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Commencement Celebration and Award Ceremony

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Message from the ES Program Chair

Welcome to the 2022 UCSB Environmental Studies Awards Ceremony! I am proud and honored to serve as the Environmental Studies Program Chair. The class of 2022 is an extraordinary group of leaders and scholars, and they comprise one of the largest graduating classes in our department's history!

Today’s graduates join a distinguished cadre of UCSB Environmental Studies alumni... over 8000 of them—each with their own unique story and path forward from this world-class university and these storied shores. As Environmental Studies and Hydrologic Science majors you students share a common bond: a deeply held commitment to improving the health of our ecosystems and 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 numerous challenges we face.

Our students lead and inspire us in so many ways. They do this in our classrooms, in 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 will always be a space where people collaborate, share, learn, and innovate to devise and implement inspiring solutions to the environmental challenges we face today so that our future will be more hopeful, more equitable and just, and more sustainable. And we are stronger than ever before because of the phenomenal achievements of our students. Congratulations to the class of 2022!
OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD

SUSANA DE ANDA
UCSB Environmental Studies ‘03

Susana De Anda is the Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Community Water Center, a nonprofit environmental justice organization based in California’s San Joaquin Valley, whose mission is to act as a catalyst for community-driven water solutions through organizing, education, and advocacy. Susana is a seasoned community organizer and has received numerous awards and recognitions, including: The James Irvine Foundation Leadership Award (2018), Latino Community Foundation Leading Change Award (2018), White House Champion of Change for Climate Equity (2016); Mark Dubois Award from Friends of the River (2014); “150 Fearless Women in the World” by Newsweek Magazine (2012); and “Women on Top – Top Activist” by Marie Claire magazine (2012); and “Las Fabulosas” and “Inspiring Latinas” by Powerful Latinas (2011). Susana’s experience includes planning and organizing positions at the Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment; the County of Merced Planning Department; the Santa Barbara County Water Agency; and Santa Barbara’s Community Environmental Council. Susana has served on the Tulare County Water Commission, the Board of Directors of the Tulare County Water Commission, the Board of Directors of the Tulare County United Way, and currently serves on the Advisory Council for the Water Solutions Network and is a Steering Committee member on the Water Equity and Climate Resilience Caucus. She is also a co-founder and member of the board of Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL). Susana earned a B.A. from the University of California, Santa Barbara while completing a double major in Environmental Studies and Geography.
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

THE CHEADLE CENTER’S ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROGRAM

The Cheadle Center is a UCSB organization formed in 2005 from a fusion of the Museum of Systematics and Ecology (MSE) with UCSB’s then informal ecosystem restoration program. The ecosystem restoration program had emerged from the MSE’s involvement in the study, preservation, and restoration of threatened wetland habitats in the vicinity of the UCSB campus. In 2007, the Cheadle Center began visioning the restoration of what was then the Ocean Meadows Golf Course which had been built in the 1960s by filling in the upper arms of the Devereaux Slough, an extensive natural tidal wetland adjacent to UCSB’s Coal Oil Point nature reserve and faculty and student housing. After over 10 years of fundraising and planning, the Cheadle Center launched and has led the active restoration of this 120+ acre parcel, moving millions of cubic yards of soil, restoring tidal flow and water quality, and enhancing habitat for animals and plants. From the start, this project has engaged the local and regional community, including a range of organizations, citizen groups and interested individuals, as well as K-12 and UCSB students. Through the process of engaging people in land stewardship and creating a beautiful natural environment for all to enjoy, the dedicated staff of the Cheadle Center have restored not only the natural cycles of the land, air and water, but also hope, connectivity and outdoor experiences for thousands of people now and into the future.
2022 STUDENT AWARDS

Outstanding Senior Awards
Awarded to the top graduating students who have demonstrated extraordinary academic excellence and a high level of extracurricular service

Lizzy Mau

Distinguished Senior Thesis Award
In recognition of an exemplary senior thesis

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

Ruth I. Alcantara Perez
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Marc McGinnes Law and Advocacy Scholarship
In recognition of outstanding academic achievement in environmental law courses and outstanding environmental service and leadership

Darien L. Aassar
2022 STUDENT AWARDS

Outstanding Academic Achievement

Awarded to ES and Hydrologic Science seniors who have completed their major and college requirements with an outstanding overall GPA of 3.5 or higher.

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