
Awards Program

5:30 PM

Doors Open
Dinner Reception & Refreshments

6:00 PM

Awards Program Welcome with
Dean Austen Parrish

Presentation of Student Bar Association Awards

Award for Excellence in Legal Research and
Writing from the Continuing Education of the Bar

Presentation of Pro Bono Awards

Photographs with Award Winners



PRO BONO AND STUDENT LIFE AWARDS

University of
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THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024

Presentation of Awards

UCI Law Leadership & Service Awards

Presented by Dean Jennah Jones

Student Awards

Student Leader Awards

Community Bridge Builder Award

UCI Law Community Builder Award

Trailblazer Awards

Global LL.M. Trailblazer Award

Grad Tax Trailblazer

UCI Law Legacy Awards

Student Group Community Outreach Award

Student Group Enhancing Intellectual Community Award

Student Group Best Event or Project Award

Faculty & Staff Awards

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

Pro Bono Awards

Class of 2026 - 1L

Pro Bono Achievement Award (2023–24) - continued

Semmie (Kyu Rhan) Lee

Summar Khan

Skylar Zhao-Manipud

Tarj Patel

Solon Tan

Tony Gevorgian

Stephanie Azar

Pro Bono Awards

Class of 2026 - 1L

Pro Bono Achievement Award (2023–24)

Alexis Reyes	Juliana Rosenfeld
Alisha Sinha	Justine Lim
Amanda Hamilton	Kelsea Parker
Azaad Brar	Ken Brown
Benjamin Fried	Lauren Wegener
Braden Lobb	Lizbeth Yesenia Mendoza- Leon
Bryan Zavala	Madeleine Malicdem
Bryant Christine	Maggie Maser
Catherine Lee	Matthew Abamonga Lo
Christopher Hanna	Maven Galbraith
Cynthia Jung	Maverick Silva
Danny Jaffe	Miracle Orji
Darla Lavi	Molly Winger
David Salas	Monica De Roche
Davin Rose	Myles Maxie
Devapriya Roy	Nathaniel H. Steele
Gabby Sanna	Nicholas Liu
Hailey Montez	Preston Taylor
Jinyuan (Ryan) Shang	Ryan Cantrell
Joshua Liss	Samir Hafez

Presentation of Awards

Award for Excellence in Legal Research and Writing from the Continuing Education of the Bar

Presented by Professor Alison Mikkor

Ji Yeon Seo
Kayla Shojai
Jacob Ghandour
J.P. Elberfeld
Riley Salvo
Angelique Phillips

UCI Law Pro Bono Awards

Presented by Anna Davis

Class of 2026 — Achievement and 50 Hour Awards
Class of 2025 — Achievement and 100 Hour Awards
Class of 2024 (JD & LLM) —
Achievement and 100 Hour Awards
Class of 2024 (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: Jake Hernandez, Serapia Kim, Jose Lopez, Maggie Maser, Myles Maxie, Miracle Orji, Ahmad Shanaa, Stanley Shaw, Sukhraj Singh, Derek Yeghiazarian

2L: Rachel Castillo, Valentina Comar, Esther Esho, Carolina Garcia, Lamia Mansur, Daniel Mina, Drew Navarre, Nicholas Ushiyama, Kathleen Won

3L: Jared Gheen, Grace Palcic, Adriana Perera, Brenda Rosas, Jean Selep, Jelani Shelton, Michael Vine

LL.M.: Yurii Zinchenko

Grad Tax: Andreanna Kalasountas

Community Bridge Builder Award Nominees

Sullyari Bautista, Isaiah Crosby and Jelani Shelton, Ce-Lai Fong, Claire Foster, Annie Hong, Serapia Kim, Jake Melton, Lizbeth Mendoza-Leon, Grace Palcic, Kelsey Sutton

UCI Law Community Builder Award Nominees

Sydney Custer, Andrew Hallak, Jennifer Kaku, Myles Maxie, Grace Palcic, Omar Rizk, Sarah Salama, Nicholas Ushiyama, Iviana Villanueva, Hope Weisman

Trailblazer Award Nominees

1L: Morgan Chall, Hatchly Galindo Moreno, Serapia Kim, Maggie Maser, Myles Maxie, Jake Melton, Ahmad Shanaa, Alison Vela

2L: Rachel Castillo, Alyssa Gonzaga, Jennifer Kaku, Leslie Ozuna, Vanessa Vasquez

3L: Fernando Acevedo, Ce-Lai Fong, Grace Palcic, Brenda Rosas

Global LL.M. Trailblazer Award Nominees

Yurii Zinchenko

Grad Tax Trailblazer Award Nominees

Andreanna Kalasountas

UCI Law Legacy Award Nominees

Anthony Birong, Clara Bourget, Ce-Lai Fong, Millie Hobaish, Kanomé Jones, Maki Obryan, Grace Palcic, Brenda Rosas, Madelyn Sickle, Nick Thiele, Michael Vine

Community Outreach: Student Organization Nominees

Admissions Ambassadors, Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA), Black Law Students Association (BLSA), Environmental Law Society (ELS), Moot Court, Muslim Law Students Association (MLSA), OutLaw, Public Interest Law Fund (PILF), Underrepresented Students Association (URSA)

Pro Bono Awards

Class of 2026 - 1L

Pro Bono 50 Hour Award (2023–24)

Alina Aguirre

Alison Vela

Annie Hong

Ariana Keshishian

Cassidy V. Hunt

Catherine Hilgen

Connor Lennard

Daniel L. Ginsberg

Daniel Warren

Gabrielle Moore

Gavin Repman

Hatchly Galindo Moreno

Jake Hernandez

Jake Melton

John Mady

Jose Edgardo Lopez

Joseph Molinari II

Joshua Valenzuela

Lindsay Waters

Logan Jurnak

Marlee Grant

Morgan Lily Chall

Nicholas James O'Rilley

Olivia Mazzucato

Paulina Farley-Kuzmina

Ryan Q. Balaoing

Sarah Salama

Sauntharya Manikandan

Serapia Kim

Shannon Cheung

Skylar Reed

Stanley Shaw

Sydney Custer

Victor Bao

Pro Bono Awards

Class of 2025 - 2L

Pro Bono 100 Hour Award (2023–24)

Angi Phillips	Makayla Woods
Claire Foster	Michael Coury
Devin Ton	Rachel Castillo
Donald R. Owens, Jr.	Sarah Salame
Edith Guadalupe Garcia	Sully Bautista
Griffin Goldberg	Vanessa Vasquez
Isabella Palermo	Vito Nguyen
Katrina Carney	

Pro Bono Achievement Award (2023–24)

Alyssa May Gonzaga	Jennifer Kaku
Arturo Samaniego	Joshua Teincuff
Craig L. Guzmán	Kaiya Daniels
Curtis Ferrarini	Leslie Ozuna
Daniel Mina	Maria Girgis
Drew Navarre	Matthew Scammahorn
Esteban Ezequiel Nam	Victor Wu

Leadership & Service Awards Nominees

Enhancing Intellectual Community: Student Organization Nominees

Consumer Law Organization, Federal Bar Association (FBA), Intellectual Property Law Society (IPLS), Land Use and Real Estate Society (LURE), Law Students for Justice in Palestine (LSJP), OutLaw, Professor Song's Reading Group

Best Project or Event: Student Organization Nominees

Environmental Law Society (ELS), Latinx Law Students Association (LLSA), Moot Court Board, Movement Lawyering, OutLaw, Public Interest Law Fund

Staff Member of the Year Nominees Support/Coordinator Role

Naomi Aguilar, Jeff Latta, Alexis Mondares, Enrique Morones, Cynthia Ryan

Staff Member of the Year Nominees Student Development/Outreach Role

Vanessa Martinez, Debbie Mondares, Caleb Sullivan, Christina Tsou, Kaitlyn Winkle, Maryam Zomorodian

Administrator of the Year Nominees Dean or Director Role

Dean Mary Basick, Dean Swethaa Ballakrishnen, Anna Davis, Dean Khary Hornsby, Dean Jennah Jones, Dean Austen Parrish, Dean Jessica Whytock

Department or Team of the Year Nominees

Academic Skills Program, Faculty Support, Global Programs Team, Information Technology Services, Law Library, Public Interest Office, Student Affairs and Student Services

Professor of the Year Award Nominees (1L)

Professor Amy Atchison, Professor Veena Dubal, Professor Danielle Hart, Professor Carrie Hempel, Professor Summer Kim, Professor Stephen Lee, Professor Christopher Leslie, Dean Austen Parrish, Professor Ezra Ross, Professor Ji Seon Song, Professor Shauhin Talesh, Professor Heather Tanana, Professor Ari Waldman

Professor of the Year Award Nominees (Upper Level Classes)

Professor Sameer Ashar, Professor Swethaa Ballakrishnen, Professor Joshua Blank, Professor Dan Burk, Professor Anitha Cadambi, Professor Joseph DiMento, Professor Bryan Jarrett, Professor Dalié Jiménez, Professor Summer Kim, Professor Michiyuki Kono, Professor Dana Lee, Professor Stephen Lee, Professor Tony Reese, Professor Trilby Robinson-Dorn, Professor Mark Rosenbaum, Professor Ezra Ross, Professor Emily Taylor Poppe, Professor Katie Tinto

Pro Bono Awards

Class of 2024 - 3L & LLM

Pro Bono High Honors—200 Hours Cumulative over 3 YRS

Adelaida Brown	Jared S. Gheen
Adriana Perera	Jim Henshaw
Alfred Hwang	Kanomé Jones
Annie Wang	Karen Kartun
Brenda Rosas	Madelyn DeLucca
Emma Steiner	Maximilian Maravilla
Fernando Acevedo	Millie Gonzalez
Grace Palcic	Sayid Bnefsi
Haley Trudell	Shaady Alavi-Moghaddam
Isabella Guerrero	Soemi Photavath
Jacob Greenstein	True Shields-Le

Pro Bono Honors—120 Hours Cumulative over 3 YRS

Adrienne Pham	James Tsang
Ali Jamwal	Jean Selep
Alicia Burrell	Johanna Crawford
Anthony Birong	Joyce Chang
Anthony Pimentel	Kangdi Cheng
Benjamin Hung	Kate Peters
Chazz Estelle	Lucrece Borrego
Claire Katz	MacKayla Class
Esther Jeon	Michael Vine

Pro Bono Awards

Nic Guo	Sawyer Labbe
Nicholas Thiele	T.J. Mertikas
Omar Rizk	Talha Muhammad
Qinzhe "Victoria" Jin	Victor Giovanni Avila Ahumada
Samantha An	

Pro Bono 100 Hour Award (2023–24)

Adriana Perera	Isabella Guerrero
Adrienne Pham	Jared S. Gheen
Alfred Hwang	Johanna Crawford
Alicia Burrell	Kanomé Jones
Annie Wang	Karen Kartun
Brenda Rosas	Millie Gonzalez
Claire Katz	Soemi Photavath
Emma Steiner	Victor Giovanni Avila Ahumada

Pro Bono Achievement Award (2023–24)

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