Hyeonji Shim
Haozhen (Sunny) Liu	Michael Shloub

Presentation of Awards

UCI Law Pro Bono Awards

Presented by Anna Davis

Class of 2025 — Achievement and 50 Hour Awards
Class of 2024 — Achievement and 100 Hour Awards
Class of 2023 (JD & LLM) —
Achievement and 100 Hour Awards
Class of 2023 (JD & LLM) —
Graduate Honors and High Honors Awards
Pro Bono Leadership Awards
Pro Bono Independent Spirit Award
Most Pro Bono Hours

Leadership & Service Awards Nominees

Student Leader Award Nominees

1L: Miriham Antonio, Rachel Castillo, Kaiya Daniels, Irene Lee, Elizabeth Monroe, Karen Trinh, Vanessa Vasquez, Makayla Woods

2L: Shannon Eagen, Ce-Lai Fong, Jared Gheen, Hannah Haines, Emily Laskoe, Abby Leigh, Tara Leuenberger, Grace Palcic, Brenda Rosas, Jelani Shelton, Devon Tice, Joanna Yam

3L: Lauren Davis, Jorge Iniguez, Samuel Kishiyama, Linsha Qi, Elizabeth Schatz-Cordero, Anna Setyaeva, Nicole Tackabery, Miranda Tafoya, Cindy Ventura

LLM: Thomas Chung

Community Bridge Builder Award Nominees

Adelaida Brown, Rhiannon Do, Ryan Ghassemi, Emily Laskoe, Brenda Rosas, Anna Setyaeva

UCI Community Builder Award Nominees

Lauren Davis, Elizabeth Duran, Jared Gheen, Brenda Rosas, Elizabeth Schatz-Cordero, Anna Setyaeva, Jelani Shelton, Madelyn Sickle, Nicholas Ushiyama, Iviana Villanueva

Trailblazer Award Nominees

1L: Rachel Castillo, Gabriel Kirsch, Olivia Land, Leslie Ozuna, Romina Zarbaf

2L: Fernando Acevedo, Ce-Lai Fong, Claire Katz, Brenda Rosas

3L: Rosanna Barrett, Lisa Cintron, Lauren Davis, Elizabeth Duran, Samuel Kishiyama, Wesley Sweger

UCI Law Legacy Award Nominees

Samantha Barry, Hanna Bayer, Sarah Beydoun, Lauren Davis, Elizabeth Duran, Michael Ervin, Solange Fortenbach, Dana Matsunami, Christine Park, Hailey Phelan, Katahdin Rendino, Elizabeth Schatz-Cordero, Anna Setyaeva, Nicole Tackabery

Community Outreach: Student Organization Nominees

Mental Health in Law Society (MHLS), National Disabled Law Students Association (NDLSA), OutLaw, Public Interest Law Fund (PILF)

Pro Bono Awards

Class of 2025 - 1L

Pro Bono 50 Hour Award (2022–23)

Kevin Allec Arreola

Honna Li

Chaeyoung (Clara) Baik

Brian Ligh

Joseph Barajas

Polina Litvina

Katrina Carney

Lamia Mansur

Rachel Castillo

Yahel Michael

Valentina Comar

Donald Owens, Jr.

Michael Coury

Leslie Ozuna

Claire Foster

Isabella Palermo

Carolina Garcia

Renee Reed

Griffin Goldberg

Matthew Scammahorn

Alyssa May Gonzaga

Shelby Slaughter

Craig L. Guzmán

Devin Ton

David Itkin

Vanessa Vasquez

Yucy Jia

Makayla Woods

Bradley Kahn

Victor Wu

Gabriel Kirsch

Romina Zarbaf

Joshua Kuhn

Annie Zwarg

Irene Lee

Pro Bono Awards

Class of 2024 - 2L

Pro Bono 100 Hour Award (2022–23)

Fernando Acevedo	Ali Jamwal
Joyce Chang	Karen Kartun
Madelyn DeLucca	Maximilian Maravilla
Jared S. Gheen	Grace Palcic
Jacob Greenstein	Adriana Perera
James Henshaw	Brenda Rosas
Millie Hobaish	True Shields-Le
Alfred Hwang	Annie Wang

Pro Bono Achievement Award (2022–23)

Shaady Alavi	Talha Muhammad
Samantha An	Kate A. Peters
Anthony Birong	Adrienne Pham
Adelaida Brown	Soemi Photavath
Mackayla Class	Anthony Pimentel
Chazz Estelle	Omar Rizk
Isabella Guerrero	Jean Selep
Nicolas Guo	Madelyn Sickle
Esther Jeon	Emma Steiner
Kanomé Jones	Alliyah Thomas
Virginia Kennedy	Haley Trudell
Jiehui (Britney) Li	James Tsang
Alex Mayeda	Michael Vine

Leadership & Service Awards Nominees

Enhancing Intellectual Community: Student Organization Nominees

International Law Society (ILS), Latinx Law Students Association (LLSA), Mental Health in Law Society (MHLS), Veterans Law Society

Best Project or Event: Student Organization Nominees

Environmental Law Clinic (ELS), In Vino Veritas (IVV), Latinx Law Students Association (LLSA), OutLaw

Staff Member of the Year Nominees Support/Coordinator Role

Debi Gloria, Javier Miranda, Alexis Mondares, Cynthia Ryan

Staff Member of the Year Nominees Student Development/Outreach Role

John Arden, Liam Gillen, Vanessa Martinez, Queena Mewers, Debbie Mondares

Department or Team of the Year

Career Development, Clinic Support, Law Library, Student Affairs

Administrator of the Year Nominees Dean or Director Role

Dean Mary Basick, Anna Davis, Dean Jasmindeer Deol, Dean Jennah Jones, Dean Trilby Robinson-Dorn

1L Professor of the Year Award Nominees

Professor Carrie Hempel, Professor Rachel Moran, Professor Emily Taylor-Poppe, Professor Christopher Whytock

2L/3L Professor of the Year Award Nominees

Professor Sameer Ashar, Professor Swethaa Ballakrishnen, Dean Mary Basick, Professor Courtney Cahill, Professor Anders Kaye, Professor David Kaye, Professor Summer Kim, Professor Dana Lee, Professor Michael Robinson-Dorn, Professor Ji Seon Song, Professor Katie Tinto, Professor Henry Weinstein

Pro Bono Awards

Class of 2023 - 3L & LLM

Pro Bono High Honors—200 Hours Cumulative over 3 YRS

Annie Barker	Rachel Iida
Hanna Bayer	Jorge Adan Iniguez
Sarah Beydoun	Rosanna Kaile
Erin Black	Samuel Kishiyama
Jasper Coltrane Burroughs	Chloe Lee
Jenna Cowan	Caroline Nester
Lauren Davis	Elizabeth Schatz-Cordero
Cameron Dekens	Audra Schumm
Elizabeth Victoria Duran De La Herran	Anna Setyaeva
Brittany Emsais	Ethan Walker Smith
Solange Fortenbach	Adam Snider
Natalie Gould	Miranda Tafoya

Pro Bono Honors—120 Hours Cumulative over 3 YRS

Judy Baladi	Mira Patel
Lisa Cintron	Hailey Phelan
Sara Denk	Linsha Qi
Priya Gambhir	Nathan Romo
Jason Patrick Grimm	Katie Seaman
Bethool Zehra Haider	Nicole Tackabery
Dana Matsunami	Jennie Woo
Kaitlyn O'Rinn	Yiching Yang (LLM)
Honoka Ozeki	

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Class of 2023 - 3L & LLM

Pro Bono 100 Hour Award (2022—23)

Annie Barker	Chloe Lee
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Solange Fortenbach	Miranda Tafoya
Jorge Adan Iniguez	Yiching Yang (LLM)
Samuel Kishiyama	

Pro Bono Achievement Award (2022—23)

Hanna Bayer	Rachel Iida
Sarah Beydoun	Katie Seaman
Changdeok Gim (LLM)	Adam Snider
Natalie Gould	Nicole Tackabery
Jason Patrick Grimm	Jennie Woo
Bethool Zehra Haider	