



Department of Biology

Graduation Celebration

SPRING 2021

May 17, 2021

Dr. Jason Bush, Chair

Dr. Karine Gousset, Associate Chair

GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Presented by

THE DEPARTMENT
OF BIOLOGY
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY,
FRESNO

May 17, 2021

Dear Biology Graduates and Guests,

Congratulations to the 2020-21 graduating class from the Department of Biology. The faculty and staff are honored to host our students at this year's event. You, the students, have persevered with your studies as you negotiated a rigorous curriculum, learning to understand the complexity and diversity of life. The Biology faculty and staff are honored to have been part of your education and are delighted that each of you has achieved the milestone of graduation.

Reaching this point required long hours of hard work and dedication. You should be proud of your accomplishments and confident of your future success, as should your families and friends who provided you with support and encouragement during your degree pursuits. We hope that your hard work has prepared you well for continued success as you continue to learn and grow.

We anticipate that you will stay in touch with the Department of Biology and keep us informed of your progress as your careers unfold. We will always welcome hearing from you.

Lastly, we wish you success and happiness in your careers and in your lives, and we thank you for having been a part of the department.

Jason Bush, Ph.D.
Chair, Department of Biology

PROGRAM

The virtual presentation is available May 17, 2021, on the College of Science and Mathematics YouTube Channel.

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATING STUDENTS

Welcome

Dr. Jason Bush
Professor and Chair,
Department of Biology

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARDS

STORIES SHARED BY GRADUATES

List of Spring 2021 Graduates
List of Spring 2020 Graduates

Congratulations, Graduates!



Department of Biology

Graduates Spring 2021

BACHELOR OF ARTS NATURAL SCIENCES, BIOLOGY OPTION

Aguirre, Daniel
Andraca, Jacqueline
Chang, Justin
Juarez, Adela
Palafox, Joshua
Reusch, Brenden
Risueno, Isaiah *
Robinson, Kaylee

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY

Abdullah, Ali **
Aceves, Nathalie ***
Al Aqori, Arwa
Alvarez, Annabelle *
Amador, Ethan *
Aqra, Maisoon
Armenta-Munoz, Jose
Arreola, Jazmine
Athwal, Savneesh *
Attia, Zinab **
Avdalyan, Armenuhi

Bacani, Allison
Banks, Robert,
Bedford, Andrew ***
Biehler, Lindsey **
Birkel, Nicholas
Boyajian, Britni **
Brar, Navleen ***
Brar, Navrose
Brown, Elizabeth
Cardenas, Stephanie
Carranza, Marcus
Carraway, Aneesa *
Castillo Alvarez, Lizette ***
Chavez, Salvador *
Combs, Tyler
Conroy, Coral *
Contreras, Andrew **
Contreras, Noah ***
Coronado Gonzalez, Leticia
Cuaron, Ariana
Dhillon, Harleen
Dzhezryan, Dikran **
Espinosa, Jean Leslie
Failla, Colton

Fernandez, Esther ***
Foster, Teresa
Fulton, Valerie **
Furtado, Ansley **
Garcia, Luz
Garcia-Ramos, Carlos
Gastelum, Yesenia
Gill, Jaskarn
Gill, Pawanpreet
Gill, Sukhraj **
Gonzales, Paul
Gonzales, Rosendo
Gonzalez Nunez, Carlos
Hatwig, Jennifer
Her, Tshaj
Hernandez, Blanca
Hernandez, Gabrielle
Hough, Alexandra **
Huerta Mora, Liliana
Hussein, Hana **
Ilyas, Zaina ***
Jauregui, Karina
Johnstone, Andrew ***
Juarez, Jeremiah

Kanwar, Neytali ***
Kaur, Jasleen ***
Kaur, Jaspreet
Kaur, Mandeep ***
Kaur, Ramanpreet **
Khosravi, Golnoush
Kiran, Miriam ***
Larreynaga, Laura
Le, Tanya
Lewis, Aisha
Lim, Zi Liang **
Linville, Nicholas ***
Lona, Edra
Long, Hailey *
Lopez Reyes, Itzel
Magana Hernandez, Manuel
Martel, Connor
Mckay, Dahnelynn
Meehan, Jacob *
Meehan, Kelly **

Meza, Alma
Meza, Amarisa **
Meza, Evangelina
Mian, Manaal ***
Mills, Jenny ***
Mohamad, Isaac
Mojarro, Evangelina
Molina, Maria ***
Moreno, Denize
Murguia, Sofia
Navarrette Castellanos, Joselyn
Nijjar, Avneet
Nijjar, Harkanwar
Pandher, Gursimran
Parrish, Tyrren
Patton, Titus **
Pedraza Shepard, Celia
Perez, Jaime
Phillips, Nicole **
Quatro Plobyone, Benjamin *

Ramandeep Kaur, -
Ramirez, Alejandro
Ramos, Jose
Robles, Eduardo
Rodriguez, Michael
Rodriguez, Yvette ***
Rodriguez-Alvarado, Jonathan
Rodriguez-Valdez, Cynthia
Rogers, Sara
Rojas, Anayeli ***
Ruiz, Leonor
Saed, Rebhia
Safrazian, David
Sakata, Alex
Sanchez, Lizett
Sanchez Matias, Erik
Sangha, Ratanjit
Seward, Robert **
Shin, Joseph
Singh, Varinderjit
Soto Olivera, Jazmin *
Stephenson, Christian



Honors:

- * Cum Laude;
- ** Magna Cum Laude,
- *** Summa Cum Laude
- ★ With distinction

Sublett, Danielle
Sudanagunta, Swathilakshmi
Swan, Preet **
Thomas, Caitlin
Torres, Emmanuel
Twhig, Frances
Uribe, Alberto ***
Vai-Brooks, Yeainababa
Valencia Calixto, Reveca
Vaughn-Martinez, Aaron **
Vidal, Erica
Volpp-Garcia, Drew
Vue, Kalista *
Vukajlovic, Nickolas ***
Ward, Robin
White, Michelle
Wilson III, Bill
Wojciechowski Osorio, Henrique **
Woodbury, Matt
Xiong, Daisy
Xiong, Noupeng
Xiong, Zoua *
Yang, Destiny
Yang, Julie
Yang, Touchuedu
Zamora, Ryan

**GRADUATES, MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN BIOLOGY**

Aguilar, Eric
Azami, Paria ★
Bever, Samantha ★
Bivins, Christopher
Cheatham, Jazmin
Denis, Joe ★
Dziegiel, Abigail ★
Fallahzadeh, Maryam
Flores, David
Flores, Emmanuel
Gutierrez-Magana, Edgar
Leibold, Dalton ★
Lopez, Alexander ★
Lum, Romy ★

**GRADUATES,
MASTER OF BIOTECHNOLOGY**

Desai, Shirisha
Garza, Adam
Kondam, Aarathi
Sreejith, Kamna
Thomas, Jacyntha

Honors:

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- ** Magna Cum Laude,
- *** Summa Cum Laude
- ★ With distinction

Department of Biology

Graduates Spring 2020

BACHELOR OF ARTS NATURAL SCIENCES, BIOLOGY OPTION

Alvarado, Katarina *
Bravo, Juan
Costa, Rachel
Ehrsam, Ashley
Johnson, Austin
Mohsin, Gihad

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY

Aujla, Gursharnjit
Cortez, Chemyn **
Gebremedhin, Mebrihit
Gonzalez, Sandra
Hayter, Amber

Hill, Kiara
Mendez-Gouker, Bianka
Nagi, Itab *
Rivas, Stephanie
Salcedo, Veronica
Sanchez, Michelle
Sciaroni, Nicholas **
Wu, Sitong
Aguilar, Jessica
Alsaalem, Layla
Baldozano, Kathryn Anne
Bernal, Elijah
Chahal, Gurman
Chheang, Mlooba
Cuaresma, Jeff
Debenedetto, Cedric
Dhatt, Simran *
Diaz Bravo, Marliez
Ellis, Samantha
Estrada Caballero, Miguel
Figueroa, Norma
Flores, Flora
Franco, Julissa

Frankfort, Brittany
Garcia, Brianna
Gill, Jasmeet
Gomez, Allyssa *
Gomez, Miguel
Gonzalez, Angelica
Herr, Ruby
Holm, David ***
Kaur, Mandeep
Ko, Austin
Krikorian, Shant ***
Marek, Sidney
Martinez, Francisco
Martinez, Stephanie
Mendrin, Lukyon *
O'Keefe, Connor ***
Ollivier, Raymond
Paulsen, Alycia
Perez, Karina
Prieto, Catherine
Putnam, Nicholas ***
Rawson, Marissa *
Reimer, Aaron **
Saechao, Muey
Saleh, Sam **
Sekhon, Manharsh ***

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Terriquez Gonzalez, Patricia
Thao, Gau Hli *
Ung, Gech Suong *
Walker, Varie
Xiong, Alina
Xiong, Nancy
Yang, Pajais *
Yorba, Natalie
Acosta, Christopher ***
Adame, Isaac
Alqaysi, Daniah
Alvarez, Rosalia
Angel Marquez, Maribel
Bahramand, Ashley
Bal, Inderpreet ***
Bandalak, Kirill *
Bhatti, Alina *
Cabasa, Kiana ***
Camara, Quinn ***
Cantu, Monique
Castro, Daniel *
Chamberlain, Shelby
Chavez, Nancy
Chung, Juhan
Corona, Eddie
Cruz, Celeste
Cruz, Kevin
Dahl, Briana *
Davis, Phoebe

De Vera, John
Dhesi, Harman ***
Dudney, Hope *
Dumrauf, Rochelle
Fajardo, Kristine Joy
Garcia, Marisa
Gill, Harmandeep
Gomez Franco, Vanessa
Gonzalez, Annette
Gonzalez, Leticia
Gonzalez, Stewart
Granados, Marco
Granata, Bryce ***
Graves, Chrisionna
Gregor, Travis
Hansen, Collin
Haq, Anika
Hehar, Simardeep **
Her, Marlene
Heredia, Isabella
Jaeckel, Zachary ***
Janjua, Kulvir
Jimenez, Efrain
Kaur, Harneet *
Kaur, Sabrina
Kaur, Sukhmanpreet **
Koop, Brianna
Kramer, Jordan
Langdon, Taylor **

Leon, Nicole *
Lichtenstein, Dana **
Loa, Steven
Lonh, Siphanarene
Machado, Lindsay *
Mann, Gagandeep
Martinez, Dulce
McGee, Alyssa ***
Mendoza, Daisy
Nassrallah, Sieham
Nekoonam, Rojina ***
Nguyen, Khanh
Nicolo, Tori *
Okonkwo, Justin
Ortiz, Mollie
Pacheco, Andrew
Pacheco, Daisy **
Parker, Saramae
Perez, Denice
Perry, Jacob
Peters, Kaylin
Princesa, Christian
Rajasekaran, Anindita ***
Ramos Lopez, Fabiola
Rendon, Erica
Reyes, Pedro
Ruiz, Brenda ***
Salazar, Joey
Salinas, Rodolfo

Salmon, Spencer
Sanchez, Bailey-J ***
Sanchez, Erik
Sanchez, Taylor-J ***
Segundo, Yvonne
Shank, Megan
Sipra, Shizra ***
Sirivong, Chance
Stinski Ertl, Hannah
Sy Siong, Daryl Jan
Takhar, Sukhmeet **
Trevino-Escandon, Fabian **
Ulloa, Alondra
Underhill, Daisy **
Valdovinos-Valencia, Ilenia
Valencia, Stephanie
Valencia, Vanessa
Valle, Angel
Vang, Lillian ***
Vang, Matthew ***
Vang, Thai
Velazquez, Abraham
Vidal, Marcelo

Villarreal, Enoc **
Xiong, Kashiachia
Yang, Khou

**GRADUATES, MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN BIOLOGY**

Curiel, Joel,
Abu-Elreich, Sarah ★
Ajanel Gomez, Jehiel ★
Arteaga, Erik,
Avila, Adam ★
Barreto Zavala, Yaneth ★
Boortz, Karen,
Chen, Sylvia,
Cornel, Megan ★
Friedlein, Jordan ★
Gonzalez, Dalia ★
Grill, Mike,
Hernandez, Alejandro,
Lopez, Rachel ★
Mendoza, Austin ★
Montiel, Christian,

Moshier, Shelby ★
Munoz, Evelin ★
Munoz Ruiz, Edgar,
Robles, Peter ★
Rosenthal, Elianna ★
Senn, Lillian ★
Singh, Krizma ★
Thomas, Jason ★
Trujillo Banuelos, Andreina ★
Winsor, Stephen ★

**GRADUATES,
MASTER OF BIOTECHNOLOGY**

Venkatesh Babu, Gokhul ★
James, Dawn

Honors:

- * Cum Laude;
- ** Magna Cum Laude,
- *** Summa Cum Laude
- ★ With distinction



BIOLOGY HONORS

Aceves, Nathalie Marie
Bacani, Allison
Brar, Navleen Kaur
Contreras, Noah Matthew
Hough, Alexandra Megan
Ilyas, Zaina
Kiran, Miriam Muain
McElroy, Zafina Alanna
Mian, Manaal Fatima
Molina, Maria Margarita
Patton, Titus Mark
Somsacksy, Souvixada Sky

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

David Britz Scholarship: Sebastian Gavarette
Dick Haas Scholarship: Natalie Yorba
Gina Arce Memorial Scholarship: Giovanna Munoz-Gonzalez
Downing Science Scholarship: Caoilinn Hardy
George Van Vleet Jr. Memorial Scholarship: Manyu Amarsingh
Carl E. Levin Science & Math Scholarship: Odalys Reyes-Olivera
Clay Science Education Scholarship: Michelle Patterson
Fly Fishers for Conservation Scholarship: Josue Magana
Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Scholarship: Hannah Avitia
Outstanding Graduating Biology Student Award: Harleen Kaur
Liliane D. Wells Scholarship: Maram Kiran
Peter & Edna Grilione Memorial Scholarship in Environmental Biology:
Kira Gangbin
Doris F. Falk Memorial Scholarship: Noah Contreras
Lorraine Wiley Scholarship: Yimeng Li

**OUTSTANDING STUDENTS
IN BIOLOGY**

MS Graduate Thesis - Abigail Dziegiel

MS Graduate Project - Shrishia Desai

Undergraduate - Maria Molina

DEAN'S MEDALIST NOMINEES

Graduate/MS Biology - Dalton Leibold

Graduate/MS Biotech - Shirisha Desai

Undergraduate - Maria Molina

