

# 2023 Award Recipients

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## Academic Achievement Award

*Highest grade point average in the graduating class*

**Marcia Xiyu Yang**, MIA, BA/MIA  
**Gary Slater**, MAS-IA

**Jeffrey Myers**, MPP, BA/MPP  
**Junhui Xu**, MCEPA



## Richard Covington Award

*Best program design and  
evaluation research paper*

**Kathryn "Katy" Norris**

## Dean's Teaching Award

*Best curriculum teaching assistant or tutor  
as voted by the Class of 2024*

**Salma Shaikh**  
**Marcia Xiyu Yang**

## Ruth Adams Award

*Best analytic writing research paper*

**Tomoyuki Suematsu**

## Commencement Speaker Award

*Chosen by graduating class to deliver the  
Commencement address*

**Peter Joseph Wilborn**

## Econometrics Prize

*Best quantitative research paper*

**Jeffrey Myers**

## Ayal Margalith Memorial Award for Leadership

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

**Peter Joseph Wilborn**

## Policy Memo Award

*Best policy memo paper by a first year student*

**Mir Muhtadi "Faiaz" Faiaz**  
**Minh Nam "Nam" Pham**

## MAS-IA Peer Award

*For professionalism, scholarship,  
collegiality, integrity and service*

**Clayton "Reed" Harbeck**

## Language Achievement Award

*Outstanding achievement in  
language study*

**Marcia Xiyu Yang**

## Doming Liu Award

*Significant contribution and leadership to  
student life within their first year at GPS*

**Mir Muhtadi "Faiaz" Faiaz**

## Joseph Grunwald Memorial Award

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

**Ana Loren Zapata**

## EDI Award

*Meaningful impact on student life and well-being  
through student-initiated Equity, Diversity and*

*Inclusion activities*

**Yazmin Franco**  
**Ana Loren Zapata**

## Faculty Recognition Award

*Awarded and voted on by the students*

**Samuel Bazzi**  
**Nico Ravanilla**

# School of Global Policy and Strategy

University of California San Diego

# 2023 Commencement Exercises

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Sunday, June 18, 2023  
2 p.m.

LionTree Arena

# Graduating Class of 2023

## Master of Advanced Studies in International Affairs

Garyth Barnes	Suk Hyun Choi	Clayton “Reed” Harbeck	Thomas Parker	Dongchan Song
Christopher Matthew Brown	Michael Cubillos	Justin Davis	James Addison	Charles “Charlie” Sprott
Janice H. Bryant	Rachael Ellen Davis	Bryan Liborio	Pellerano	Veronica Ann Todd
Barbara Grace Carlson	Mark Etem	Jonathan Edward Long	Jesus Epifanio Salido-Pavlovich	Takahiro Yasui
Fabiola Castro	Brendan Good	Miguel Angel Medina de Ochoa	Anthony E. Sierawski	Minho Yoo
Hyojeong Cheon		Eunju Oh	Gary Slater	Zahrah Zimmerer

## Master of Chinese Economic and Political Affairs

Yilin Che	Yixiao Huang	MacKenna Jean	Ruishi Wang	Junhui Xu*
Zixuan “Tommy” Fang	Haoran Jiang	Rawlins	Yaohong Wang	Wenhao Zhang
Weixiao Guo		Yu Shi	Chuan Xu	

## Master of International Affairs

Natalie Aguilar	Robert Daquila*	John Paul Kim	Jaha Kamaria	Elise Spencer
Juliane Alfen	Simonne Darbonne	Koo Fum Kim	McClean*	Jingyi Tan
Gabriella Ayala	Emily Grace Davalos*	Anna Marie Kraemer	David Mendoza	Wenjie Tang
Andreas Malling Bager	Xinyi Du	Ezra Kraus	Wenlan Miao	Stevinson “Tevin” Tendon
Zachary Belgum*	Elisabeth Earley	Esai Thomas Larios	Jasmine Moheb	Troy Jason Gonzales
Isiah J. Bell	Anthony Fasano	Joederick “Judo” Garcia-Lata	Lesley Nogueta Pulido	Tuquero
Wayland J. Blue	Yazmin B. Franco*	Kyounghwon Lee	Hyungnam Park	Nicholas James Valle
Alayna Bone	Erika Diana Gastelum	Soo Ji Lee	Jaeyeon “Jenny” Park	Andrea Paola Velázquez Acevedo
Jennifer “Jen” Brito	Wenjun Anna Gong	Chengnan Li	Joseph “Joey” Persico*	Yuting “Christine” Wan
Austin Brown	Xiaoxuan Guo	Qi Li	Dominic Peters	Shuting Wang
Brandon Callegari	Shivangi Gupta*	Yu Li	Bonaly Sabrina	Zhibei Wang
Ernesto Alexis Castañeda	Sophie Hargrave	Hong En “Jonas” Lim	Phrasavath	Zizan Wang
Valentina Chanci Arrubla	Isai Hernandez	William Lozano	Vorathip “V” Plengpanit	Brenna Wayne
Samuel “Sam” Chang	Jared Hernandez	Arciniega	Sylvia Natalia Podsiadly	Ruixuan Xi
Brandon Chen	Tara Hochberg	Kaleb Matthew Lyn	Sequoia Mack	Himanshu Pykurel
Hung-Yang “Jason” Chien	Rebecca “Becca” Howard	Gordon Marius Magne	Manuel Reyes	Manuel Reyes
TungCheh “Maxwell” Chien	Qihan Huang	Naomi Magpantay	Maykent Lizeth Salazar	García
Sophia Emily Cohen	Laurence Jackson	Isman Cyair Marat	Nicolas Alejandro Sanchez	Lauren J. Shim
Delaney Lynn Crabtree*	Hanya Jiang	Uulu	Noah Sonenstein	Noah Sonenstein
	Li Jiang	Addison Marie Marcum		
	Youhyun Kang	Olivia Grace Moira		
	Ayano Kano	Mason-Lucas		
	Jeffrey “Jeff” Kim			

## Master of Public Policy

Gurkriti Ahluwalia	Chloe Honkoski	Patrick “Slade” Mahoney	Sarah Raskin	Broderick “Brody” Topil
Ryan Bennett	Yuki Imura	Merik Manzano	Lauren A. Reed	Yutaro Tsuru
Mikah Naualii Hiroki Bertelmann*	Shunsuke Inada	Ashley Maya Louise Morrison	Sean Reese	Tomomi Ueta
Jasen Bonilla	Caleb Ingerson	Hana Moumen	Dayanara Salazar	Jingjing Wang
Collin Boudreaux	Emily Irion	Elizabeth Muthoni*	Salma Shaikh*	Tsu-Ping “Jean” Wang
Katrina Boyd*	Minjae Jang	Jeffrey Myers*	Katherine “Katie” Simonian	Yuchen Wang
Mara Cunningham	Hyejin Jung	Marissa Lei Aclan Myers*	Viora Soetedjo	Peter Joseph Wilborn*
Bowen Deng	Takahiro Kanai*	Chenhao Nie	Meiyu “Tiffany” Su	Qingai “Sunny” Xu*
Delana Phuong-Dung Du	Sheerine Karamzadeh-Rahimi	Kathryn “Katy” Norris	Tomoyuki Suematsu	Sohei Yamada
Sydnei T. Easley	Woo Jong Kim	Hao Qi	Ayaka Suyama	Yue Yu
Nikki Emam	Dayra Alejandra Lascano Urbina*	Vanessa Chanel Ramos-Madrid	Kohei Takasaki	Meghan Zavala
Mitchell Farrington	Bingru Li	Gabriel Rangel Visconti*	Aki Takato	Zhengbo Zhang
Luke Redwood Gover	Yizhuo Liu		Yishu Tang	Ruize Zheng
Clayton Haglund	Yunxin Liu		Kelly Tello Lizarraga	Yixi Zhou
May Han			Tino Santiago Tirado	Ziyuan Zhu

\* Dean’s Fellow

# Commencement Exercises

Welcome  
*Caroline Freund, Dean*

Commencement Address  
*Admiral Ronne Froman-Blue  
(RADM, USN, Ret.)*

Student Awards and Recognition

Class Commencement Address  
*Peter Joseph Wilborn, MPP, Class of 2023*

Hooding of Degree Candidates  
*Lauren Prather, Associate Professor  
Nico Ravanilla, Assistant Professor*