



San Diego State
University

Outstanding High School Student Recognition

Hayden Hughes

CrossroadsSD: A new tool to solve an age-old problem

Mentor: Megan Welsh Carroll

Professional Studies and Fine Arts

SDSU

San Diego State
University

**Research, Scholarship and Creative
Activities Undergraduate Mentor Award**

Gustaaf Jacobs

Engineering



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University

Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Undergraduate Mentor Award

Jessica Humphrey

Professional Studies and Fine Arts



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University

Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Graduate Mentor Award

Megan Welsh Carroll

Professional Studies and Fine Arts



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University

Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Graduate Mentor Award

Natalie Mladenov

Engineering



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University

Arts Exhibit Award

Kerry Soori McEachern

“Shield of Resonance”: An Interactive Sculptural Environment Inspired by Tamarkoz Meditation

Mentor: Arzu Ozkal

Professional Studies and Fine Arts



San Diego State
University

Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Award

Nicole Leong

Grace Cho

Temporal and Regional Trends in Anti-Asian American Bias in a Changing
Socio-Political Context

Mentor: Thierry Devos
Sciences



San Diego State
University

Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Award

Emily Zhang

Abigail Butler

Lived experiences of Chinese-speaking individuals with aphasia: implications for
clinical practice

Mentor: Henrike Blumenfeld
Health and Human Services



San Diego State
University

Charles Wei-hsun Fu Foundation Philosophy Award

Leeann Jones

The Cost of Returning Home: The Act of Repatriation and its
Economic Impact on the Museum Industry

Mentor: Elizabeth Pollard

Arts and Letters



San Diego State
University

Community Engaged Research Award

William Reyes

Effects of Word Class and Difficulty on the Spanish
Web-Based Computerized Comprehension Task

Mentor: Margaret Friend

Sciences



San Diego State
University

Dean's Award

Xavier Flores

The Impact of Media on Growing Opposition To Immigration
Among U.S. Latinos

Mentor: Kimberly Twist

Arts and Letters



San Diego State
University

Dean's Award

Cordelia Sonnenschein

Mourning in the Borderlands: A Case Study from the La Mesa
History Center

Mentor: Nicole Mathwich

Arts and Letters



San Diego State
University

Dean's Award

Stephanie Morales Linares

Los Caminos De La Vida: Family obligations, grit, gender & mental health in young Latino immigrants

Mentor: Vanja Lazarevic

Education



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University

Dean's Award

Rei Perez Munoz

Bicultural Resilience Under Pressure: Discrimination and
Health in Latine Youth

Mentor: Vanja Lazarevic

Education

Dean's Award

Joshua Warden

High-throughput MEMS microfluidics for cellular
modification and organization

Mentor: Samuel Kassegne

Engineering



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University

Dean's Award

Kiara Gambuzza

Effects of Direct and Indirect Photolysis on Fluorescent
Compounds in Tire Wear Particle Leachates

Mentor: Natalie Mladenov

Engineering



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University

Dean's Award

Asensa Sadiki

Olivia Dark-Morrell

Where are SNAP/CalFresh benefits used? Exploring community responses from the People's Produce Mobil

Mentor: Tracy Finlayson
Fowler College of Business



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University

Dean's Award

Amanda Stader

Change with the Times or Stick to Your Guns? Corporate
Political Activism Consumer Perceptions

Mentor: Alex Yao

Fowler College of Business



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Dean's Award

Tharshana Prakash

Supporting Smiles: Oral Health & Social Support Study

Mentor: Tracy Finlayson

Health and Human Services



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University

Dean's Award

Lauren Turner

Madelaine Torgerson

Executive function in children with reading disorders: Insights from an intensive language program

Mentor: Crystle Alonzo
Health and Human Services



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University

Dean's Award

Brenda Garavito

Imperial Valley Suicide Prevention

Mentor: Eleni Gaveras

SDSU Imperial Valley

Dean's Award

Sergio Olivas Coto

How does the lack of public bathroom access in Imperial County affect our daily lives?

Mentor: Megan Welsh Carroll

SDSU Imperial Valley



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Alexander Ameen

Bonnie and Regina Say Goodbye to Hope

Mentor: Katie Turner

Professional Studies and Fine Arts



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Dean's Award

Rigoberto Ganceda

Gate Money: Dramatizing the Complexities of Reentry

Mentor: Mabelle Reynoso

Professional Studies and Fine Arts



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University

Dean's Award

Fernanda Cuevas Alviar

Marco Santoscoy

The association between antipsychotic use, auditory hallucinations,
and family history on cognitive

Mentor: Ariana Stickel
Sciences



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University

Dean's Award

Amanda Ta

Smoking and Vaping Policies in Newly Constructed,
State-Funded Multiunit Housing in California.

Mentor: Lydia Greiner

Sciences



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University

Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) Award

Maria Jose Duran Gallego

The 2018-2023 migrant maravans as a critical incident for
Spanish-language local television news

Mentor: Lourdes Cueva Chacon

Professional Studies and Fine Arts



San Diego State
University

Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) Award

Ricardo Rosas Jr.

From Service to Scholarship: Latino Veterans' Postsecondary
Educational Pathways

Mentor: Marissa Vasquez

Arts and Letters



San Diego State
University

Library Award

Daniela Hernandez

Hot Take: Can AI be used for STEM Servingness?

Mentor: Felisha Herrera Villarreal

Education



San Diego State
University

Library Award

Elizabeth Nguyen

Gatekeeping in STEM: Sense of Belonging Among Students in
Introductory Biology and Chemistry

Mentor: Felisha Herrera Villarreal

Education



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Outstanding Creative and Performing Arts Award

Kylee Kyte

The Ex-Lovers Convention

Mentor: Katie Turner

Professional Studies and Fine Arts



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University

Outstanding Creative and Performing Arts Award

Rebecca Murillo

Finding Home – Advocating for Immigrant &
Multi-Generational Latiné Voices in Musical Theater

Mentor: Robert Meffe

Professional Studies and Fine Arts



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University

President's Award

Jasmine Barnes

Unclutch Your Pearls: Using Narrative Medicine to Improve
Sexual Health Across the Lifespan

Mentor: Megan Ebor

Health and Human Services



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University

President's Award

Jerry Paras

Franchise Capitalism and The Undermining of Worker Power

Mentor: Jill Esbenshade

Arts and Letters



San Diego State
University

President's Award

Gabriel Holliday

Building a City from the Kitchen Up: Culinary Labor,
Memory, and the Shaping of New Orleans

Mentor: Eve Kornfeld

Arts and Letters



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President's Award

Araz Majnoonian

Geographic Patterns of Domestic Violence Service Utilization
in Armenia: A Mixed Methods Study

Mentor: Emily Schmied

Health and Human Services



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President's Award

Kayla Neutel

Cognitive Impairment and Behavior Problems in Children
With and Without Prenatal Alcohol Exposure

Mentor: Sarah Mattson

Sciences



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President's Award

Rex Peacock

Water Scarcity, Agricultural Land Retirement, and Restoration
Ecology in the San Joaquin Valley

Mentor: Daniel Sousa

Arts and Letters



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University

President's Award

Clarissa Savko

Prenatal E-Cigarette Exposure: Consequences for the
Cardiopulmonary System

Mentor: Mark Sussman

Sciences



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University

President's Award

Charlie Wolf

Oversight and Regulations of Sober Livings in San Diego
County

Mentor: Megan Welsh Carroll

Arts and Letters



San Diego State
University

President's Award

Madeline Roke

Review of Methods: Supporting Healthy Communities in San Diego through the 1000 Cities Challenge

Mentor: Ashleigh Johnson

Health and Human Services



San Diego State
University

President's Award for the Arts

Celia Beaumont

THE AWKWARD STAGE

Mentor: Mary Posatko

Professional Studies and Fine Arts



San Diego State
University

Provost's Award

Victor Lopez

Cartolandia: Can Archaeology Provide a New Hope to
Displaced Communities?

Mentor: Isaac Ullah

Arts and Letters



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University

Provost's Award

Isabel Zelaya

Beyond the Border: Immigration Enforcement and the
Criminalization of Latina Motherhood

Mentor: Cheryl O'Brien

Arts and Letters



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University

Provost's Award

Mia Herrerias

Empowering parents through “The Whole-Brain Child”: A
teacher-action research project

Mentor: Sascha Longstreth

Education



San Diego State
University

Provost's Award

Nick Martin

The Homebase Homerun

Mentor: Ricky Pope

Education

Provost's Award

Niccolo Degliantoni

Flow Biomarkers in a Patient-Specific LVAD Model with a
Favorable Outflow Graft Angle

Mentor: Karen May-Newman

Engineering



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University

Provost's Award

Hunter Atchley

Ali Vandra

Driving Shape-Based Self-Assembly in a Macro Scale Environment

Mentor: Parag Katira
Engineering



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University

Provost's Award

Sadie Moore

Landon Larkin

Preparing for an AI-Driven Workforce: Business Students' Perceptions of Career
Readiness at SDSU

Mentor: Andrew Baker
Fowler College of Business



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University

Provost's Award

Isabelle Vanderby

Jordan Kolas

Justice in Marketplace Service Recovery: AI Agents vs. Humans

Mentor: Gabriel Gonzalez
Fowler College of Business



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Provost's Award

Howard Frymire

Sociodemographic Characteristics and Food Insecurity

Mentor: France Nguyen-Grozavu

Health and Human Services



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University

Provost's Award

Jocelyn Garcilazo

Jennifer Holbea

Wearable Technology for Capturing Communication Stress in Children:
Preliminary Empatica & LENA Data

Mentor: Hatun Zengin-Bolatkale
Health and Human Services



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University

Provost's Award

Maria-Elena Gil

Cathrina Espinoza

Beyond Barriers: Culture-Specific Beliefs and Cancer Care at the U.S.-Mexico
Border

Mentor: Linda Abarbanell
SDSU Imperial Valley



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University

Provost's Award

Nirvana Encinas

Climate Change at the Borderlands: Cucapá Voices on Heat,
Water, and Health

Mentor: Linda Lara Jacobo

SDSU Imperial Valley



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University

Provost's Award

Giancarlo Zazueta

SB 79 Housing Development Areas

Mentor: Jenna Dublin-Boc

Professional Studies and Fine Arts



San Diego State
University

Provost's Award

Charlie Kanelopoulos

The Complexity of Food Environments: A Multi-Level GIS
Analysis of Inequities in Food Access

Mentor: Madison Swayne

Professional Studies and Fine Arts



San Diego State
University

Provost's Award

Anthony Nevarez

Patterns of Nonconcussive Repetitive Head Impacts in
Competitive Youth Soccer Games

Mentor: Arash Adami

Sciences



San Diego State
University

Provost's Award

Stephanie Lambert

Dakota Mcmichael

A path to N-arylimidazoles via Chan-Lam cross-coupling and high throughput experimentation

Mentor: Greg Elliott
Sciences



San Diego State
University

Research Award for Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice

Rafael Aguilera

Andrea Cordero

Backbone and Warhead Optimization of Carmaphycin Analogs for
Antitrichomonal Therapy

Mentor: Mikael Bergdahl
Sciences



San Diego State
University

Research Award for Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice

Caitlyn Cu

Lauren Gatdula

Preliminary Feasibility of a Prenatal Yoga App Intervention for African American
Pregnant Women

Mentor: Jennifer Green
Health and Human Services



San Diego State
University

Research Scholarship and Creative Activities Excellence Undergraduate Award

Georgia Brewster

Effects of Prenatal CBD Exposure on Spatial Learning and
Memory Performance

Mentor: Jennifer Thomas

Sciences



San Diego State
University

Research Scholarship and Creative Activities Excellence Undergraduate Award

Daniela Cazares

Successive Rounds of Chemotherapy Alters Notch Ligand
and Receptor Expression in Ovarian Cancer

Mentor: Gregory Jordan

Health and Human Services



San Diego State
University

Research Scholarship and Creative Activities Excellence Graduate Award

Olivia Pugsley

Jillian O'Keeffe

Unhoused in San Diego, California: Results from the 2025 SDHeart Surveys

Mentor: Gabriela Fernandez
Health and Human Services



San Diego State
University

Research Scholarship and Creative Activities Excellence Graduate Award

Sierra Suelzle

The P3b in Response to Auditory Oddball Stimuli in
Individuals at Clinical High Risk for Psychosis

Mentor: Emily Kappenman

Sciences



San Diego State
University

School of Journalism and Media Studies Award

Esmeralda Hernandez Cardenas

Bases, Borders, and Backlash: The Dodgers and Latinx/e
Activism Online

Mentor: Nathian Rodriguez

Professional Studies and Fine Arts



San Diego State
University

**School of Journalism and Media Studies
Award**

Todd Bradley

War Stories I Never Heard

Mentor: Nelle Martin

Professional Studies and Fine Arts



San Diego State
University

**School of Journalism and Media Studies
Award**

Mary Gowen

Olfactory New Media Art and Epistemic Sovereignty:
Sensing, Relation, and Resistance (2000–2025)

Mentor: Yin Yu

Professional Studies and Fine Arts



San Diego State
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**SDSU Grad Slam Award
1st Place and People's Choice**

Samir Kassem

Bilingual Children with Language Disorder in Dual
Language Education

Mentor: Ashley Sanabria

Health and Human Services



San Diego State
University

SDSU Grad Slam Award

Erik Christy

Chemically Enhanced Reprogramming of the Naked Mole
Rat

Mentor: Xiao Tian

Sciences



San Diego State
University

**SDSU Undergraduate RSCA Program
(SURP) Award**

Isabella Torcat

The Forgotten First Amendment-The Apportionment
Amendment

Mentor: Edward Blum

Arts and Letters



San Diego State
University

**SDSU Undergraduate RSCA Program
(SURP) Award**

Fernanda Ronzon

Glycemic Awareness and Behavior Change Using Continuous
Glucose Monitoring in Young Adults with T2D

Mentor: Jessica McCurley

Sciences



San Diego State
University

SDSU VISTA Student Recognition Award

Argueta Joel

Post-Incarceration Reentry Shock: A Theoretical Application
of the W-Curve Theory of Cultural Adaptation

Mentor: Austin Brumblay

Vista



San Diego State
University

SDSU VISTA Student Recognition Award

Montejo Roberto

Art, Art Therapy and Mentoring in Arts: The Many Benefits
of Arts in Prisons.

A subjective interpretation.

Mentor: Tereza Trejbalova

Vista



San Diego State
University

Women in Engineering Award - First Place

Janani Priyadharshini Srinivasan

Design and Fabrication of Pre-Processing unit for a Vanilla transformer

Mentor: Christopher Paolini

Engineering



San Diego State
University

Women in Engineering Award - Second Place

Sahithi Lingala

Design and Fabrication of Tick-Inspired Microneedles for
Enhanced Skin Penetration

Mentor: Yang Yang

Engineering



San Diego State
University

Women in Engineering Awards - Third Place

Sabrina Guarin

Irrigation-driven vegetation patterns and structure loss: A
case study of the 2025 Los Angeles Fires

Mentor: Alicia Kinoshita

Engineering