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59th Commencement
December 2022
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Brilliant Future

Baccalaureate and Master's Degrees
December 12
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All-university December Commencement

Monday, December 12, 2022    10:00 A.M.    University-wide Ceremony

Participants

Claire Trevor School of the Arts

School of Biological Sciences

The Paul Merage School of Business

School of Education

The Henry Samueli School of Engineering
Baccalaureate and Master’s Candidates

School of Humanities

Donald Bren School of Information & Computer Sciences
Baccalaureate and Master’s Candidates

School of Physical Sciences

Program in Public Health

School of Social Ecology

School of Social Sciences
December 12, 10:00 a.m. – Bren Events Center
Chancellor Howard Gillman, presiding
University-wide Ceremony

CEREMONY

PROCESIONAL

ACADEMIC PROCESSION
- Master's Degree Candidates
- Baccalaureate Candidates
- Platform Party

NATIONAL ANTHEM
- Circle of Fifths
- UCI Student Acapella group

WELCOME
- Howard Gillman
  Chancellor

FEATURED SPEAKER INTRODUCTION
- Howard Gillman
  Chancellor

FEATURED SPEAKER
- Jose A. Hernandez
  UC Regent

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
- Howard Gillman
  Chancellor

CONCLUDING REMARKS
- Willie L. Banks Jr., Ph.D.
  Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs

RECESSIONAL

PLATFORM PARTY

Howard Gillman
Chancellor

Hal Stern, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

Jose A. Hernandez
UC Regent
and Featured Speaker

Gillian Hayes, Ph.D.
Vice Provost,
Graduate Education
Dean, Graduate Division

Michael Dennin, Ph.D.
Vice Provost,
Teaching and Learning
Dean, Division of Undergraduate Education

Willie L. Banks Jr., Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs

Brian T. Hervey, CGPP, CFRE
Vice Chancellor,
University Advancement & Alumni Relations

Steven A. N. Goldstein, M.D., Ph.D., FAAP
Vice Chancellor, Health Affairs

Sheefteh Khalili
Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief of Staff

Sherry Main
Vice Chancellor,
Strategic Communications and Public Affairs

Mary Lou Ortiz
CFO and Vice Chancellor,
Division of Finance and Administration

Rodrigo Lazo
Vice Chancellor,
Diversity and Inclusion

Lars Walton
Associate Chancellor and Chief of Staff

Kate Brigman, M.P.A.
Associate Provost and Chief of Staff

Tiffany Ana López, Ph.D
Dean, Claire Trevor School of the Arts

Frank M. LaFerla, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Biological Sciences

Ian O. Williamson, Ph.D.
Dean, Paul Merage School of Business

Frances Contreras, Ph.D.
Dean and Professor,
School of Education

Magnus Egerstedt
Dean, The Henry Samueli School of Engineering

Yong Chen
Associate Dean,
School of Humanities

David Redmiles
Associate Dean, Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences

James S. Bullock, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Physical Sciences

Bernadette Boden-Albala,
Ph.D., M.P.H.
Director and Founding Dean,
Program in Public Health

Susan Coutin
Associate Dean,
School of Social Ecology

William Maurer, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Social Sciences

Melissa Beck, ’12
Mace Marshal

Professor Janice Hansen
University Marshal

Professor Chen Li
Master’s Marshal

Associate Dean David Van Vranken
Baccalaureate Marshal

Associate Dean Raju Metherate
Platform Party Marshal
Dear Class of 2022:

Congratulations on reaching this very special milestone in your life. Today, as we celebrate the University of California, Irvine’s 59th commencement, enjoy the pride, nostalgia, and excitement of the moment. As you participate in these time-honored graduation rites, I encourage you to remember that you did not achieve this success alone or in a vacuum. Please take the time to thank the family, friends, and mentors who have supported and shepherded you through this journey.

All of us are extremely proud of your accomplishments and the contributions you have made to UCI and our community. I am even more excited, though, by what lies ahead for you, as you enter the world enabled, empowered, and inspired to succeed in whatever endeavors you choose to pursue.

Today, as you join the proud alumni of UCI, you become part of a family of graduates who are leaders, innovators, and teachers who make a difference in our global community. Please come back and visit us, update us with news on your careers, and stay in touch through the Alumni Association. Wherever the future leads you, you will always be remembered at UCI.

Fiat Lux,

Howard Gillman
Chancellor
Message from the Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs

Dear Class of 2022 Graduates:

On behalf of the Division of Student Affairs, I would like to congratulate you and your family on this amazing accomplishment.

You are now a UCI graduate and now join the ranks of close to 200,000 alumni from across the world. You should be proud of all that you have accomplished during your time at UCI, especially during an unprecedented global pandemic. My sincere hope is that you have taken the past years to learn more about yourself, your community, and your academic major. College is truly a transformative time in one's life and I am sure you have taken everything you have learned during your collegiate time to transform not only yourself, but also the world.

As you close this chapter in your life, take some time and thank your family and friends for their support. Your graduation from UCI is a reflection of their love and support for you through this time. I hope that you will remember your time at UCI fondly, and I hope you will tell the story of how your life was changed from being here. You are an Anteater for life and we could not be more proud to have you as one of our proud alumni.

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Willie L. Banks Jr., Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs
Dear December 2022 Claire Trevor School of the Arts graduate:

Congratulations, graduating artists of Fall 2022! You have the distinction of graduating from the only named school of the arts in the University of California and one of the world’s most preeminent research universities. You are dreamers and doers launching into a brilliant future.

Yours is a cultural moment in which artists and creative leaders are needed more than ever before. As artists, you know the power of inspiration – its role in making work and moving others. You hold expertise in advancing creativity and inspiration as critical ingredients in creating change.

Complex challenges require complex teams of thinkers who will inspire others. Going forward into this next bold chapter, you should be highly confident that you bring this ability to opportunities in a wide variety of fields as a collaborator who is an artist with the power to move people to see the world and approach things in new and heightened ways.

As graduates of the Claire Trevor School of the Arts, you have learned that the creative process is just as important as the work produced. You are citizen artists and impact partners. In many ways, our calling is to focus on intentionality, since what we do has an impact now and for generations to come.

As dean, I’ve been excited and proud to share about your work and accomplishments. The bravery and boldness of your vision and voice inspires all of us in the school. You have made an impact that contributes to CTSA’s excellence. We look forward to following your journey and remaining connected as you join our alumni family to inspire future artists who will enter the pathways you forged here.

Please keep in touch with the wonderful circle of friends and colleagues you have made here and reach out to share with your professors and departments about your work on the path ahead. More than half of the careers in the future are those that you will invent! We're eager to see how you build from your experiences to contribute your work as an artist to broader fields, both in the creative economy and beyond.

A very heartfelt congratulations and best wishes as you embark into your brilliant future!

Tiffany Ana López, Ph.D
Dean, Claire Trevor School of the Arts
Dear Class of 2022,

Congratulations on your Commencement from UC Irvine and the School of Biological Sciences. Through hard work, determination, courage and resilience, you have completed one of the most arduous undergraduate programs on the campus with the added challenge of a global pandemic. Now you are well-trained and positioned to achieve great things in your future endeavors.

Today, your hard work and accomplishments at UCI BioSci are being lauded at our Winter Commencement celebration. From tomorrow onward, as one of our thousands of BioSci alumni, please remember what you have achieved, what you have learned here about science, technology and yourself, and apply it well. You will find that UCI has helped prepare you for your future, whatever opportunities and challenges it holds.

As you embark on the next phase of your lives, I encourage you to reflect proudly on your time here. Remember my prediction about your future: YOU can be a game-changer for good on our planet.

I urge you to stay committed to conquering your fears, attaining your goals and to stay connected with the school as your life’s journey continues. That way we can always support you, participate in your successes, and provide you with the opportunity to inspire the generations of students who will follow in your footsteps through UCI BioSci.

Best wishes,

Frank M. LaFerla, Ph.D.
Dean and Chancellor’s Professor
UCI School of Biological Sciences
Dear Class of 2022,

On behalf of our faculty and staff, I offer my enthusiastic congratulations on this momentous achievement. You are about to embark on a host of exciting new opportunities after completing a business degree during a time of accelerated change. Together you thrived in the face of obstacles, and for that you have my admiration and respect.

The class of 2022 represents the future of business on the global stage—and we are proud of playing a role in the development of leaders that are prepared to lead through disruption, drive innovation and promote inclusivity and respect for others. It is our goal to continue to combine the academic strengths, diversity and best traditions of the University of California with the cutting-edge, entrepreneurial spirit of Orange County to empower a generation of leaders ready to make an impact in this digitally driven world.

We thank you for your contributions to the School during your time here. Remember that on commencement day you do not simply receive a diploma and a degree—you gain access to the thriving Merage School alumni network. We hope this is not goodbye and that you will continue to represent the School beyond your time with us and consider returning one day to share your new insights and experiences.

Best Regards,

Ian O. Williamson
Dean | UCI Paul Merage School of Business
To the School of Education Class of 2022,

A tremendous congratulations on reaching this special milestone. Today, we celebrate your graduation from our Bachelor of Arts in Education Sciences or CalTeach program and celebrate the newest chapter of your journey.

In pursuit of your undergraduate degree, you have shown courage, resilience, hard work and curiosity. We are proud of you and what you have achieved while at the School of Education and the University of California, Irvine. I have no doubt you can lead successful and productive lives as the next generation of educators, scholars and leaders.

Your experiences and learning at the School of Education have provided you with the foundation to take the next steps toward your career goals, make a difference in formal and informal education, and impact those around you with what you have learned at UCI. I am confident that you are equipped to ask the challenging and difficult questions of our field and be a part of the change and solutions needed to move education forward.

With the completion of your degree, you join our thriving School of Education alumni community of 10,000 strong. We hope you will stay in touch and keep us updated on your careers, and we look forward to the incredible accomplishments and contributions you will make to continue our mission of transforming education from early childhood to higher education.

Congratulations to you, and the families and friends of all graduates. Best wishes to you as you boldly step forward into your brilliant future.

Frances Contreras, Ph.D.
Dean and Professor, School of Education
University of California, Irvine
Dear Samueli School of Engineering Class of 2022,

Congratulations on this important and impressive milestone! You have made it through to earn your degree from UCI’s Samueli School of Engineering. We are very proud of you and have every confidence in your continued success because being an Anteater Engineer is to have the superpower to deal with complex situations, go after hard problems, and not shy away from the big questions we are facing as a global society.

Your engineering class has not only had to cope with the rigors of the engineering program, but also manage unprecedented difficulties brought on by the pandemic. The completion of your engineering degree is a testament to your resilience, as well as your agility, hard work and fortitude. I have no doubt that your experience at UCI will provide you with the knowledge, skills and leadership that you will need to impact and benefit us all in countless ways.

As you move forward in your careers, I encourage you to do the following: maintain our values and dedication to excellence and lifelong learning, commit to truth and fairness, and remember to embrace diversity and individual differences. As the newest graduating class of the Samueli School, I hope you stay connected through our Engineering Alumni Society, as well as the UCI Alumni Association.

Congratulations on your well-deserved achievement. Be courageous, be strong, be awesome. And use your new superpower for good in the world!

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Magnus Egerstedt, Ph.D.
Stacey Nicholas Dean of Engineering
UCI Samueli School of Engineering
Congratulations, class of 2022!

You are our seventh graduating class of the Susan & Henry Samueli College of Health Sciences! In the wake of an unprecedented pandemic, your experiences have been unconventional. I know, however, that they were also fortifying. As a 2022 graduate, you go forth with this certainty: you can handle the challenges that life presents. You have proven this by remaining steadfast in your dedication to your pursuits.

At this major milestone in your career development, whether in medicine, nursing, pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences, or population and public health, you are poised to continue to make a difference, as individuals, as members of your disciplines, and as lifelong anteaters.

Life will continue to present you with challenges. But you have proven that you have the talent, competence, and temperament not only to survive but to turn the most unexpected and formidable events into opportunities to create the change you wish to see.

The doors are open! You have honed the skills to forge your personal trajectory. As you step out, ask yourself what you want to improve in the world. Is your passion health equity? Developing new ways to prevent disease and maintain wellness? Fostering emotional support for patients or providers? We know that your choice will continue the legacy of UC Irvine because you will unite with others of diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and skills to accomplish ambitious goals.

And please bear this in mind: what you aspire to achieve is possible. You graduate with the education and skills required to harness your passion and—with patience, persistence and kindness—you will enjoy many successes. You will also continue to grow and develop. Experience is one of the great advantages of aging.

Like you, the Susan & Henry Samueli College of Health Sciences is maturing. As you know, this Fall, we opened the new college building, the new Sue & Bill Gross School of Nursing and Health Sciences Hall, and the new home for Susan Samueli Integrative Health Institute. By 2024, our new 9-acre UCI Health medical complex in Irvine will begin to care for patients in the Joe C. Wen Family Center for Advanced Care, followed soon thereafter by the Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center and Ambulatory Care Center, and in 2025, the in-patient hospital with 24/7 emergency services.

We hope you will watch us grow, visit often, and perhaps even choose to continue your own mission to discover, teach, and heal here at UCI. Please know that we remain committed to helping you achieve your goals after you graduate. We measure our own success by your accomplishments and satisfaction in service. You will forever be a member of the UCI family. Come back and share your experiences.

All the very best to you in this new and exciting phase of your life journey,

Steven A. N. Goldstein, MA, MD, PhD, FAAP
Vice Chancellor, Health Affairs
Congratulations to the Class of 2022. What a wonderful day it is for each of you and an honor for me to be here on this special occasion. Today, we celebrate your tremendous academic accomplishments and resilience in the face of such unprecedented times. I commend you for your hard work and dedication, as well as your ability to not just survive, but thrive.

Not only did you finish your degrees during a global pandemic, but also amid a nationwide social justice movement for racial and gender equity. What a privilege it has been to witness the Class of 2022 and members of the campus community come together in inspiring ways to address the many public health challenges we have faced this year.

Indeed, your commitment to public health is now more important than ever, and I thank you for choosing this field. You are the future of the field. You are the next generation of public health practitioners, leaders, and advocates that will solve the problems that generations before could not. You will lead with compassion, drive, and the desire to make a difference in the lives of those around you, which all lie at the heart of what we do in public health. You will help usher in a future that is more sustainable, equitable, and just.

I will not tell you the road will be easy – it seldom is. For every achievement, there are stumbles, fumbles, and falls. Embrace mistakes. They serve a purpose: to help you learn. The ups and downs, the laughing and crying, the pit in your stomach, and the excitement in your bones are all part of the road to success.

Thank you for the dedication and compassion you showed through your work. Please know how needed your public health skills are today, perhaps more than ever before. As you set out to improve the health and well-being of your own communities, be confident in the knowledge gained during your time at UCI and remember that the field of public health is made stronger by having you in it.

We will always take pride in your achievements, both now and in the future. We hope you will continue to engage with UCI Public Health and share your achievements as you move forward in your careers and personal lives. I encourage you to stay involved and support our activities, scholarships, and programs as our newest members of the Anteater alumni community. The connection to UCI is one that will last a lifetime.

Congratulations, graduates of the Class of 2022!

Bernadette Boden-Albala, Ph.D., M.P.H.
Founding Dean, Program in Public Health
On this happy occasion of your commencement, you are each concluding your study at UC Irvine and embarking on a new life as the proud holder of a University of California degree in a humanities field.

Let me be the first to congratulate you. You are a select group who worked tirelessly to be admitted to UCI, and to excel in your majors. You put in hard nights of reading and writing papers and studying for exams and meeting your requirements one by one. Your goal was not just to get a good grade on one assignment, or completing a course, or even meeting all the requirements of your major. It was always something that lies beyond the boundaries of the campus and its program: opening up the opportunities in your life that your UCI degree makes possible, and that at this moment of commencement you can’t even yet fully foresee. These include the possibility to go on to more advanced study in graduate or professional school; to make your mark in government, media, or business; or to lead and serve in your community, at home or perhaps elsewhere in the world.

The humanities focus on the histories and cultures of the world, the images and stories we use to represent the human experience, and the theories and concepts that we use to make sense of our world. Human meaning-making is an ongoing and ever-evolving process, and the skills you have gained in understanding and contributing to it never go out of date or lose their relevance. Our world is changing at an extraordinary pace. We need humanities-trained leaders and thinkers like you to help us to make sense of it all, make conscious and ethical choices, and imagine new ways of living and working in a radically changed environment.

You will bring the skills you have learned here—to listen and read closely, to think critically and analytically, to interpret texts and images, and to write with clarity and power—to all the work you have ahead of you. We have prepared you not just for a job, but for a career of your own making, which may have many new turns and changes along the way.

But through the lenses of the humanities, we have also prepared you to appreciate better the beauty, complexity, and richness of the world, to experience it with depth and knowledge. That is not just an enhancement to your career or your earning power; it is the basis of a richer, more authentic, and more meaningful life.

I wish you every success in your future, and the deepest appreciation for what you have given us by your presence in the School of Humanities during your studies.

Congratulations and enjoy your commencement!

Tyrus Miller, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Humanities
The world runs on technology: from artificial intelligence to big data, from digital media and learning to digital health, from cybersecurity to human-machine interaction. These technologies represent only a few of the cutting-edge areas that faculty, students and alumni from the Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences (ICS) have dedicated themselves to in order to make the world a better, safer place for the future.

As students, and now alumni, of ICS, the only computing-focused school in the UC system, you were part of helping us grow into one of the largest and most diverse computing programs in the country. ICS prides itself on providing computer science and information technology leadership for the 21st century through research and development of emerging technologies, innovative and broad computing curricula, and collaborations that address key societal needs. You have shown incredible creativity and entrepreneurial spirit during your time at UC Irvine, and you are now prepared to lead the way in creating a bright future for society.

As ICS continues to explore the various ways technology can revolutionize the world around us, there will be many excellent opportunities for you as ICS alumni. Whether you are continuing your education or joining the workforce, remember that you are now part of a growing network that is nearly 12,000 ICS alumni strong who want to see you succeed. Please stay in touch so that we can celebrate all of your successes as you go off to pursue your dreams.

Congratulations to the Class of 2022! The ICS faculty and staff take great pride in your accomplishments and look forward to watching you continue to make a difference in the world.

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Marios Papaefthymiou  
Professor of Computer Science  
Ted and Janice Smith Family Foundation Dean  
Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences
Congratulations on finishing your degree in the UCI School of Physical Sciences! This may feel like the end, but, really, it’s just the beginning — a bright beginning for the next phase of your life, one made all the more brilliant by your years of preparation in the halls of our School. Whether you plan to pursue graduate or professional studies, or you plan to start your career right away, UCI Physical Sciences offers a doorway to success unlike any other.

Over 40% of you graduates conducted undergraduate research, and many of you successfully applied to graduate and professional programs. That, and I applaud the many of you who took the initiative to participate in our mentor program — an experience that will continue working its health into your lives long after you leave UCI. We invite you to return as mentors to coach the next generations of students, and share with them the experiences of what will no doubt be shimmering careers.

As a Physical Sciences alum, you may dedicate yourself to the most abstract mathematical proof, or to the most tangible attempt to alleviate human suffering. Some of you may spend a large part of your life trying to understand a single particle, others may want to grasp the big-picture of the whole Universe or how the Earth’s climate will change over the next century. There is great value in each of these pursuits, as well as the whole spectrum of careers between these limits. The faculty and staff wish you the best of luck as you continue to pursue your passion and make a difference in the world.

Congratulations again on completing such a demanding degree. The world needs quality mathematicians and scientists, so be sure to contribute, expand and share your vast knowledge and experience as much as you can.

Keep active!
Bring enthusiasm to all your endeavors!
Keep in touch!

Professor James S. Bullock
Dean, School of Physical Sciences
Dear Class of 2022:

Congratulations on completing your degree from the School of Social Ecology!

We are proud of your accomplishments, especially during this historic time. You adapted to learning during the pandemic and successfully finished, all while also completing your many hours of field study. We commend you on your perseverance.

As we celebrate your achievements, we wish you success along the next path of your journey. You earned your degree from our school, a leader in interdisciplinary research, team science, and community-embedded scholarship. You have studied and researched alongside faculty members and fellow students who share a commitment to understanding human behavior and seek to make the world a better place. Our research, courses and field study opportunities are oriented at solving some of the most crucial social and environmental challenges of our time, including issues involving the coronavirus pandemic, mass incarceration, environmental sustainability, homelessness, poverty and mental health. With this stage of your education now completed, we encourage you to take what you have learned to become part of the solution.

Our school also emphasizes the importance of equity and justice. We have prepared you to think about how you can help advance a more equitable society. We will look to you with great hope as you apply that greater sense of purpose in your next endeavors.

No matter where you are headed next or what you will do, please know that we take pride in you and your accomplishments. And, as alumni of Social Ecology, we hope you will please remember to stay connected so we can continue to cheer on your successes.

Congratulations on your graduation and go out and make a difference!

Best wishes,

Jon B. Gould
Dean, School of Social Ecology
Congratulations, UCI social sciences graduates! I’m so proud to welcome you as our newest members of the Social Sciences Alumni Network. With your graduation today, you are joining an elite group of more than 60,000 changemakers who can be found everywhere from the halls of justice in D.C. to capitals around the world engaged in international relations work. Our alumni are making a difference through entrepreneurial endeavors from Northgate to Northern Africa, in courtrooms across the nation, boardrooms in some of the world’s top companies, and classrooms around the globe training our next generation of leaders.

I know the last few years are not what any of us would have envisioned your college experience to be. But then again, for many of us, the road has never been straightforward, easy or clear. That’s been the case for more than half of today’s graduating class, who, with the turn of a tassel, represent the first person in their families to graduate from college.

No matter your story, you’ve all shown the true resiliency of the soc sci Anteater spirit. And as you leave UCI today with your hard-earned degree, I challenge each of you to continue pursuing a future that makes the world a better place than you’ve found it. Be bold, always break the mold, and be boundaryless in your pursuit.

Congratulations, social sciences graduates of the class of 2022.

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Bill Maurer
Dean, School of Social Sciences
Professor, Department of Anthropology and School of Law
Director, Institute for Money, Technology and Financial Inclusion

December’s Commencement ceremonies at UCI represent the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and determination. They also represent the beginning of the next phase of your lives.

It is my honor and pleasure to congratulate you for earning degrees during the 2022-23 academic year, as well as those who are here to celebrate with you. No one can complete this journey without a great support system, especially during a year as difficult as this one.

Commencement is a time to reflect, but it is also an opportunity to publicly recognize the transition from a student to a leader and innovator in today’s ever-changing world. The world is better for the critical thinking skills and knowledge you will put to work in a positive and impactful way. You have earned the highest degree in your discipline, and you are the future we await.

As of this moment you are now part of a proud family of UCI alumni, and I hope you stay in touch and keep us informed of your accomplishments. Celebrate today and know that we look forward to celebrating your accomplishments for years to come.

Gillian Hayes
Kleist Professor of Informatics
Vice Provost for Graduate Education
Dean of the Graduate Division
MASTER OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Saksham Aggarwal
Gaurav Agrawal
Puru Anand
Justin Theodore Andal
Tulika Awalgaonkar
Vamsi Krishna Balusu
Divyanshu Bhati
Mayank Chandak
Canjian Chen
Hooyang Chen
Yu-Chun Chen
Jen-Hua Chi
Swasti Choubey
Muskaan Chugh
Jiayi Cui
Anu Preetham Dangeti
Paulomee De
Uyen Dinh
Babak Michael Engheta
Wajeeha Fathima
Yukti Girdhar
Shikhir Goel
Abhishek Gupta
Varsha Harishankara
Akash Hasamnis
Jiacheng He
Zeyi Hong Chen
Yung-An Hsieh
Chia Hsu
Dom Huynh-Vu
Krishna Murthy Jagirdar
Akshay Jain
Sahil Jain
Siddhant Jain
Abhishek Jha
Ritu Jha
Jesslin Joseph
Jyothi Swaroop Kalluri
Bharani Dharan Kalyanaraman
Abhishek Kandikattu
Gurkanwal Singh Kang
Rutvi Ketan
Saurabh Khandelwal
Hardik Khare
Iva Khauv
Ruchika Jairam Kukreja
Amruta Suhas Kulkarni
Anay Kulkarni
Natasha Kulkarni
Aditya Kuppili
David Lao
Junfeng Li
Yizhen Liu
Shawn Lo
Tanya Lohiya
Qinkang Lu
Jian Ma
Zhiyuan Ma
Neel Makhecha
Manish Kumar Mathukumilli
Pranav Mathur
Taiga Miyano
Shoaib Mohammed Shoaib
Prateekshya Mohanty
Ameya Morajkar
Anthony Navarrette
Shubham Nimbalkar
Sana Pagarkar
Surya Teja Palavala
Chintan Pammnni
Anish Pandita
Tatsat Patel
Vansh Patel
Sitesh Patanai
Arkapiya Paul
Yizhuang Peng
Parshudar Poonamalle Kothandaraman
Anish Naras Prunima
Snetha Krishnan Puthan Veedu
Yuhao Qian
Haomin Qiu
Ankush Ransiwal
Karan Rao
Hardik Ruparel
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Miloni Shah
Persis Shah
Viraj Shah
Rayhaan Shaikh
Akshat Sharma
Anant Sharma
Radhiha Sharma
Xinyun Shen
Varun Shenoy
Nirmit Shetty
Yash Sindhwani
Ankita Sinha
Parthesh Vikas Soni
Hupei Su
Sai Subramaniam
Parth Suhane
Baiwei Sun
Shreyas Tanay
Tirth Chetan Thakkar
Aneesh Rajan Thakur
Charleston Tran
Minhan Tsai
Venkatesh Ummadisingu
Karan Jagadeesh Uppin
Sri Charan Reddy Vempati
Deepika Venkatesan
Neelendu Wadhwa
Duow Wang
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I can still picture my own graduation day, as the first in my family to earn a college degree. I understood what that day meant for not only my future, but for the future of my (eventual) children. Whatever your journey was to this point, there is no doubt you faced challenges and sacrifices along the way. You will never regret taking the time to pause and relish in all that you have overcome and achieved. Remember to do this throughout life, as you have many more powerful moments to come, and you will never regret taking the time to breathe it all in, relish it.

On this day celebrating your hard-earned accomplishment, also take a moment to express gratitude to all who have journeyed by your side while providing support and guidance — your family, friends, faculty and your Anteater community. With each step forward, know that your fellow Anteaters go with you and that you will forever be a part of the bold and pioneering UCI alumni family!

As an alum you will always represent UCI, and I hope you do so with pride. I encourage you to stay connected, remain involved and strengthen your relationship with the university and Anteaters of all graduating classes past and future. Our online mentoring platform, The Anteater Network (antnet.uci.edu), is a wonderful way to do just that!

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As you take those next steps forward, know that there are so many individuals who are in your corner cheering you on — your family, your friends, your professors, and your fellow alumni. You are now a college graduate and we are so proud of you, Anteater!

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