

2020 Award Recipients

Academic Achievement Award

Highest grade point average in the graduating class

Aimee Elizabeth Barnes, BA/MIA

Cesar Alesi Perez, MPP

Alessandro Licopoli, MAS-IA

Jingwen Liu, MCEPA

Ayal Margalith Memorial Award for Leadership

*Graduate student who has shown leadership,
excellence and devotion to the GPS student body*

Nicholas “Nick” Rhodes

MAS-IA Peer Award

For professionalism, scholarship, collegiality, integrity and service

Jacob Glashoff

Ruth Adams Award

Best analytic writing research paper

Liuya Zhang

Econometrics Prize

Best quantitative research paper

Gala Merari Ledezma

Richard Covington Award

Best program design and evaluation research paper

Mingpu Xiao

Dean’s Teaching Award

*Best core curriculum teaching assistant or
tutor as voted by Class of 2021*

Aimee Elizabeth Barnes

Language Achievement Award

Outstanding achievement in language study

Marc-Olivier Caron

Joseph Grunwald Memorial Award

*Significant contributions in the promotion to the promotion of
Inter-American understanding*

Joaquín Gana Aravena

Faculty Recognition Award

Awarded and voted on by the students

Gordon McCord



School of Global Policy and Strategy

University of California San Diego

2020 Commencement Exercises

Saturday, June 13, 2020
9 a.m.

Virtual

Graduating Class of 2020

Master of Pacific International Affairs

Pedro Nicolaci da Costa

Master of International Affairs

Yasamin Aftahi	Noah Gerber	Mari Kojima*	Junichi Saito
Arturo Albarran*	Daniel Ghanbari	Philip Kugel	Jefferson Garrett Seaberg
Fiona Alexani	Travis Gilbert	Alexandra Langford	Jaemin Seo
Rodrigo Amaral	Talor Gruenwald	Sangtae Lee	William McBride Shumate
Michael William Andrews	Malena Hernandez*	Saifan Liu	Navdhrishty Singh
Federico Antonio Arroyo	Juan Sebastian Herrera	Man (Roman) Luo	Constantine Stasinopoulos
Hannah Leigh Ashby	Zapata	Rhyanne Lynch	Christopher Steven Thompson
Melissa Banks	Gregory Robert Householter	Lily Maxfield	Qiuyi Wang
Aimee Elizabeth Barnes	Hsin-Yao (Amy) Huang*	Jihye Min	Mark Kenneth Witzke
Zachary (Zach) Boise	Jiawei Huang	Jude Muhtaseb*	Daron Kyle Woods
Marc-Olivier Caron	Xinyu Huang	Jun Namkung	Mingpu Xiao*
Robin Carr	Eric Nicholas Inumerable	Vy Nguyen	Yang Xuan
Gina Carton	Diego Jimenez	Rohan Oprisko	Yuan Yang
Clarins Cecilia	Renee Madeline Johnson	Lin Ou	Zilu (Luna) Zeng*
Isabelle Jade Ong Chen	Jiae Jung	Brenden Paulsen	Jiahang Zhang
Lyu (Henry) Cheng	Raymond Kao	Nicholas Rhodes*	Liuya Zhang
Sean Clark	Madeline (Maddie) Kasik*	Aaron Riley	Qinghui (Hui) Zhang
Michael Corcoran	Ryota Katsumata	Mariana Rios	Xinyu Zhang
Ariel Coronado	Mei Ke	Cory Rogers*	Wenlin Zhao
Irene Entringer Garcia	Joshua (Josh) Kickenson	Orly Romero	Fuyin Zheng
Blanes	Jeongsoo Kim	Ryan Rosenberg	Wenhan Zhu
Rachel Finerman*	Anju Kobayashi	Kristin Rounds	Nikolay Zudin*
Lauren Agnes Garvey	Paul Koenig	Mina Ryu	

Master of Advanced Studies in International Affairs

Carlos Arevalo Pereira	Jiyoung Kim	Thomas (Tom) Moore	Jeremy Stein
Courtney Geigle	Bridger Langfur	Younghee Nam	John (Nick) Van Wagoner
Jacob Glashoff	Samuel Lau	Chansil Park	Katsuhiko Yamauchi
Ahmad Hamza	Alessandro Licopoli	Isaac Pelt	
Daiki Hatanaka	Soohyun Lim	Hanna Seo	
Naoki Ibe	Jarrod Martyn	Byeongyun Seo	

Master of Public Policy

Al-Harith (Harith) Hosame Abu-Amara	Camila Gomez Wills	Nahal Mirfendereski	Takuya Uo
Jenny Aldrich*	Xuan Gu	Sadahiro Mizukami	Travis Welburn
Naoki Ando	Paul Hernandez	Alexandra Murphy	Jingting Xu
Rebeca Appel	Daniel Vincent Horan	Jiangshan Ouyang	Shunyu Yao
Yufeng Cao	Nicole (Niki) Kalmus*	Inderpal Pamma	Grace Yilun Yuan
Imge Su Cetin	Gala Merari Ledezma	Cesar Alesi Perez	Takehiro Zemmei
Hwanghui Cho	Sejin Lee	Qiurong (Mona) Ren	Jiachen Zhang
Qiaochu Cong	Kangwoon Lee	Sara Sanchez Santana	Yuhan Zhang
Zixuan Dai	Gustavo Lopez*	Sebastian Sarria Galvis	Shaoqian Zhang
Brittany Ekejiuba*	Saran Luvsanjambaa	Meghan Scott*	
Joaquin Gana Aravena*	Shiqiao (Louise) Lyu	Yucheng Shen	
	Valentine Macedo Jr.	Maria Fernanda Torres	

Master of Chinese Economic and Political Affairs

Ian Brown	Mengshi Liang	Zihang Peng	Zhenxing Xie
Hang Fu	Jingwen Liu*	Tong (Adam) Wu*	

* Dean's Fellow

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Commencement Exercises

Welcome

Peter F. Cowhey, Dean

Chancellor Address

Pradeep K. Khosla, Chancellor

Keynote Address

Bill Whitaker, CBS News Correspondent

GPS Student Awards Video

Student Address

Madeline "Maddie" Kasik, MIA, Class of 2020

Conferral of Degrees

Pradeep K. Khosla, Chancellor

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