

California State University, Fresno

Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology

53RD ANNUAL

Convocation



Friday, May 19, 2023



Jordan College of Agricultural
Sciences and Technology

**Fifty-Third Annual
Graduation Convocation**

Friday, May 19, 2023

2:45 pm to 4:15pm

Save Mart Center

California State University, Fresno

Dear Graduates:

Congratulations! You are the members of the 112th graduating class of California State University , Fresno! You are a testament of courage, strength and excellence! I applaud you for achieving this major milestone in your life. Fresno State is proud to have been part of your educational journey. You are now part of Fresno State's Legacy: With a Fresno State degree, doors of opportunity will open. A Fresno State degree empowers you to give back and elevate the quality of your family, neighbors, and friends. When you look back, I know that you will view your time at Fresno State as one of personal and intellectual growth through hard work and persistence. Congratulations to you and yours! Please stay engaged with Fresno State. Wear Fresno State red and join me and our alumni in making the university the very best it can be!

Go 'Dogs!

Sincerely,

Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval, Ph.D.

Congratulations to our graduates on a job well done! I am happy to celebrate this milestone with you, your family and friends.

As you continue along the next steps in your life, I encourage you to thank those who have helped you achieve this goal, spend a few moments to consider your legacy, then set a goal for what you would like to achieve next. I wish you well on the next steps in your journey!

Best Regards,

Rolston St. Hilaire

Dean

Program

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Rolston St Hilaire, Dean

National Anthem

Jason Chamberlain

ASI President Speech

Caroline Alvarez

Congratulations

Dr. Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval, President

Xuanning Fu, Provost

Recognition and Awards

Dr. Rolston St Hilaire, Dean

Presentation of Graduating Class

Individual Graduate Recongnition by Department

Conferring of Degrees

Dr. Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval, President

Conclusion

Dr. Rolston St Hilaire, Dean

2022-2023 Commencement Honors

Outstanding graduating students are selected each year for special recognition at commencement.

This year, the Jordan College of Agricultural Science and Technology recognizes the following students:

Graduate Dean's Medalist

Jonathan Moules
Agricultural Science

Undergraduate Dean's Medalist

Joshua Heupel
Agricultural Business
Political Science

College Commencement Standards Bearers

Wen-Yin Chueh
B.S Department of Viticulture and Enology

Margaret Fernando
M.S Department of Plant Science

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS

Chair: Dr. Srinivasa Konduru

Undergraduate Student Achievement Award: Ashleigh Sorensen

Bachelor of Science

Steven Aalgaard	Nathan Hansen	Heriberto Orellana
Fabian Acosta	Jessica Harlan	Emely Pacas Guevara
Alissa Amaral	Josephine Henderson	Nicole Palochik
Sariah Avila	Tanner Henderson	Ariana Perez Nunez
Giovanni Bautista	Liz Herrera	Montana Phillips
Seraphina Bedoyan	Joshua Heupel	Ruben Ponce Moran
Lillianna Borba	Hannah Hieber	Zachary Preis
Albert Brasil	Ashley Jackson	Deelyla Ramirez
Joshua Burrows	Reid Jacobs	Albert Ramos
Courtney Butler	Jose Jimenez	James Ramos
Evan Caetano	Taylor Jones	Gema Rangel-Palos
Jacob Carr	Tatum Kell	Jada Rodriguez
Jason Chamberlain	Amber Kelton	Cesar Rodriguez
Shellena Chavez	Jenna Koetsier	Christian Ruiz
Allison Clarot	Jaden Koretoff	Blaine Rusk
Rachel Clement	Vincent Lagorio	Daniel Salazar
Jose Cobos	Sabrina Lanfranco	Jonathan Sanchez
Lexe Cortez	Breck Limas	Guillermo Saucedo Jr.
Ryan Cospers	Myriam Paola Loera Camarillo	Jacob Scheideman
Grace Cota	Alexis Machado	Cal Selna
Rose Cracraft	Robert Machado	Alyce Silva
Florencio Cruz	Ivan Macias	Adam Simonian
Vito Cuttone	Andrew Malagon	Ashleigh Sorensen
Jackson Dias	Eduardo Marrufo-Verduzco	Logan Stout
Zachary Dilldine	Adrian Martinez	Mason Tarr
Garrett Edwardsen	Victor Martinez	Robert-Jacob Trevino
Jonathan Enriquez	Henry Martinez	Sara Tuck
Jaden Farias	Madalaine Mata	Christian Tucker
Orlando Figueroa	Pedro Medina-Mendez	Leonardo Vasquez
Michael Flores	Lindsay Mendonca	Osmar Velez
Morgan Gamboa	Isaac Mendoza	Yesenia Ventura Ramirez
Alfredo Gil	Esmeralda Miranda	Davis Viera
Carla Gil	Jacob Moya	Yasmin Visoso
Octavio Gonzalez	Macy Myers	William Wheeland
Isela Gonzalez	Caitlin Newport	Joey White
Jarod Hack	Jorge Nunez	Tristan Wilson
Kaitlyn Hale	Humberto Nunez Jr.	Peyton Woods
	Valery Ochoa	Tabitha Xavier

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

Chair: Dr. Steve Rocca

**Graduate Student Achievement Award: Annika Austin and
Montserrat Perez Valadez**

Undergraduate Student Achievement Award: Zachary C. Padilla

Master of Science

Alexa Bell Morgan Henson Cynthia Lopez Jonathan Moules	Jessica Pereierra Montserrat Perez Valadez Jacqueline Taylor
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Bachelor of Science

Angelina Alania Melissa Alarcon Alexis Albert Brittany Anderson Genna Andrade Natalie Anselmo Makayla Avila Rodrigo Banuelos Angel Yahel Barajas Fregoso Shelby Barnes Itzel Beltran Soto Ariana Benavides Ana Bertozzi Morgan Boer Michael Boland Mallory Brenner Savannah Burnett Conner Burns Jacqueline Campos Donna Cappeluti Rosaerlinda Ceja Josefina Cervantes Mirelle Chiara María Clemente	Taylor Collins Angelina Colunga Jennifer Contreras Samantha Corchado Viviana Corralejo-Delval Andrea Cruz Irelinn Dalton Anahi De La Cruz Claire Dieker Hailie Dorsey Anne Dystra Gwendolyn Edmiston Blanca Espinoza Akaren Estrada Caitlyn Fagundes Jocelyn Fernandez Natali Fernandez Erica Fierro Daisy Flores Elizabeth Foster Maryanna Freels Kaylyn Freitas Angelica Garcia Ayden Garcia	Macy Garcia Ivana Garcia Leslie Garcia-Lopez Jasmine Garza Dallas Gibson Elena Gonzales Alejandra Gonzalez Emily Gonzalez Lynsey Gookin Ana Grimaldo Edith Guijon Kassandra Guillen Kassandra Guillen Sarah Harrison Garrett Hartman Aubrie Hartwig Sierra Haynes Sara Heinrichs Mitzi Hernandez Brenda Hernandez Tapia Yudith Hernandez Valencia Marisa Hicks Maggie Hirschler Blakeley Hittson
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science

Pamella Hofer	Jacob Nunes	Lesley Sanchez
Katelyn Huie	Asia Nunez	Sidney Sanchez
Maria Jurado	Irene Nunez	Bethni Santos
Anthony Kellogg	Adrian Orozco	Hailee Santos
Madison Knott	Zachary Padilla	Alexsa Sarente
Brenna Kovacevich	Ivalinn Palmer	Kristen Schiavon
Alexandra Krebs	Holly Parks	James Sepeda
Nicholas Lara	Gabriel Parra	Olivia Setlak
Jacquelynne Lau	Antonio Peña	Alejandro Sigala
Anastacia Lee	Elyssa Perez	Aiyana Sotello
Jordan Lee	Brittany Perry	Taylor Souza
Maria Lerma	Breanna Pike	Elisabeth Spalding
Jaramina Lessard	Brittany Pimental	Grace Stone
Kaitlynn Linderholm	Camila Pulido	Macee Stowers
Heather Loper	Charliez Racicot	Amy Suarez
Ariana Lopez	Sierra Ramirez	Lindsey Swall
Alizabeth Lopez	Claudia Ramirez-Wright	Alyssa Talent
Yanet Lopez-Hernandez	David Renteria	Ramon G Tamayo
Jannely Loya	Mikayla Renteria	Kimber Tavares
Leslie Lugo	David Reyes	Jocey Thieman
Anaely Marquez	Sydney Rice	Raina Tikka
Elizabeth Martin	Andrew Ridgway	Jacob Unger
Jasmine Martin	Adanari Rios	Cassandra Valdez
Berenice Martinez Santoyo	Julia Rivas	Kacy Van Arsdale
Emily Maul	Claudia Rodriguez	Stacy VanScoy
Trinity McBurnett	Giselle Rodriguez	Fernanda Vega
Allyson Mccarty	Odalys Rodriguez	Mixtly Vega
Matthew Medeiros	Loren Rodriguez	Madison Viau
Liliana Medel	Ana Rodríguez-Vargas	Perla Vidana
Melanie Moles	Shelby Rolfe	Anna Villegas
Kalina Munro	Taylor Ronholt	Celine Waters
Malley Musso	John Rowe	Jeremy Watts
Michael Narbona	Isabel Ruiz	Leanne Williams
Dahlia Nash	Lindsey Ryan	Cailyn Yerrick
Cody Nelson	Mayah Salas	Maggie Zaragoza
		Sharon Zaragoza

DEPARTMENT OF FOOD SCIENCE AND NUTRITION

Chair: Dr. Erin Dormedy

Graduate Student Achievement Award: Analiese Gions

Undergraduate Student Achievement Award: Katherine Nathalia

Master of Science

Analiese Gions

Joanie Snow

Daniel Olmos

Bachelor of Science

Christopher Adams	Henry DeJesus	Katherine Nathania
Jamaila Keith Andrada	Laura Dias	Sayra Ochoa-Torres
Michelle Guadalupe Bueno	Adamina Flores	Asusena Ordaz
Karla Cabrera Lopez	Veronica Nicole Garcia	Richard Page
Areg Canas	Teresa Garcia	Amanda Sanchez
Alejandro Cardenas	Katrina Hall	Cynthia Solis
Angelica Carmona	Amran Jhutti	Hannah Stout
Arturo Castillo	Lindsey Jones	Crystal Valdovinos Magana
Tanner Davis	Trinity Linares	Diymond Walker
Neeca De Castro	Patrick Moua	Lesile Zarate

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

Chair: Dr. Arun Nambiar

Graduate Student Achievement Award: Heather Galindo

Undergraduate Student Achievement Award: McCaleb Pewitt

Master of Science

Leen Almasri Tarun Angrish Mukesh Reddy Chinreddy	Heather Galindo Enrique Gutierrez Saikrishna Kalimi Ramkrishna Parsana
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Bachelor of Science

Miguel Angel Abundiz Sanchez Abdullah Alkhalifah Andrew Aragon Alexandra Arciga Ramirez Angel Barranca Ruvalcaba Edgar Barriga Saro Bedoyan Abdullah Binzager Hugo Cerpas Harrison Chang Gabriel Chavez Jaden De Vore Grant Deal Alejandro Gomez Isaias Gomez	Dallin King Boonhieng Lee Freddy Leon Philip Longoria Andres Lopez William Miranda Andre Moultrie Saul Novoa-Diaz Stephen Ortiz McCaleb Pewitt Hillary Rodriguez Jennella Sanders Akashdeep Singh Seth Stephens She Xiong
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DEPARTMENT OF PLANT SCIENCE

Chair: Dr. John Bushoven

Graduate Student Achievement Award: Margaret Fernando

Undergraduate Student Achievement Award: Kiera Searcy

Master of Science

Eric Antrim Diego Arriaga Gabrielle Celaya-Finke Margaret Fernando Kelsey Galvan	Jorge Garcia Benjamin Halleck Rito Medina Jesus Mireles Michael Urner
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Bachelor of Science

Bryant Aguilera Juan Alonso Eduardo Alvarez Prezella Banuelos Kareena Barboza Sharon Bell Joseph Borchardt German Camacho Martin Carbajal Beltran Alejandra Cardenas Rodrigo Cortez Aaron Davis Victoria B De Leon Sidney Fernandez Jesus Ferreyra Herrejon Matthew Fidely Matthew Gallegos Yadira Garcia Hernandez Sierra Garza Gabriela Gasca	Konner Gilman Coultin Gist Maximus Guerra Cristal Hernandez Nicolas Herrera Edgar Jara Julio Ledesma Curtis Lefler Norma Lozano-Romero Desiree Madrigal Sergio Mejia Marina Mendiola Matthew Moso Damien Padilla Daniel Peden Alec Pulliam-Serna Trevin Qualls Carlos Rios Sergio Rivera Julian Rivera	Juan Romero Adriana Roque Laura Ruiz Aileen Salas Julio Salceda Gabriela Santillan Ruiz Kiera Searcy David Short Jonathan Tinoco Viorato Gurveer Tiwana Rolando Valdez Silvestre Valdez Eileen Valdez Patrick Velazquez Donald Williams Aalexias Woolf Vang Yang Sared Yim Miguel Zuniga
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DEPARTMENT OF VITICULTURE AND ENOLOGY

Chair: Dr. Sonet Van Zyl

Graduate Student Achievement Award: Kaylah Vasquez

Undergraduate Student Achievement Award: Wen-Yin Chueh

Master of Science

Steven Ebersole
David Garcia
Leah Groves
Komal Sekhon
Kaylah Vasquez

Bachelor of Science

Drake Bourbon	Karli Melton
Fatima Chavez Correa	David Medoza
Wen-Yin Chueh	Isabel Morales Ventura
Meah Dickson	Julissa Paiz Ruiz
Karina Garcia	Lupita Partida
Karenna Heil	Anais Rico
Sedona Howell	Celia E Solano Acevedo
Patrick Hungate	Monik Tapia
Gauge McMullen	Jose Vazquez

Graduate Dean's Medalist Jonathan Moules

Jonathan Moules, of Delhi, earned his M.S. in agricultural science with a 4.0 GPA. He previously earned his B.S. in agriculture education at Fresno State. Moules is a first-generation American and college student whose parents immigrated from the Azores. While the family had agricultural roots in growing crops and raising livestock, Moules found his passion in teaching agriculture. He led leadership conferences for freshmen throughout California and created ag lessons for K-8 students. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Moules was a graduate student lecturer and laboratory aid and started student teaching. He received a \$500,000 grant from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture within the United States Department of Agriculture to work with another student on a project that provides agricultural science curriculum resources and experiences for secondary agriculture teachers to meet the Next Generation Science Standards. In addition, Moules lived and worked in the University Agricultural Laboratory Sheep Unit. He spearheaded the university's inaugural Animal Science Academic Quadrathlon team, coaching four undergraduate animal science students to compete nationally.



Undergraduate Dean's Medalist Joshua Huepel

Joshua Heupel, of Le Grand, earned a B.S. in agricultural business and political science with a 3.98 GPA. A Smittcamp Family Honors College Scholar, Heupel double majored in agricultural business and political science. His honors thesis for the Jordan College was titled "California's Pesticide Regulation Policy Future: A Case Study on 1,3-Dichloropropene in Strawberry Production." His research allowed him to work with the California Department of Pesticide Regulation. His political science project titled "California's Water Rights: A Challenge to the State's Mitigation of Water Needs" was on water rights, the drought and underserved communities. Heupel was a congressional intern for Congressman David Valadao and Congressman Jimmy Panetta. He participated in the Public Policy and International Affairs Junior Summer Institute at Carnegie Mellon University this past summer. Heupel was a Supplemental Instructor in the Learning Center helping other students with agricultural business quantitative methods. He served on the Camp Kesem coordinator board, volunteered during the Fresno State FFA Field Day and was a finalist for the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship. Heupel will attend Princeton University to pursue a masters of public affairs and hopes to get a doctorate in the future.



Jordan College Honors Program

The Jordan College Honors Program provides an opportunity for advanced interdisciplinary study and engagement within a cohort. Students work closely with a faculty mentor toward the completion of a research or scholarly project. The program consists of a three-semester commitment, beginning with a 3- unit Honors Seminar taken in the second semester of junior year. This is followed by a 3- unit independent study with a faculty mentor to work on a research project in the first semester of senior year. Finally, a 3-unit Honors Colloquium in the second semester of their senior year serves as a culminating experience where they make a public presentation of their research or scholarly project. We are proud to honor our eighth cohort at today's convocation. They are listed below, along with their faculty mentor and the titles of their research projects.

Cohort 8

Joshua Heupel

Mentor: Dr. Serhat Asci

"California's Pesticide Regulation Policy Future: A Case Study on 1,3-Dichloropropene in Strawberry Production."

Macy Meyers

Mentor: Dr. Srinivasa Konduru

"The Feasibility and Market Potential of Small Scale Wind Energy Machines in California Agriculture."

Ashleigh Sorensen

Mentor: Dr. Serhat Asci

"Land Allocation Trends in the San Joaquin Valley."

Jasmine Garza

Mentor: Dr. Avery Culbertson

"Examining Grit in Production Agriculture: How does it relate to the motivation and success of farmers in the Central Valley."

Kaitlynn Linderholm

Mentor: Dr. Steve Rocca

"An Examination of University Students' Knowledge and Perceptions of Agriculture."

Lindsey Ryan

Mentor: Dr. Avery Culbertson

"Changes in Perception of Food Production Methods and Labels: A Focus on University Honors Students"

Amy Suarez

Mentor: Dr. Sharon Freeman

"An Evaluation of Soft Skills Development of JCAST Ambassadors' Participating in the ACRS21 Program"

Lindsey Swall

Mentor: Dr. Steve Rocca

"Changes in Knowledge and Perceptions of Food Production Labels Among University Honors Students"

Yudith Hernandez Valencia

Mentor: Dr. Katy Tarrant

"The Presence of Platforms Impacts Broiler Behavior in a Commercial House"

Wen-Yin Chueh

Mentor: Dr. Kristy Sun

"The Impact of Biofungicides on Chardonnay Wine Fermentation, Aromatic Profile, and Wine Quality from the Central Coast of California."

Undergraduate Honors

Student Achievement Awards are selected on the basis of meritorious service, leadership, and achievement related to the fields of endeavor represented by each of the College's academic departments and graduate programs within the departments.

Honors at the time of graduation from the university are awarded to undergraduate students based on the following criteria:

- Students must have an overall minimum grade point average of 3.5 on all work attempted.
- Students must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on all work taken at the university.

The grade point average earned at California State University, Fresno determines which honor the student receives:

*** <i>summa cum laude</i>	3.90 to 4.00
“with highest praise”	
** <i>magna cum laude</i>	3.70 to 3.89
“with great praise”	

Graduate Honors

- ◆ indicates **“with distinction”** and is awarded to graduate students with grade point averages of 3.90 to 4.0, together with departmental approval for distinguished work.

“Note: Honors for Master’s degree candidates completing requirements in May of 2022 are not included in the program. Honors based on final records will be recorded on the candidate’s transcript and on the diploma.”

Students Graduating with Honors 2022-2023

Summa Cum Laude

Natalie Anselmo	Leah Grooves	Jonathan Moules
Erica Antrim	Josephine Henderson	Katherine Nathania
Alexa Bell	Maria Herrera-Campos	Stephen Ortiz
Ana Bertozzi	Joshua Heupel	Zachary Padilla
Wen Yin Chueh	Amber Kelton	Emily Rhea
Isabella Contreras	Kaitlynn Linderholm	Jessica Saler
Margaret Fernando	Aurora Martinez	Khushwinder Singh
Aided Flores	Graciela Martinez	Ashleigh Sorenson
Maryanna Freels	Hayden Mennie	Elisabeth Spalding
Heather Galindo	Jesus Mireles	Cameron Standridge
Jasmine Garza	Vajidullah Molvizadah	Amy Suarez
Lynsey Gookin	Jordian Moss	Lindsey Swall
		Jacqueline Taylor

Magna Cum Laude

Lean Almasri	Ayden Garcia	Matthew Medeiros
Edgar Barriga	Yadira Garcia Hernandez	Shad Menezes
Morgan Boer	Taylor Germanetti	Macy Myers
Lilliana Borba	Analiese Goins	Raudel Ortiz
Emma Brandstad	Nicolas Herrera	Ivalinn Palmer
Joshua Burrow	Maggie Hirchler	Alexa Parco
Claire Dieker	Lindsey Jones	Kyle Pawling
Anna Dykstra	Brenna Kovacevich	Jose Paz
Steven Ebersole	Austin LaSalle	McCaleb Pewitt
Yakaren Estrada	Jacquelynne Lau	Montana Phillips
Jocelyn Fernandez	Yanet Lopez-Hernandez	Jingjing Piao
Kelsey Galvan	Berenice Martinez Santos	Rachel Pimentel
Morgan Gamboa	Emily Maul	Ruben Ponce Moran
Emily Garcia	Ross May	Logan Real

Magna Cum Laude Continued

Michael Richardson	Evan Smith	Stacy Vanscoy
Lindsey Ryan	Aiyana Sotello	Emily Whitehead
Mayah Salas	Logan Stout	Jordan Wilbourn
Jonathan Sanchez	Kimber Tavares	Donald Williams
Juliana Sani	Raina Tikka	Tristan Wilson
Kiera Seacy	Sigifredo Valladares Renteria	Aalexias Woolf

Cum Laude

Omar Abulghanam	Benjamin Halleck	Perla Ponce
Makayla Avila	Sarah Harrison	Keenan Quintana
Lauren Baca	Garett Hartman	Charliez Racicot
Prezella Banuelos	Sara Heinrichs	James Ramos
Angel Yahel Barajas	Morgan Henson	Sergio Rivera
Albert Brasil	Cristal Hernandez	Mckenna Rogers
Spencer Bronken	Sedona Howell	Ericberto Saldana Sandoval
Karla Cabrera Lopez	Yinglak Jittakoat	Lesley Sanchez
German Camacho	Sabrina Lanfranco	Jennella Sanders
Jason Chamberlain	Nicholas Lara	Jacob Scheideman
Britini Copley	Boonhieng Lee	Clayton Sheehan
Samantha Corchado	Nicole Lewis	Kameron Sipe
Rose Cracraft	Trinity Linares	Carson Souza
Lauren Dvais	Andres Lopez	Monik Tapia
Quentin Diaz	Leslie Lugo	Mason Tarr
Gwendolyn Edmiston	Ruby Martinez	Cassidy Torres Phillips
Orlando Figueroa-Gonzalez	Amber McLain	Sara Tuck
Sierra Freeman	Kalina Munro	Christian Tucker
Esteban Garcia	Caitlin Newport	Aubrey Wagner
Dimitri Genard	Khoa Nguyen	Brett Wakefield
Alfredo Gil	Sayra Ochoa-Torres	Celine Waters
Alejandra Gonzalez-Delgadillo	Asusena Ordaz	William Wheeland
Ana Grimaldo Velazquez	Holly Parks	Joey White
Enrique Gutierrez	Gabriel Parra	Tabitha Zavier
Wilhelm Hack	Breanna Pike	Sher Xiong
		Sared Yim

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