

# *Department of Biology Honors Reception*

*Friday, May 20, 2022*

*2:30 p.m.*

*Chaparral Hall CR5122*



*California State University  
Northridge*



University Awards

*Karen, Leon and Rita Goldstein-Saulter Memorial Award*

*Raphael Angelo Zambrano*

*CSM Nominee for the Wolfson Scholar*

*Julyssa Renteria*

*CSM Nominee for the Graduate Outstanding Thesis*

*Michael Snyder*

*Honorable Mention for the 2022 Nathan O. Freedman Memorial Award  
for Outstanding Graduate Student*

*Allea Cauilan and Roland Lacap*

College of Science and Mathematics Awards

*Bianchi Outstanding Graduate Student Award*

*Kelly Wong*

*Georgia L. Bianchi Heald Outstanding Graduating Senior Award*

*Julyssa Renteria*

*Georgia L. Bianchi Heald Outstanding Junior Award*

*Kit Cheung*

*Leslie and Terry Cutler Scholarship*

*Emily Wilson*

*Erik Hernandez Catalan*

*Robert Nolan Scholarship*

*Audrey Todd*

*Hugo and Irma Oppenheimer Award*

*Emily Wilson*

*Robert R. Sprague Foundation Scholarship*

*Natalie Castillo*

*Department of Biology Awards*  
*Graduate Awards*

*Donald E. Bianchi Outstanding Biology  
Graduate Student Award*

*Jamie Kerlin*

*Donald Bianchi Outstanding Graduate  
Research Award*

*Kelly Wong*

*Donald Bianchi Outstanding Graduate  
Teaching Award*

*Caitlin MacGregor*

*Julie Gorchynski, M.D. Research  
Graduate Student Scholarship*

*Nikolas Yousefi*

*Lori and Dr. Bob Luszczak  
Graduate Scholarship in Biology*

*Danielle Barnas*

*Hugo and Irma Oppenheimer Biology Department Award*

*Emily Wilson*

*The Richard Duenczel  
Garden Club Scholarship*

*Martin Puebla*

*Newhall Land and Farming  
Southern California Ecology Scholarship*

*Shane Jordan*

*COAST Graduate Student Research Award*

*Jack Corso, Kiran Reed, and Jamie Kerlin*

*NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program*

*Robert Dellinger and Danielle Barnas*

*Undergraduate Awards*

*Alumni Prize for Undergraduate Research  
In Biology, Areas of Cellular, Molecular,  
Physiological, or Developmental Biology*

*Kit Cheung*

*Judge Julian Beck Outstanding Graduating Senior  
Biology Department Award – Ecology & Evolution*

*Priscilla Yoon*

*Ian & Kathy Leslie Scholarship in Biology*

*Tam Nguyen*

*Dr. Celina Barba-Simic Biology Scholarship  
in Honor of Steven Oppenheimer*

*Dylan Castro*

*Lieberman Family Foundation Biology Scholarship  
For Outstanding Undergraduates*

*Piper McCulloch*

**Student Presentation Awards**

*David Bursalyan*

- Undergraduate, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Poster Presentation: Spring 2022 CSUN 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Research and Creative Works Symposium  
Advisor: Dr. Cindy Malone

*Allea Cauilan*

- Graduate, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Oral Presentation: Spring 2022 CSUN 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Research and Creative Works Symposium  
Advisor: Dr. Cristian Ruiz Rueda

*Benjamin Chubak*

- Graduate, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Oral Presentation: Spring 2022 CSUN 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Research and Creative Works Symposium  
Advisor: Dr. Mark Steele

*Alyssa Cohen*

- Graduate, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Oral Presentation: Spring 2022 CSUN 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Research and Creative Works Symposium  
Advisor: Dr. Robert Carpenter

*Amanda Di Maso*

- Graduate, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Oral Presentation: Spring 2022 CSUN 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Research and Creative Works Symposium  
Advisor: Dr. Cristian Ruiz Rueda and Dr. Dana Harmon

*Olivia Diehl*

• Graduate, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Oral Presentation: Spring 2022 CSUN 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Research and Creative Works Symposium

Advisor: Dr. Robert Carpenter

*Andrea Gutierrez*

• Undergraduate, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Poster Presentation: Spring 2022 CSUN 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Research and Creative Works Symposium

Advisor: Dr. Melissa Takahashi

*Melissa Gutterman*

• Graduate, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Poster Presentation: Spring 2022 CSUN 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Research and Creative Works Symposium

Advisor: Dr. Mark Steele

*Andriu Kavanagh*

• Graduate, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Oral Presentation: Spring 2022 CSUN 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Research and Creative Works Symposium

Advisor: Dr. Gilberto Flores

*Katherine Orr*

• Undergraduate, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Poster Presentation: Spring 2022 CSUN 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Research and Creative Works Symposium

Advisor: Dr. Cindy Malone

*Jessica Pacheco*

• Undergraduate, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Oral Presentation: Spring 2022 CSUN 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Research and Creative Works Symposium

Advisor: Dr. Rheem Medh

*Jessica Peria*

• Graduate, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Oral Presentation: Spring 2022 CSUN 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Research and Creative Works Symposium

Advisor: Dr. Mark Steele

*Alessandra Serrano*

• Undergraduate, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Oral Presentation: Spring 2022 CSUN 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Research and Creative Works Symposium

Advisor: Dr. Cindy Malone

*Emily Skuratovsky*

• Undergraduate, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Poster Presentation: Spring 2022 CSUN 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Research and Creative Works Symposium

Advisor: Dr. Cindy Malone

*Vanessa Tamayo*

• Undergraduate, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Oral Presentation: Spring 2022 CSUN 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Research and Creative Works Symposium

Advisor: Dr. Gilberto Flores

*Master's Candidates with  
Distinguished Academic Records - Biology  
(GPA of 3.75 or higher)*

*Carmen Hoffbeck  
Armen Khanbabaei*

*Roland Lacap  
Aaron Lemus*

*Taylorann Smith*

*Graduating Seniors with Distinguished  
Academic Records - Biology  
(GPA of 3.50 or higher)*

*Niloofar Abdifar  
Ahmet Acar  
Tanveer Ajimal  
Sam Al Nimri  
Yasaman Amir Kamvar  
Arash Azari Matin  
Diana Bostanian  
Michael Boulos  
Keren Chalfont  
Sierra Dallas  
Ivana De Jesus  
Audrey Delear  
Roxanne Duong  
Justin Dyck  
Dianna Dzheyranyan  
Abner Eradat  
Joshua Gamez  
Camila Garcia  
Anthony Gutierrez  
Maya Habash*

*Mitsuye Hardy  
David Herrera  
Dylan Kalantar  
Pariya Kay  
Julia Kayayan  
Caitlin Khudaverdyan  
Ashley Le  
Keene Liampetchakul  
Mikhail Litvak  
Marisa Mackie  
Joanna Maddela  
Hrant Makhserejyan  
Merna Massoud  
Stephanie Melendez White  
Amalinally Mercado  
Hasti Mohammadzadeh  
Jennifer Moreno  
Jose Murillo  
Narek Nazarians*

*Marie Page  
Devanshi Patel  
Meahzabin Rahman  
Julyssa Renteria  
Gabriela Robles  
Maria Roman Gonzalez  
Emilio Rosales  
Carla Sanchez Cruz  
Aregnazan Sandrosyan  
Anahit Sargsyan  
David Sarkisyan  
Alessandra Serrano  
Bhavik Shah  
Alina Shahin  
Taylor Simmons  
Vanessa Tamayo  
Serly Tomas  
Kevin Vasapinyokul  
Priscilla Yoon  
Raphael Angelo Zambrano*