

2022 Award Recipients

Academic Achievement Award

Highest grade point average in the graduating class

Harrison Tang, MIA–BA/MIA
Hanae Araki, MAS-IA

Ayush Jain, MPP–BA/MPP
Zeyu Li, MCEPA



Richard Covington Award

*Best program design and
evaluation research paper*

Ayush Jain

Dean's Teaching Award

*Best core curriculum teaching assistant
as voted by the Class of 2023*

Swati Nair

Ruth Adams Award

Best analytic writing research paper

Joshua Walker

Commencement Speaker Award

*Chosen by peers to deliver the
Commencement address*

Belinda Panelo

Econometrics Prize

Best quantitative research paper

Deepika Bagaria
Laura Rodrigues Nora

Ayal Margalith Memorial Award for Leadership

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

McKenzie Richardson

Policy Memo Award

Best policy memo paper by a first year student

Marissa Myers

MAS-IA Peer Award

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

Jade Reidy

Language Achievement Award

*Outstanding achievement in
language study*

Grace-Ann Sophia Pevehouse

Doming Liu Award

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

Peter "PJ" Wilborn

Joseph Grunwald Memorial Award

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

Tomás Lavados

Faculty Recognition Award

Awarded and voted on by the students

Barry Naughton

School of Global Policy and Strategy

University of California San Diego

2022 Commencement Exercises

Sunday, June 12, 2022
2 p.m.

RIMAC Arena

Graduating Class of 2022

Master of Advanced Studies in International Affairs

Daisy Alfaro	Liam Hulin	Zhussip Orynbay	Aaron Sheldon
Hanae Araki	Hyun Ji Jung	Daniel Pacheco	David Tornel
Wister Gaetan	Lefteris Kafatos	Sora Park	Leigh Tu
Yuri Garcia Goff	Zhanibek Kaudyrov	Christopher Radka	Isaac Wang
Matthew Guido	Karuna Kumar	Jade Reidy	Lizeth Yopez
Jiayi Hao	Tomoko Nakagawa	Juan Carlos Rivas Garcia	
Matthew Scott Heimer	Jessie Olitoquit	Jeffrey Schrimp	

Master of Chinese Economic and Political Affairs

Brydon Brancart	Zeyu Li*	Kuangji Xu
Kejun Chen	David Joseph Reimer	Tsz Wang “Sam” Yeung
Chi “Will” Gao*	Ning Sun	Yijing Zhao

Master of International Affairs

Grant Adams	Zane Azor Girouard	Marty Louie	Shelby Sellers
Jonathon “Jack” Alegre	Aaron Jesus Gomez	Xuelai Lyu	Joseph Slusarz
Vania Denira Bailon Casarrubias	Nathaniel Austin Grim	Tiffany Ma	Halle Catherine Asako
Sam John Barris	Xinyi Gu	Yile Ma	Sousa
Jonathan Bazan-Villalpando	Tiezhu Guo	Sophie Magallanez	Tyler James Alan Spencer*
Michael Berman	Nicholas David Sentes	Jorge Luis Mata Ochoa*	Gil Tamir
Elissa Bozhkov*	Heimann*	Swati Nair*	Harrison Tang*
Kenneth “Cashin” Brown*	Samantha J.F. Houck	Masahiro Naka	Colin Trobough
Sihan Chen	Noah Hultner	Poonam Ram Narewatt	Analilia Valenzuela
Xi Chen	Nikki Jazayeri*	Emily Victoria Neill	Victoria Estefania Vogrincic
Xiaxin Chen	Luyao Jiang	Anthony Tran Nguyen	Curbelo
Eeshita Chib	Cheng Jin	Austin Wade Patten Bustos	Joshua Walker
Yen-Cheng Chu	Sil Jin	Brandon Michael Patterson	Tianna Rose White
Morgan Christopher Cohen	Caitlin Helena Johnson	Xu Peng	Shunshun “Emerson”
Samuel Cohen	Hannah Marie Kase Woods	Grace-Ann Sophia	Aristotle Xu
Emily Collins	Audrey Lau	Pevehouse	Zhiling Xu
Wilbur Dang	Tomás Lavados*	Chau Pham	Yuxin Yuan
Tai De	Bowin Lee	Yongun Ra	Joshua Zajdel*
Bonnie Ning Devenney	Dan Bee Lee	Ziqra Ishfaq Raza	Xuan Zhang
Michaela Diercks	Jaehoon Lee	Patricia Angela Florentino	Yang “Steven” Zhang
Khang Do	Amanda Lee-Low	Resurreccion	Yuwei Zhang
Morgan Christopher Furr	Jiachen Liao	Bing Joy Rethy	Austin Jiaxing Zhao
Maure Gildea	Jeongsub Lim	Santiago Rios	Shaojuan Zou
	Stella Lin	Adrian Rodríguez Valdez	

Master of Public Policy

Hiroki Akimoto	Timothy Patrick Gee	Katia Nicole Lundell	Shohei Samukawa
Tomoyuki Aoki	Aurora “Rory” Guild	Jiaye Luo	Alberto Santos-Davidson*
Deepika Bagaria*	Tianchen “Armin” Guo	Kelli Renee Maples*	Yusuke Sekine
David F. Castro Peña	Alejandra Guzman	Yuki Nakagawa	Yawen Su
Hanjun Chai	Daniela Hall Lagunes	Mariya Nikseresht	Miriam Vakhitova*
Junhao Chen	Michael Hatch	Laura Rodrigues Nora*	Dizhi Wang
Wooseok Choi	Kosuke Iguchi	Jan Nuqui	Yajun Xiong
Kyle Cregge	Catherine Irene Iwanowski	Ameer Maher Ahmed	Sho Yamauchi
Zili Fang	Ayush Jain*	Othman	Xurui Zhou
Chase Farrell*	Mengjia Liang	Belinda Panelo	Shan Zhu
Hope Nicolette Fasching	Chuyu Liu	Catherine “Cate” Pollock	
Nicholas Fisher	Jiahao Liu	Alexis Ramirez	
Michael Gaffney	Dahlia Elena Lopez	McKenzie Richardson*	

Commencement Exercises

Welcome
Caroline Freund, Dean

Commencement Address

José Ángel Gurría
Former secretary-general of the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

Student Awards Video

Class Commencement Address

Belinda Panelo, MPP, Class of 2022

Hooding of Degree Candidates

Barbara Walter, Professor
David Victor, Professor

* Dean’s Fellow

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