



PRO BONO AND STUDENT LIFE AWARDS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025



Presentation of Awards

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

Presented by SBA President Hope Weisman

Professor of the Year (1L)

Professor of the Year (Upper Level Classes)

Staff Member of the Year Award -
Student Development/Outreach Role

Administrator of the Year

Department/Team of the Year

Presentation of Awards

Award for Excellence in Legal Research and Writing from the Continuing Education of the Bar

Presented by Dean Rachel Croskery-Roberts

Christopher Hanna
Olivia Mazzucato
Gabrielle Moore
Gavin Repman
Rachel Sondkar
Lauren Wegener
Madison Williams

UCI Law Pro Bono Awards

Presented by Anna Davis

Class of 2027 — Achievement and 50 Hour Awards

Class of 2026 — Achievement and 100 Hour Awards

Class of 2025 (JD & LLM) —

Achievement and 100 Hour Awards

Class of 2025 (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: Jacob Boarnet, Sagarika Chidella, Sondos Elbershawi, Ben Garfinkel, Emma Kantor

2L: Paulina Farley-Kuzmina, Marlee Grant, Megan Griffin, Samir Hafez, Myles Maxie, Olivia Mazzucato, Stanley Shaw, Lindsay Waters, Hope Weisman

3L: Rachel Castillo, JP Elberfeld, Romina Zarbaf

Grad Tax: Zaq McDaniel

Community Bridge Builder Award Nominees

Claire Foster, Semmie Lee, Elizabeth Monroe, Preston Taylor

UCI Law Community Builder Award Nominees

Hope, Madison, and Hailey; Melanie McCorkle; Juliana Rosenfeld; Benjamin Strehlow; Nick Ushiyama; Vanessa Vasquez; Skylar Zhao-Manipud

Trailblazer Award Nominees

1L: Sondos Elbershawi

2L: Serapia Kim, Myles Maxie, Sukhraj Singh

3L: Matthew Hitomi, Iviana Villanueva

Grad Tax: Sarah Saucedo

UCI Law Legacy Award Nominees

Rachel Castillo, Claire Foster, Alyssa Gonzaga, Honna Li, Elizabeth Monroe, Logan Nantais, Nick Ushiyama, Romina Zarbaf

Community Outreach: Student Organization Nominees

Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA),
Business Law Society, If/When/How at UCI Law, International Law Society,
Jewish Law Association, Law Students for Justice in Palestine (LSJP)

Enhancing Intellectual Community: Student Organization Nominees

Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA),
If/When/How at UCI Law, Law Students for Justice in Palestine (LSJP)

Leadership & Service Awards Nominees

Best Project or Event: Student Organization Nominees

Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) - Career Fair,
Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) - Lunar New year
Celebration, Law Students for Justice in Palestine's (LSJP) Vigil for Palestine

Staff Member of the Year Nominees Student Development/Outreach Role

Leslie Parrish, Caleb Sullivan

Administrator of the Year Nominees Dean or Director Role

Dean Jasminder Deol, Natascha Fastabend, Dean Austen Parrish

Jordin Wilcher Award for Team of the Year Nominees

ASP (Basick & Crew), Admission & Aid, Career Development Office, Faculty
Support, International Justice Clinic

Faculty Member of the Year Award Nominees (1L)

Professor Rachel Croskery-Roberts, Professor David King, Professor Song
Richardson, Professor Ezra Ross, Professor Shauhin Talesh, Professor
Heather Tanana

Faculty Member of the Year Award Nominees (Upper Level Classes)

Professor Swethaa Ballakrishnen, Professor Justine Casey, Professor Patricia
Cyr, Professor Veena Dubal, Professor Robert Farzad, Professor Annie Lai,
Professor Dana Lee, Professor Stephen Lee, Professor Christopher Leslie,
Professor Omri Marian, Professor Carrie Menkel-Meadow, Professor Ji Seon
Song, Professor Emily Taylor Poppe



Pro Bono Awards

Class of 2025 - 3L & LLM

Pro Bono High Honors—200 Hours Cumulative over 3 YRS

Kevin Allec Arreola	Gabe Kirsch
Sully Bautista	Honna Li
Katrina Carney	Ashley Miller
Rachel Castillo	Isabella Palermo
Michael Coury	Angelique Phillips
Kaiya Daniels	Sarah Salame
Claire Foster	Arturo Samaniego
Edith Guadalupe Garcia	Devin Ton
Griffin Goldberg	Vanessa Vasquez
Alyssa Gonzaga	Makayla Woods
Craig L. Guzmán	Victor Wu
Donald Ray Owens, Jr.	

Pro Bono Honors—120 Hours Cumulative over 3 YRS

Ahmad Azzawi	Daniel Mina
Chaeyoung (Clara) Baik	Logan Nantais
Henry Borkgren	Drew Navarre
Curtis Ferrarini	Vito Thanh Nguyen
Maria Girgis	Leslie Ozuna
Iris Lopez	Matthew Scammahorn
Lamia Mansur	Romina Zarbaf

Pro Bono Awards

Pro Bono 100 Hour Award (2024–25)

Kevin Allec Arreola	Honna Li
Katrina Carney	Ashley Miller
Claire Foster	Vanessa Vasquez

Pro Bono Achievement Award- 50 hrs (2024–25)

Chaeyoung (Clara) Baik	Logan Nantais
Henry Borkgren	Angelique Phillips
Maria Girgis	Sarah Salame
Lamia Mansur	Arturo Samaniego
Drew Navarre	Devin Ton
Romina Zarbaf	Makayla Woods
Kaiya Daniels	Jennifer Keute
Edith Guadalupe Garcia	Melissa Sonntag
Craig L. Guzmán	Iviana Villanueva
Gabe Kirsch	



Pro Bono Awards

Class of 2026 - 2L

Pro Bono 100 Hour Award (2024–25)

Ryan Q. Balaoing	Gabrielle Moore
Shannon Cheung	Alisha Patel
Jose Echeona	Sarah Salama
Paulina Farley-Kuzmina	Stanley Shaw
Marlee K. Grant	Lindsay Waters
Christopher Hanna	Gloria H. Yang
Cynthia Jung	

Pro Bono Achievement Award - 50 hrs (2024–25)

Stephanie Azar	W. Connor Lennard
Helena Baum	Alice Yuanyuan Li
Sydney Custer	Justine Lim
Monica De Roche	Jose Edgardo Lopez
Héctor Guevara	John Mady
Samir Hafez	Olivia Mazzucato
Ethan Hamburg	Yasmin McGough
Danny Jaffe	Jake Melton
Niki Kazemi	Lizbeth Yesenia Mendoza-Leon
Ariana Keshishian	Kelsea Parker
Serapia Kim	Gavin Repman
Catherine Lee	Alisha Sinha
Semmie (Kyu Rhan) Lee	Skylar (Weiyi) Zhao-Manipud

Pro Bono Awards

Class of 2027 - 1L

Pro Bono 50 Hour Award (2024–25)

Nathan Akiyoshi	Jamie Morishima
Mia Alvarez	Estrella Azusena Ramos
Cade Bachman	Sofia Rizkkhalil
James Blitz	Daisy Rodriguez
Jacob Boarnet	Isaiah Roe
Saga Chidella	Athina Mae Yelo Rosure
Christopher J. Contreras	Navsukhmani Sandhu
Sarah Curtis	Mikayla Sarmento
Jingyi Dou	Makayla Shapiro
Madeleine Gam	Kayla Solomon
Seyar Gardezi	Colleen Erin Kahelelani Tam
Kyle Graham	Kelly Valentine
Hunter Griffith	Kevin Arthur Valero
Melissa N. Inda Ramos	Lauren Zakari
Akua Kesewa-Agyeman	



Pro Bono Awards

Class of 2027 - 1L

Pro Bono Achievement Award (2024–25)

Siraj Abbasi	Veronica Collins
Nathan Akiyoshi	Alex Davis
La-Brina Almeida	Meghna Deepalam
Mia Alvarez	Will Funk
Luke Antoun	Benjamin Garfinkel
Adelaide Layugan Apostol	Jen Hibberts
Cade Bachman	Zachary Ho
Michael D Bacon	Tompson Hsu
Eric Bagramyan	Ashley Jabro
Fiorella Barreto	Emma Kantor
James Blitz	Shaundra Khan
Jacob Boarnet	Rheem Khodor
Talia Bromberg	Ivy Koester
Ali Carter	Justin Lee
Tomas Chang	Nicole H Lee
Glen Chen	Aristotle Leung
Saga Chidella	Tyler Lowell
Michelle Chizhevsky	Arianna Mandelli
Ryan Chong	Susana Mejia-Martinez
Juliana Clark	Kousha Modanlou

Pro Bono Awards

Class of 2027 - 1L

Pro Bono Achievement Award (2024–25) - continued

Julia Navarro	Isadora Stern
Ghazal Sadat Nikooardestani	Jared Stone
Sophia Ogot	Ben Strehlow
Sophia Parizadeh	Nikhil Sundrani
Ingrid Perez	Mimi Tang
Pavithra Prabhu	Florian Tinschert
Mia Redelings	Matthew Tomik
Zainab Rizvi	Melissa Toribio
Emilio Sanchez	Samir Venkatesh
Harishri Savdharia	Ashish Verma
Matthew J. Seoh	Devon Weatherall
Tara Shafiei	Kristi Lynne Weyand
Alexander Shinkawa	Will Wiltschko
Keaton Staggemeier	Bryte Wood
Eliza Stein	Kestrel (Karena) Zhang

Awards Program

5:30 PM

Doors Open
Dinner Reception & Refreshments

5:45 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

The logo for the University of California, Irvine School of Law. It features a yellow square on the left, followed by a blue rectangle containing the text "University of California, Irvine" and "School of Law" in white. To the right of the text is a faint, circular seal of the University of California.

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