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

Sponsored by
The Pro Bono Program
The Office of Student Services
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
- Skylar Zhao-Manipud
- Solon Tan
- Stephanie Azar
- Summar Khan
- Tarj Patel
- Tony Gevorgian
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 Yeghiarian
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.: Yuri 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
Yuri Zinchenko

Grad Tax Trailblazer Award Nominees
Andreanna Kalasountas

UCI Law Legacy Award Nominees
Anthony Birong, Clara Bourget, Ce-Lai Fong, Millie Hobaish, Kanome 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
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
- Claire Foster
- Devin Ton
- Donald R. Owens, Jr.
- Edith Guadalupe Garcia
- Griffin Goldberg
- Isabella Palermo
- Katrina Carney
- Makayla Woods
- Michael Coury
- Rachel Castillo
- Sarah Salame
- Sully Bautista
- Vanessa Vasquez
- Vito Nguyen

**Pro Bono Achievement Award (2023—24)**

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

**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
- 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 Dalilé 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

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