

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:



Jamelia Nicole Harris



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:

Brandon E. Rose

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:

Alagie Jammeh

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.

Heather A. Vest

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 one student who has skillfully integrated their scholarly knowledge and/or values into action.

Edward L. Trout

The following seniors and graduate students have been selected as recipients of this year's

University Service Award

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

Chrystal M. Anderson
Gold Nneka Okafor
Casandra Marie Rubio
Jasmin Hermosillo

Ariana Rodriguez
Jessica Sujin Park
Afsaneh Afzalnia
Yazmin D. Alvarez

Daniela Gonzalez
Lindsey E. Jesberg
William W. Leu
Mohsin Mohammed Mirza

Emma T. Parker
Emily M. Potter
Cierra M. Russell
Abigail Salazar

Guy Shaposhnik
Darinne Lindsay Sugrue
Kathleen T. Vu
Nicole Tran

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.

Joré S. Aaron-Broughton
Mark A. Arthur
Isabelle L. Carasso
Maddison L. Carroll
Laura Caroline Delamare

Katlin M. Don
Raphaella Faria
Jessica J. Foster
Joseline R. Garcia
Amir R. Guindi

Danielle Hakimi
Shenandoah Harris
Kimia Hashemian
Celine J. Jeremiah

Dilpreet Kaur
Brandon Kaysen
Maggie Lay
Thomas A. Miller
Samantha N. Murphy

Émile O. Nelson
Navjot S. Brar
Su Jin (Sally) Oh
Sean Henry Tillman
Brenda Villalobos

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:

Alvin Basilio
Jeremiah Esteban Copeland
Alexandra I. Levine

Oswaldo Lopez Jr.
Sara Maroofi
Nia A. Mitchell

Tamara D. Thacker
James Parr Villarreal
Anastasia Nevyakina

Ashley Stewart
Ryan M. Halbrook

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.