The university community joins together to give praise and thanks to those graduates who have demonstrated excellence during their years here.

The Thomas More Storke Award for Excellence,
symbolized by a bronze medal forged by Francis Minturn Sedgwick, is given to the graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding scholarship and extraordinary service to the university, its students, and the community. This year this distinction is awarded to:

Zenzile Saharee Riddick

The Jeremy D. Friedman Memorial Award
is presented in grateful recognition of outstanding leadership, scholastic excellence, and innovative contribution to student and community life at the University of California, Santa Barbara, in memory of Jeremy D. Friedman, undergraduate 1979-83. This year’s recipient is:

Kuvimbanashe Edwin Chikukwa

Alyce Marita Whitted Memorial Award
This award, established in 1993, is presented to one non-traditional graduating senior who has demonstrated endurance, persistence, and courage in the face of extraordinary challenges while in pursuit of an academic degree. This year’s recipient is:

Paige Farrenkopf

Yonie Harris Award for Civility in Public Discourse
is presented to graduates who best exemplify the principles of free speech and respectful dialogue and who foster a campus climate of civility and open-mindedness.

Samantha Sanchez

Michael D. Young Engaged Scholar Award
This award recognized the legacy of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Emeritus, Michael D. Young, particularly his commitment to empowering students toward principled leadership. It is awarded to students who have skillfully integrated their scholarly knowledge and/or values into action.

Jasmine McBeath Nation

University Service Award
given in recognition of unselfish and dedicated service to the University, its students, and the community.

Georgina Isabel Aguilar
Christina Angelica Cruz
Alexis Glennie
Brooke Robyn Kopel
Emilia Petrachi
Jay Barragan
Kimberly Fuentes
Bianca Graves
Jasmine Lee
Sarah Soren
Jay Barragan
Angie Nevarez
Tara Habibi
Monica Mendieta

Below are listed those students who are receiving the
University Award of Distinction
given to seniors and graduate students who have contributed greatly to the quality of life by giving unselfish service to others within a particular area.

Johnny Balbuena
Chelsea Borg
Leah Brinkman
Maria Cecilia Jesusa Concepcion
Grace Erin Fox Tappin
Emma Horanic
Midory Ibanez
Madhumathi Kannon
Hazelynn Khoo
Kailah Korsh
Batsheva Labowe-Stoll
Theo LeQuesne
Sibongile Makatini
Andrew Morrison
Sequoyah Jennings Pollard
Cassidy Pyle
Makayla Rawlins
Isabelle Rose Rodriguez
Merryl D. Santos
Pamela Marie Estallo Santos
Kyle David Schlopy
Thomas Hugh Steel
Dorothy Tang
Alec Taub
Allison van Dorsten
Giovanna Vicini
Aditya Wadaskar
Brent Wells
Dana Yuen
Johnny Balbuena
De'Shaun Brown
Rachel Toshiko Chan
Destiny Monique Clara-Barnes
Spechell Colbert
Jailyn Hernandez
Berencie Lopez
Jocelyn Martinez
Nick Mazuk
Anthony D. Bolden

Vice Chancellor’s Award for Scholarship, Leadership, and Citizenship
This award is presented annually to one or more graduating seniors and graduate students who embrace the principles of scholarship, leadership, and citizenship — through activities that enhance UCSB’s academic environment, contributions to a consequential project, or extraordinary service to the campus community. This year’s awardees are:

Anthony D. Bolden
De'Shaun Brown
Rachel Toshiko Chan
Destiny Monique Clara-Barnes
Spechell Colbert
Jailyn Hernandez
Berencie Lopez
Jocelyn Martinez
Nick Mazuk
Arthur Wilkie
Seung Hyun Catherine Lee

Mortar Board Award
The Mortar Board Award is given each year in recognition of the graduating senior having the highest cumulative grade point average in the graduating class, combined with the fewest number of transfer units. This year’s recipient is to be announced at the ceremony.

Award winners, their families, and interested faculty and staff are invited to join Chancellor Yang and Mrs. Yang for the University Awards Ceremony and Reception at the University Center Corwin Pavilion on Friday, June 14, 2019, from 3:30 to 6 p.m.