Occidental College
Celebrating the Class of 2020
June 14, 2020
10 a.m.
“Make and remake the world and you will make and remake yourself without even trying. You’ve got this. And we’re counting on you.”

SARA EL-AMINE ’07, addressing Oxy’s graduating seniors in Hillside Theater on May 20, 2018
**Program**

**Opening**  
“Grand March” from *Aida*, by Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901)  
*Licensed from Green Hill Music*

**Welcome**  
JONATHAN VEITCH  
President, Occidental College

**Invocation**  
THE REV. SUSAN E. YOUNG  
Director, Religious and Spiritual Life

**Remarks**  
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**Choral Anthem**  
THE OCCIDENTAL GLEE CLUB  
Conducted by DÉSIRÉE LAVERTU, Director of Choral & Vocal Activities  
CATHERINE SELNA ’20, soloist

“You with the sad eyes, don’t be discouraged  
Oh I realize it’s hard to take courage  
In a world full of people you can lose sight of it all  
And the darkness there inside you makes you feel so small

But I see your true colors shining through  
I see your true colors and that’s why I love you  
So, don’t be afraid to let them show  
Your true colors  
Your true colors are beautiful, like a rainbow

Show me a smile then, and don’t be unhappy  
Can’t remember when I last saw you laughing  
If this world makes you crazy and you’ve taken all you can bear  
Don’t you know you can call me up because you know I’ll be there

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Occidental glorious,                      ’Neath the mountains old and grand
O’er her foes victorious                  By the roar of Ocean’s strand,
Be her praise uproarious,                 Girt with might forever stand,
Occidental fair.                          Occidental fair.

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Selden, New York

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Atlanta, Georgia

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Rancho Cucamonga, California

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Singapore, Republic of Singapore

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Spanish Studies
McLean, Virginia

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Computer Science
Music
Nanjing, China

Sergio Perez
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Roee M. Perry
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Religious Studies
Cleveland, Ohio

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Seattle, Washington

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Ktheri Pratt
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Media Arts and Culture
Westmont, Illinois

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History
Lake Stevens, Washington

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Austin, Texas

Nelson Philips Rayl
Economics
Woodinville, Washington

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Critical Theory and Social Justice
Seattle, Washington

Thomas Coleman Renehan
Physics
Seattle, Washington

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Politics
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Sacramento, California

Leopold Christian Ringmayr
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Berlin, Germany

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Philosophy
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Irvington, New York

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Hope Elizabeth Roehrs  
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**Music**  
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**Sociology**  
Madison, Wisconsin

Sarah Elizabeth Ruiz  
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Aracely Ruvalcaba  
**Diplomacy and World Affairs**  
Santa Ana, California

Shae Michael Sakamoto  
**Biology**  
Bellevue, Washington

Gabrielle S. Saliamonas  
**Psychology**  
Coral Gables, Florida

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**Cognitive Science**  
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**Chinese Studies**  
San Diego, California

Annalise Kate Schulman  
**Biology**  
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Laurence John Seabrook  
**Biochemistry**  
Walnut Creek, California

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**Economics**  
San Diego, California

Josiah R. Sheffie  
**Biology**  
Los Angeles, California

Adnan Shihabi  
**Kinesiology**  
Glendale, California

Kainan J. Short  
**History**  
San Juan Capistrano, California

Anne Shrum  
**Psychology**  
Fort Collins, Colorado

Perrin Shyne  
**Cognitive Science**  
East Asian Studies  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Wendelyn Joyce Sia  
**Kinesiology**  
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Anya Silverman-Stoloff  
**Politics**  
South Orange, New Jersey

Benjamin Simon  
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Haddon Township, New Jersey

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Chicago, Illinois

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**Computer Science**  
Scottsdale, Arizona

Kathy Maria Sorto  
**Sociology**  
Los Angeles, California

Malcolm Sowah  
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New York, New York

Zoe Madeline Speer  
**Theater**  
Nashville, Tennessee

Kayla Rose Steinke  
**Chemistry**  
River Forest, Illinois

Michael F. Steinke  
**Biochemistry**  
Redlands, California

Aaron Mitchell Stemp  
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Christopher James Stern  
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Litchfield, Connecticut

Andrea Gwendolyn Stine  
**Mathematics**  
Springfield, Missouri

Benjamin K. Su  
**Economics**  
Pasadena, California

Bryan Suh  
**Art and Art History**  
Hong Kong

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**East Asian Studies**  
The Bronx, New York

Snigdha T. Suvarna  
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Troy, Michigan

Sofia Swanson  
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Chicago, Illinois

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Theftord, Vermont

Rylan M. Tangonan  
**Biology**  
Kaneohe, Hawai'i

Catherine Sarah Teasdale  
**Economics**  
Newton, Massachusetts

Catherine Rose Terry  
**Biology**  
Santa Clara, California

Asher Daniel Tessier  
**Media Arts and Culture**  
Theater  
Palmer, Massachusetts

Dahlia G. Theriault  
**Art and Art History**  
Lafayette, California

Sabrina Livingston Thurber  
**Economics**  
Riverside, Connecticut

Jadie Siew Thurnham  
**Biology**  
Northampton, United Kingdom

Zhiyu Tian  
**Media Arts and Culture**  
Berkeley, California

Elizabeth Tibebu  
**American Studies**  
Alexandria, Virginia

Javion Morris Tinsley  
**Politics**  
Atlanta, Georgia

Kathrynn Chair  
**Psychology**  
Munich, Germany

Kaylie J. Treskin  
**Politics**  
Bainbridge Island, Washington

Brittany Alexis Tovar  
**Sociology**  
Dallas, Texas

Jonathan Micheal Trayser  
**Psychology**  
Munich, Germany

Karlin Uzawa  
**Group Language**  
Berkeley, California

Karin Uzawa  
**Group Language**  
Berkeley, California

Ian Lane Ramsey Van Dusen  
**Geology**  
Olympia, Washington

Mahum Vance  
**Politics**  
Old Tappan, New Jersey

Liliana Ibet Vasquez  
**Sociology**  
Los Angeles, California
Vishnupriya Veerina  
Politics  
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Park City, Utah

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Cognitive Science  
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Psychology  
Shanghai, China

Sydney Wang  
Economics  
Shanghai, China

Veronica Wang  
Economics  
Arcadia, California

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History  
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Politics  
Lake Osceego, Oregon

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Chicago, Illinois

Nikita Wolf  
Sociology  
Portland, Oregon

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Economics  
Cupertino, California

Tyler James Wray  
Psychology  
Sammamish, Washington

Dominique Wright  
Music  
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Wesley Owen Wright  
English  
Chatsworth, California

Jade Hsuan-Chi Ch Wu  
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Economics  
Honolulu, Hawai’i

Jiaqian Wu  
Biochemistry  
Shanghai, China

Yuxin Xu  
Mathematics  
Beijing, China

Yan Yan  
Computer Science  
Shanghai, China

Huixi Yang  
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East Asian Studies  
Shenyang, China

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Yifan Yin  
Media Arts and Culture  
Liaoning, China

Daniel Jiwoo Yoon  
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Corona, California

Kyrilia Chin Young  
Biology  
Seattle, Washington

Sarah Weisz Young  
Diplomacy and World Affairs  
Arlington, Virginia

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Japanese Studies  
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Zhi Zhang Yu  
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Mathematics  
Danville, California

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Politics  
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Graduation Honors

Summa cum Laude is awarded to those students who have achieved a grade point average of 3.90 and have passed the comprehensive exam with distinction; Magna cum Laude, to those students who have achieved a grade point average of 3.75 and have passed the comprehensive exam; and Cum Laude, to those students who have achieved a grade point average of 3.50 and have passed the comprehensive exam.

Summa cum Laude

Catherine Ming Anderson
Ryder Irwin Bennell
Nicholas Albert Bethune
Camille Bzechiffa
Peter Coulson
Jane Catherine Crosby-Schmidt
Lilianna C. Henkel
Monica J. Kim
Alexander Saunders Klas
Berkl J. Maningo
Davin Ella McKinley
Elena Kamila Neale
Adelia Joy Nunn
Skye Reed
Caroline Riley
Leopold Christian Ringmayr
Laurence John Seabrook
Rylan M. Tangonan
Catherine Rose Terry
Yan Yan

Magna cum Laude

Devoney Amberg
Sarah Elizabeth Ashley
Erin Ball
Maria Isabelle Barkhurst
Sara Pearl Bawale
Joshua J. Beisel
Ada O. Blige
Luke Cavanaugh Bkaika Boyer
Xiangyu Cao
Hannah R. Case
Rachel Mary Chang
Andrea Nichole Devries
Jack Patrick Dougherty
Anna Patricia Franceschelli
Kathryn M. Grossmann
Leah Elizabeth Harman
Nora Grace Healy
Andrew M. Henson
Hannah Christine Hoefs
Chuanjie Hong
Habiba Lundambuyu Nina Hopson
Dorothy A. Hudson
Ian Jan
Masamu Kawada
Micah Kirscher
Tao Wang Kuan
Sarah Jessica Lasoff
Hannah Mee-yeon Lee
Andrew Grant Leffler
Hailey Joyce Lister
Michael E. Luongo
Ariadne Makridakis
Devon Colvin Mann
Riley McCabe

Cum Laude

Hollie K. Adams
Alana Elena Adelman
Olivia Adelman
Karla Alas-Lopez
Cheldon Ann Alcantara
Connor Flynn Allison
Natalie M. Arbogast
Erin D. Ay
Talia Jordan Bar Yaacov
Belle Bashaw
Carol K. Beckett
John Patrick Bender Jr.
Joshua Stefan Bogen
Lilla McNeil Corse Butterworth
Madeline Sarah Callis
Julian D. Caravantes
Sydney Erin Carter
Mun Keat Julian Chan
Charlene Li Chen
John B. Chen
Monica E. Cherhoff
Lauren Li-Min Chin
Emma Silverstein Choute
David P. Collins
Kevin Conroy
Meridith Louise Cook
Elena G. Daniel
Seth Davis
Henrik De La Torre
Anne Lise Delgado
Ivy Claire Denham-Conroy
Conal Manus Dennison
Annalie Dern
Ivan Derrick
Jagmirt Kaur Dhani
Lindsee Marie Diaz
Pierce Kathahin Dimauco
Kate Elizabeth Dinauer
Nina Dutta
Riki Hisayo Suzuki Ejima
Dawson J. Enstrom
Jack A. Fernandes
Eli Feuerman
Naomi Field
Hope E. Fowler
Victoria L. Funk
Kiersten Gabaldon
Brendan Gallbraith
Isabel Grace Geddes
Isaac Glasser
Milo Raymond Goodell
Alexander Granath
Natallia Luna Guerra
Kali Michelle Haire
Julian Robert Halpern
Cassia Loukides Harrison
Leah Catheral Healy
Nicola Kim Henderson
Nicole Dizon Henderson
Sarah E. Hofmann
Alison A. Hunter
Mason Vaughn Hurlock
Tala Ismail
Nkese J. Jack
Maxime Joly
Ryan Hideo Kaneshiro
Molly C. Kauffmann
Makayla R. Keasler
Malvika Khanna
Brian Kim
Farrah Kim
Joshua K. Kim
Gregory M. Kleinman
Junepyo Loo
Yuri Lee
Emily Anne Leonard
Jaydon Marc Levitt
Bryce Lewis-Smith
Allen Li
Betsy Li
Brian Li
Tianyu Li
Yunjie Li
Citlaly Madrid
Saya K. Maeda
Lily M. Maness
Mike M. Matsuura
Daniel J. McGrath
Jason John Mittler
Elliott Lyn Moore
Jackson Thornhill Chapman
Munn

Ebram K. Nafrzheimer
Xavier A. Nelson-Rowntree
Michael Paul Netzel
Tanner Michael Nickles
Cyrus Nordhagen
Pablo Nukaya-Petralia
Cheyenne Laura Orozco
Xianna Emmanuelle Ortiz
Jung In Park
Samantha Jean Peck-Sanders
Alessandra K. Pelliccia
Roe M. Perry
Sofia Marisa Porcarelli
Ellen S. Prince
Charlotte Anne Rand
Onpailin Rangsitthienchai
Samuel Ritmeester-Loy
Kathryn G. Roach
Hope Elizabeth Roehrs
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Evan G. Sarafian
Naomi W. Schiller
Eleanor R. Severeance
Alvin Edhitija Siagian
Rachel Sidebottom
Anya Silverman-Stoloff
Benjamin Simon
Maggie Lynn Smart-McCabe
Ben R. Smith
Joseph Michael Sortino
Kathy Maria Sorto
Zoe M. Speer
Andrea Gwendolyn Stine
Benjamin K. Su
Isabel Yunwoo Sung
Jade Siew Thurnham
Jonathan Micheal Trayser
Kaylie J. Treskin
Karim Uzawa
Ian Lane Ramsey Van Dusen
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Harrison D. Wakefield
Joseph David Waldow
Emily Jo Wharry
Kayla Chayse Williams
Abigail C. Wilson
Nikita Wolf
Wesley Owen Wright
Jaqian Wu
Yuxin Xu
Caleb Yellin-Flaherty
Yifan Yin
Kyrilia Chin Young
Sarah Weisz Young
Chentian Yu
Biyu Zhang
Ian Matthew Zunt
**College Honors**

Students who meet the scholarship standards of the Honors Program may present a special project representing sustained independent research to the faculty of their major department. Those whose projects are judged to be outstanding are awarded College Honors upon graduation.

**In Biochemistry**
- Ian Jan
- Allen Li
- Tanner Michael Nickles

**In Biology**
- Cheldon Ann Alcantara
- Sarah Elizabeth Ashey
- Bryce Lewis-Smith
- Samuel Ritmeester-Loy
- Rachel Sidebottom
- Gianna Lee Zinnen

**In Chemistry**
- Masamu Kawada
- Yuri Lee

**In Cognitive Science**
- Isabel Grace Geddes
- Devon Colvin Mann
- Maria Salter

**In Critical Theory and Social Justice**
- Natalia Luna Guerra
- Julian Robert Halpern
- Ariadne Makridakis
- Skye Reed
- Hope Elizabeth Roehrs

**In Diplomacy and World Affairs**
- Kate Elizabeth Dinauer
- Jack A. Fernandes
- Nora Grace Healy
- Saya K. Maeda
- Isabel Carmen Morales
- Alessandra K. Pellecchia
- Sofia Marisa Porcarelli

**In English**
- Peter Coulson
- Grace Metos
- Ella Marie Morner-Ritt
- Natalie A. Ray

**In Geology**
- Lori A. Berberian
- Fiona Pedrick
- Ian Lane Ramsey Van Dusen

**In History**
- Kevin Conroy
- Milo Raymond Goodell

**In Mathematics**
- Kathryn M. Grossmann
- Andrea Gwendolyn Stine

**In Philosophy**
- Jacob S. Eggert

**In Politics**
- Erin D. Ay
- Victoria L. Funk
- Berkli J. Maningo
- Vishnupriya Veerina
- Rachel J. Winningham

**In Psychology**
- Charlene Li Chen
- Hannah Mee-yeon Lee
- Anne Shrum
- Keying Wang

**In Religious Studies**
- Rachel Mary Chang

**In Sociology**
- Catherine Ming Anderson
- Alexander Granath
- Liliana Henkel
- Liliana Iber Vasquez
- Vishnupriya Veerina

**In Theater**
- Sophia Alanna Fern Brown
- Mitchell MacClean Carswell
- Molly C. Kauffman
- Sergio Perez
- Kainan J. Short
- Zoe Madeline Speer
- Asher Daniel Tessier

**In Urban and Environmental Policy**
- Natalie M. Arbogast
- Meredith Louise Cook
- Sarah Jessica Lasoff
- Caroline Riley
- Ben R. Smith
- Kayla Chayse Williams

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**Delta Chapter, Phi Beta Kappa**

The following members of the Senior Class of 2020 were elected to Phi Beta Kappa national honor society.

Devoney Amberg
Catherine Ming Anderson
Sarah Elizabeth Ashey
Maria Isabelle Barkhurst
Joshua J. Beisel
Ryder Bennell
Nicholas Albert Bethune
Ada Blige
Camille Brzechffa
Xiangyue Cao
Rachel Mary Chang
Peter Coulson
Jane Catherine Crosby-Schmidt
Anna Patricia Franceschelli

Kathryn M. Grossmann
Leah Elizabeth Harman
Nora Grace Healy
Liliana Henkel
Andrew M. Henson
Hannah Christine Hoefs
Habiba Lundambuyu Nina
Hopson
Ian Jan
Masamu Kawada
Monica J. Kim
Alexander Saunders Klas
Tao Wang Kwan
Hannah Mee-yeon Lee

Crystal S. Liang
Berkli J. Maningo
Devon Colvin Mann
Ian R. McConnell
Atmasia Dessalegn Mekonnen
Annika Moen
Isabel Carmen Morales
Elena Kamila Neale
Adelia Joy Nunn
Andrew M. Park
Fiona Pedrick
Natalie A. Ray
Skye Reed
Caroline Riley

Leopold Christian Ringmayr
Laurence John Seabrook
Anne Elizabeth Shrum
Rylan M. Tanganon
Catherine Rose Terry
Dahlia G. Theriault
Alex Richard Skinner Twomey
Vishnupriya Veerina
Keying Wang
Kristine Lee White
Yan Yan
Gianna Lee Zinnen
**College Awards/Class Day Honorees**

**The Phi Beta Kappa Benjamin H. Culley Prize**, established in 1984 by the Delta Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa in memory of Dean Culley, chapter secretary from 1943 to 1982, recognizes a graduating senior whose initiative and creativity beyond the classroom have enhanced the intellectual climate of the College. The 2020 recipient is **Michael Kwan**, a music and physics double major from San Francisco. He and his family left their native Hong Kong so that he and his brother could be able to attend college in America. Michael knew he wanted to major in physics when he enrolled at Oxy, but it was the opportunity to study violin with Lyndon Johnston Taylor, the Benjamin H. Culley Teaching Artist in Residence at Oxy, that prompted him to pursue a double major in physics and music. Of all his activities at Oxy, his favorite was playing in Sinfonia, Oxy’s orchestral ensemble. As a participant in Music on a Friday Afternoon, the Music Department’s informal recital series, Michael not only played but also conducted a piece performed by his peers.

**The Lucille Y. Gilman Memorial Award** is presented annually by Mortar Board to an outstanding senior in recognition of service, leadership, and scholarship. The award was established in 1979 in memory of Mrs. Gilman, first wife of the 10th president of Occidental. The 2020 recipients are **Aracely Ruvalcaba**, a diplomacy and world affairs major and critical theory and social justice minor from Santa Ana, and **Kayla Chayse Williams**, an urban and environmental policy major from the Bronx, New York.

Aracely Ruvalcaba has dedicated her time at Oxy to the pursuit of community engagement. Participating in Oxy’s Multicultural Summer Institute heightened her passion for social justice that guided her throughout her undergraduate experience. She has not only grown in the last four years academically but also socially, emotionally, and spiritually. She has always been thankful for the friendships and relationships she developed at Oxy. She thanks both her peers and the Oxy community for encouraging her transformation into the person she is today.

Kayla Williams grew up seeing good people slip through the cracks and vowed to do everything she could to disrupt this cycle. As a summer intern with Esperanza Community Housing Corporation, she realized the power of education to empower communities, and continued that work at the Center for Community Based Learning (CCBL) throughout her four years at Oxy. Kayla has served as an Education in Action facilitator and coordinator; as a tutor for students in transitional housing through the School on Wheels program; and as a teaching assistant. Additionally, Kayla has supported students on campus through her work with the Obama Scholars Program and as the club liaison for the Diversity and Equity Board (DEB). Kayla’s commitment to her work is in large part a reflection of the love, energy, and time that mentors and leaders have poured into her, and she accepts these senior honors on their behalf.

**The Mortar Board Award for the Promotion of the Status of Women** is presented to a member of the senior class who has made a substantial contribution to fostering cultural, religious, and ethnic interaction and therefore enhancing a sense of community on campus. The 2020 recipient is **August Ella Bruce Barringer**, a studio art and art history major from Norwalk, Connecticut; and **Kayla Chayse Williams**.

August Barringer has been working to support trans women since she came out in fall 2016. As president of the Queer Student Alliance, she founded the student organization TRANScendence to support trans individuals and make Oxy a more trans-inclusive space. August received the Undergraduate Research Center’s Mellon Fellowship, which she used to create an installation expressing the relationship she and other trans women have with the city of Los Angeles. For her senior comprehensive, August created a 20-foot sculpture, **Effulgence**, memorializing transgender individuals (particularly trans women) who have been murdered, and critiquing the visual expectations society has based on its dichotomous understanding of gender. After a year or two of work, she hopes to go to art school for her MFA studies.

**The Donald R. Loftsgordon Memorial Award** is presented to a member of the senior class in recognition and appreciation of the exceptional ability to communicate and inspire. The award was established in 1966 by the Associated Students of Occidental College in memory of Professor Loftsgordon, member of the Philosophy Department from 1960 to 1966, and an alumnus of the Class of 1950. The 2020 recipient is **Malek Moazzam-Doulat ’92**, adjunct assistant professor of religious studies and comparative studies in literature and culture. His research focuses on contemporary political theory with an emphasis on the relationship between Middle Eastern and European political and philosophical responses to modernity and imperialism. His recent work on the role of Continental philosophy in Iranian thought and politics will appear in the inaugural *Iranian Yearbook of Phenomenology* in 2020. In addition to academic work, Moazzam-Doulat has worked for the ACLU of Southern California, focusing on privacy rights and post-9/11 public policy and civil liberties issues facing the Muslim, Arab, and Iranian communities in Southern California.

**The Mortar Board Award for the Promotion of Multiculturalism** is presented to a member of the senior class who has made a substantial contribution to fostering cultural, religious, and ethnic interaction and therefore enhancing a sense of community on campus. The 2020 recipient is **Javion Morris Tinsley**, a politics major and Black studies and theater double minor from Atlanta by way of Opelika, Alabama. Javion was a member of the Black Student Association, Harambee, and served on the Student Affairs Cultural Diversity Advisory Group, Gender Equity Work Group, and as ASOC junior class senator. Javion was also a linebacker on Oxy’s football team as well. After graduation he will be studying for the LSAT in preparation for law school. He hopes that there will be a stronger sense of community on campus long after he is gone. Javion also wants to give a special thanks to Occidental’s Black community for supporting him and giving him the strength he needed to make it through.
National Awards

Five Oxy seniors received Fulbright Awards or were named as alternates: Camille Brzechffa, to conduct research in Poland; John B. Chen, as an alternate for teaching English in Vietnam; Habiba Lundambuyu Nina Hopson, to teach English in Colombia; Darla M. Howell, to teach English in Taiwan; and Thomas Robertson, to conduct research in Burkina Faso.

Habiba Lundambuyu Nina Hopson was awarded a Davis Projects for Peace grant. The program invited undergraduates in American colleges and universities to design grassroots projects that promote peace and address the root causes of conflict among parties.

Paul L. Charbonneau, Hailey Christina Gil, and Joseph David Waldow were participants in the Public Policy and International Affairs program (PPIA) junior summer institute. To prepare underrepresented students for graduate school and public service careers, the PPIA seeks out high-potential undergraduates to participate in an intensive seven-week summer institute before their senior year.

Athletics Awards

Nolan Michael James McCarthy (baseball) and LaShauna Porter (track and field) are the 2020 recipients of the Roy M. Dennis Scholar-Athlete Award, given to Oxy’s outstanding male and female senior scholar-athletes.

The Dunlap Award is given annually to the senior male and female student who excelled in a team sport and in the classroom. The award honors the late Grant Dunlap ’46, who played shortstop for the baseball team as a student and coached the Tigers from 1955 to 1984. The 2020 recipients are Ryan Hideo Kaneshiro (basketball) and Karla Alas-Lopez (soccer).

The Yeomans Award is named in honor of the late Pat Henry Yeomans ’38, considered the greatest tennis player in Occidental history, and recognizes the senior male and female student who excelled in an individual sport and in the classroom. The 2020 recipients are Thomas Robertson (cross country and track and field) and Sabrina Livingston Thurber (cross country and track and field).

Departmental Awards


Chemistry L. Reed Brantley Award: Marc Kawada. Frank L. Lambert Award for Service: Kayla Rose Steink. Alumni Award: Yuri Lee, Cheyenne Laura Orozco, and Allen Li. Teaching Assistants of the Year: Marc Kawada, Allen Li, and Lauren Li-Min Chin.

Computer Science Interdisciplinary Prize: Xiomara Liana Rodriguez.


Economics Best Honors Thesis: Nelson Philips Rayl. Jim Halstead Award for supporting students in learning economics: Reese Clemens Ingraham. Bennett Schwartz Award to the most outstanding student: Jane Catherine Crosby-Schmidt. Betty Tracy Award for service to the department: Annika Moen.

Education Scholar Award for Senior Thesis: Stella Wren Ramos and Kayla Chayse Williams.

History  Hardy Prize for best senior thesis: Alexander Saunders Klas and Emily Jo J. Wharry. History Student Service Award: Leah Harman.

Kinesiology  Phi Epsilon Kappa Honor Award: Elena G. Daniel.


Media Arts & Culture  Kinder Prize for Innovation and Excellence in Critical Media: Emma D. Robitaille. Strand Prize for Innovation and Excellence in Media Production: Emma Silverstein Choate. Media Arts & Culture Prize in Community Building and Service: Brendan Galbreath and Chloe Yin.

Music  Elizabeth Davis Peters Memorial Prize: Michael Kwan.

Philosophy  Lauter Prize for best senior comprehensive project: Jacob S. Eggert.


Religious Studies  Kairos Prize for Outstanding Senior Comprehensive Project: Stella Ramos.


Theater  Jack Bell Memorial Award for Creative Achievement: Sophia Alanna Fern Brown and Zoe Madeline Speer. Marion Schumacher Award for Outstanding Contributions: Mitchell MacClean Carswell and Asher Daniel Tessier.

Urban and Environmental Policy  Community Action Award: Ryder Bennell, Ivy Claire Denham-Conroy, Sarah Jessica Lasoff, Maggie Lynn Smart-McCabe, and Kayla Chayse Williams.
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