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Environmental Studies

Commencement Celebration and Awards Ceremony

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Student Affairs Manager, Environmental Studies

WELCOME

Message from the ES Program Chair



CARLA D'ANTONIO

Congratulations to the class of 2024!

Welcome to the 2024, UCSB Environmental Studies Commencement Celebration and Awards Ceremony. I have been honored to serve as the Chair of this amazing program. The class of 2024 is an extraordinary group of students, and we are thrilled to have helped them be extraordinary leaders, innovators, and scholars!

Today's graduates join a distinguished family of UCSB Environmental Studies alumni... over 8600 of them—.... each with their own story and path. Our students and alumni share a common bond: a deeply held commitment to improving the health of our planet, for today and for generations to come, to ensuring equal access for everyone to a healthy environment, and to devising and implementing creative solutions to the many challenges we face.

Our students lead and inspire us in our classrooms, our research labs, and through student and community organizations whose goals reflect the urgency, determination, vision, and courage that this historic moment requires of us. Environmental Studies is a space where people collaborate, share knowledge and experiences, and innovate to devise and implement solutions to the environmental challenges we face so that our futures will be more hopeful, more equitable, more sustainable and more just. We are strong because of the phenomenal commitment of our faculty and instructors, and the achievements of this group of students.

Students, be curious, be collaborative, be brave, serve others, and keep in touch!

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD



FOUNDER OF THE SEA LEAGUE

CHRIS RAGLAND

UCSB Environmental Studies '12

Chris Ragland is the Founder and Executive Director of The Sea League (TSL) located in Santa Barbara. Established in 2020, TSL aims to address inequality and improve accessibility to blue spaces. As an after-school team sports program, TSL emphasizes nature connection over competition and makes water sports accessible to youth aged 7-14 from all backgrounds. Their mission is to create immersive opportunities for young people to explore, play, and build community in marine habitats through activities such as surfing, stand-up paddling, kayaking, and snorkeling.

Chris graduated from UCSB in 2012, where he researched the impacts of human activity and extreme weather on coral reefs, diving extensively throughout Southeast Asia. He is a lifelong ocean lover with over a decade of experience as a surf coach and kayak guide at the Channel Islands National Park. He serves on the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council, advising NOAA on decisions affecting the thriving marine ecosystems surrounding the islands. Chris also sits on the Board of Wilderness Youth Project, which has been promoting happier, healthier, and smarter kids through nature connection for the past 24 years.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



CENTRAL COAST ALLIANCE UNITED FOR A SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY (CAUSE)

Central Coast Alliance United for A Sustainable Economy (CAUSE) is a base-building organization committed to social, economic, and environmental justice for working-class and immigrant communities in California's Central Coast. They build grassroots power through community organizing, leadership development, coalition building, civic engagement, policy research, and advocacy. CAUSE's vision is that, together, we can create a global community where we all contribute to, and benefit from, a sustainable economy that is just, prosperous and environmentally healthy.

CAUSE began as two separate organizations, CAUSE in Ventura County in 2001 and PUEBLO in Santa Barbara County in 2003, which both emerged during the nationwide living wage movement and won milestone victories to create a living wage region on the Central Coast, lifting wages for thousands of workers. In 2013, the two organizations joined forces, and CAUSE took on PUEBLO's work in Santa Barbara County, creating a regional organization for social, economic and environmental justice.

2024 STUDENT AWARDS

Outstanding Senior Award

Awarded to one or two graduating students who have demonstrated extraordinary academic excellence and a high level of extracurricular activities and/or service and leadership

Danica Kern and Tyrese Mitchem

Outstanding Service Awards

Awarded to ES students who have demonstrated exemplary environmental service within the ES Program and/or the campus and local community

Jada Alexander

Alex Carlin

Emily Conway

Chloe Kerr-Stein

Jahlia Layton

Madison Salinas

April Zhang

Marc McGinnes Law and Advocacy Scholarship

In recognition of outstanding environmental service, leadership, and academic performance in the field of environmental law and advocacy

Reed Ochalek

Special Recognition for DEI Service and Leadership

Awarded to our DEI student coordinators for their dedicated work towards creating a dignifying and affirming space for ES undergraduates

Diya Sterling and Aneesa Ricks

2024 STUDENT AWARDS

Distinguished Senior Thesis Award

In recognition of an exemplary senior thesis

Casey T. Gallagher and Ronja C. Keeley

Candidates for the Distinction in the Major

In recognition of students who have a minimum 3.5 overall GPA
and complete a senior thesis of outstanding quality

Julia L. Dahl

Xingyi Du

Casey T. Gallagher

Ronja C. Keeley

Benise Limon

Paige L. Lund

Tyrese M. Mitchem

Keeler L. Nelsen

Isabella A. Puchkova

Madison D. Salinas

Lukas S. Strauss-Wise

Haley B. Weinstein

Iris Yuh

April Zhang

2024 STUDENT AWARDS

Outstanding Academic Achievement

Awarded to this year's ES and Hydrologic Science seniors
whose outstanding overall GPA places them
in the top 20% of their graduating class

Orla B. Ayton	Aliya R. Glick	Sophie J. Pullen
Eden R. Barrett	Sophia Glover	Claire Qiu
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Ava B. Bendett	Heidi N. Greilach	Fiona J. Ramos-Wallace
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Isabella A. Genovese	Mansi Patel	Iris Yuh

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