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

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The Office of Student Affairs

Thursday, April 18, 2024
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

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

**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

**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 Legacy 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

**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

**Grad Tax Trailblazer Award Nominees**

Andreanna Kalasountas

**Global LL.M. Trailblazer Award Nominees**

Yurii Zinchenko

**Grad Tax: 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)

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### Pro Bono Awards

**Class of 2026 - 1L**

**Pro Bono 50 Hour Award (2023—24)**

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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 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

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 Dalé 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
- Adriana Perera
- Alfred Hwang
- Annie Wang
- Brenda Rosas
- Emma Steiner
- Fernando Acevedo
- Grace Palcic
- Haley Trudell
- Isabella Guerrero
- Jacob Greenstein

Pro Bono Honors—120 Hours Cumulative over 3 YRS

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

Pro Bono 100 Hour Award (2023—24)

- Nic Guo
- Nicholas Thiele
- Jim Henshaw
- Karen Kartun
- Madelyn DeLucca
- Sawyer Labbe
- T.J. Mertikas
- Omar Rizk
- Talha Muhammad
- Qinzhe "Victoria" Jin
- Victor Giovanni Avila Ahumada
- Samantha An

Pro Bono Achievement Award (2023—24)

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