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Environmental Studies Program

Commencement Celebration
and Awards Ceremony

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by Eric Zimmerman,
Student Affairs Manager, Environmental Studies

WELCOME

Message from the ES Program Chair



SIMONE PULVER

Welcome to the celebration of the Environmental Studies Class of 2025!

On behalf of the Environmental Studies community at UCSB, I offer heartfelt congratulations to our graduates and deep gratitude to the families, friends, and mentors who have supported them along the way.

Like the beginnings of a mighty river, each graduating student set out on a winding course that ultimately brought them to the Environmental Studies major at UCSB. Once here, they gathered strength in community and engaged deeply with the disciplinary knowledge and interdisciplinary practice at the core of Environmental Studies. As individuals, they carved new paths through internships and fieldwork, research and study abroad, student life and community. As a group, our graduates were challenged to explore the complex interactions between human societies and the environments we inhabit, to examine the far-reaching impacts of human activity, from remote wildlands to dense urban centers, and to shoulder the responsibility of moderating those impacts, always mindful that we share this planet with the non-human world and with generations to come.

Today, the graduating class reaches a new horizon—a powerful confluence, like a river meeting the sea. The knowledge, values, and experiences they carry will propel them onward—into graduate study, environmental careers, and lives of impact. There is power in a river: it shapes the land, overcomes obstacles, and carries possibility forward. When working together, the force of the river becomes unstoppable.

To our graduates—may the current be strong, your vision clear, and the course ahead filled with purpose.

Congratulations, Class of 2025!

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD



LYNN RODRIGUEZ

UCSB Environmental Studies '79

Lynn Rodriguez is a water resource professional with over 40 years of experience in collaborative, multi-benefit water management. She has led major projects in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties, including the Ventura River Watershed Resilience Pilot Project, Ventura County's Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program, and the LA–Ventura Disadvantaged Community Involvement Task Force. Her work focuses on groundwater policy, climate and watershed resilience, drought response, and engagement with Tribal and frontline communities.

Lynn has held leadership roles with the American Water Works Association, California Urban Water Conservation Council, and the Statewide IRWM Roundtable of Regions. She co-founded UCSB's Darcy Aston Memorial Water Lecture Series, now in its 11th year.

In addition to her professional career, she has long been an active advocate for a strong community by serving as a board member of the Santa Barbara Unified School District Board, Santa Barbara Education Foundation board, Alpha Resource Center, Harding School Foundation and others. She has received an award of excellence from the California Urban Water Conservation Council and a Gold Award from California Teachers Association.

She has a passion for all aspects of water stewardship and especially enjoys working with the next generation of water professionals.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



Get Oil Out! (GOO!)

Get Oil Out! (GOO!) is a Santa Barbara-based public interest group founded in 1969, just 24 hours after the infamous blowout on Platform A spilled millions of gallons of oil into the Santa Barbara Channel. Since then, GOO! has been dedicated to ending offshore oil development and reducing society's reliance on fossil fuels.

During the past five decades, 40 federal and 18 state oil leases have been relinquished and the California Coastal Sanctuary, which prohibits new oil leasing within three miles of the coast, was enacted. GOO! worked toward these and many other significant milestones in the fight against oil development, especially in the Santa Barbara Channel. GOO! is currently working relentlessly to oppose new oil projects, including current efforts by Sable Oil Company to restart production on the Santa Ynez Unit using the same corroded pipeline that ruptured in 2015.

GOO! remains committed to ensuring that existing infrastructure, including aging offshore platforms such as Platform Holly, is decommissioned in the most environmentally responsible manner. Through public engagement, policy advocacy, and legal action if necessary, the group continues its mission to end fossil fuel development in the Santa Barbara Channel.

2025 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

Olivia D. Craig and Lena R.O. Hicks

Outstanding Service Awards

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

Abigail Samantha Balais

Schuyler Capita

Andrea I. Estrada

Maura A. Kelly

Leanne A. Ly

Jenna M. McGovern

Eva Mills

Julia Y.M.M. Wallace

Marc McGinnes Law and Advocacy Scholarship

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

Lily G. Poehler

2025 STUDENT AWARDS

Distinguished Senior Thesis Award

In recognition of an exemplary senior thesis

Julie K. Iverson

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

**Luya D.E. Barker
Izzy M. Chang
Mackenzie E. Chesnut
Zahar A. Chonnad
Olivia D. Craig
Lainey M. Djajakusuma
Sedona R. Domino
Angie M. Gulizia
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Vivian Liang
Sophia A. McLoughlin
Eva Mills
Aidan M. Robertson
Catrina H. Sada
Emily A. Sorenson
Julia Y.M.M. Wallace
Elsa J. Winter**

2025 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

Allie R. Aardema	Angie M. Gulizia	Eva Mills
Romy G. Alberts	Aliyah R. Habib	Sasha B. Mok
Clara J. Ault	Rebecca Hernandez	Elliette R. Olson
Abigail Samantha Balais	Ella M. Heydenfeldt	Lucy M. Ostrowski
Luya D.E. Barker	Chloe E. Hsieh	Eliza Pease
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Tanner D. Ellison	Tara L. Martin	Mari S. Villalovoz
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Kelley E. Flanagan	Sophia A. McLoughlin	Julia Y.M.M. Wallace
Sarah M. Frankel	Damon P. Meggyesy	Elsa J. Winter
Isabella A. Genovese	Lola R. Merrill	Crane A. Zeisse
Hannah M. Gross	Padraic R. Miller	

2025 ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GRADUATES

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 Emma Abercrombie Peters
 Dante N. Aguilar
 Agustin M. Aguilera Garcia
 Michael P. Aguirre
 Romy G. Alberts
 Mika A. Altstadt
 Rachel O. Alvarado
 Alyssa M. Ambrosini
 Isla J. Andersen
 Kyle M. Anderson
 Alexa M. Andrade
 Julia R. Aramini
 Claire M. Arnold
 Karissa F. Auffray
 Clara J. Ault
 Edwin D. Avila Santillana
 Leonardo D. Avina
 Melina R. Axelrad
 Danielle K. Baker
 Abigail Samantha Balais
 Luya D.E. Barker
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 Ethan F. Baskerville Bridges
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