

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

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.

Georgina Isabel Aguilar
Jay Barragan

Christina Angelica Cruz
Kimberly Fuentes
Angie Nevarez

Alexis Glennie
Bianca Graves
Tara Habibi

Brooke Robyn Kopel
Jasmine Lee
Monica Mendieta

Emilia Petrachi
Sarah Soren

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

Merryll 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

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
Spehell Colbert
Jailyn Hernandez

Berenice 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.