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DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE AND  
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May 6, 2022

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Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to announce the 13<sup>th</sup> annual call for nominations for the President's Award for Outstanding Student Leadership. This year the President's Award seeks to honor nominees who have demonstrated leadership and pursued creative solutions that support the University of California's climate action goals, including achieving carbon neutrality by 2025. This may include having contributed to the development or implementation of policies, programs, or strategies that aim to mitigate the effects of global climate change, improve energy efficiency, increase renewable energy, reduce waste, increase sustainable food supplies, and shape a more sustainable and resilient campus environment.

Nominees must be individual undergraduate, graduate, or professional students, or registered campus-based student organizations who demonstrate leadership in collaborative efforts that further the University of California's mission of teaching, research, and public service. The selected honoree(s) will receive a \$1,500 award and a framed certificate of recognition at the Regents meeting in July 2022.

Last year, my office received 22 nominations from five campuses. The two award recipients were:

1. UCSF medical students Laesha Cornejo and Jazzmin Williams, addressing racism in the clinical setting, which was exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, by producing and delivering workshops that enhanced preceptors' ability to model anti-racism behavior.
2. UC Davis student organization Multiculturalism in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS), for helping UC Davis undergraduate and graduate students find community, develop skills to support their academic and professional success, and connect to resources during a year of COVID-19 shutdowns and distance learning.

Please have nominators use the enclosed fillable PDF Nomination Form to designate students and/or student organizations for the 2022 award. All nominations from your respective campuses and locations require your endorsement in the form of an email that confirms support for the nominees.

Please submit nomination materials by Friday, June 3, 2022 to:

President's Award Selection Committee  
UC Office of the President  
c/o: George Zamora  
[george.zamora@ucop.edu](mailto:george.zamora@ucop.edu)

A selection committee comprised of UCOP staff will evaluate the submitted nominations and recommend finalists to me. I will make the final selections and present the award(s) during the July 2022 Regents meeting.

I appreciate your assistance and look forward to receiving your nominations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael V. Drake" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael V. Drake, MD  
President

Enclosure

cc: Provost and Executive Vice President Brown  
Vice President and Vice Provost Gullatt  
Associate Vice Provost and Chief Policy Officer Halimah  
Associate Vice President Energy & Sustainability Phillips

**Purpose of Award**

The President's Award for Outstanding Student Leadership recognizes undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, as well as campus-based student organizations, for their outstanding efforts in promoting and supporting programs that address issues through collaborative efforts, and further the University of California's mission of teaching, research and public service.

**Student Leadership on Climate Action and Sustainability**

This year, the President's Award for Outstanding Student Leadership seeks to honor nominees who have demonstrated leadership and pursued creative solutions that support the University of California's climate action goals, including achieving carbon neutrality by 2025. This may include having contributed to the development or implementation of policies, programs, or strategies that aim to mitigate the effects of global climate change, improve energy efficiency, increase renewable energy, reduce waste, increase sustainable food supplies, and shape a more sustainable and resilient campus environment.

**Eligibility**

Candidates for this award may be individual students and/or campus-based student organizations. Individual candidates must be enrolled as full-time undergraduate, graduate or professional students in good academic and disciplinary standing at one of the University of California's 10 campuses. If the nomination is for a student organization, it must be registered with its home campus and be in good standing at the time of nomination.

**Nomination Process**

Any UC student, faculty, or staff member may nominate a candidate for this award. To do so, please complete the nomination form on the following page. Each nomination that originates from a campus must include an email from either the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor Student Affairs, or AVC/Dean that confirms their endorsement of the

nominee. Nominations that originate from the UC Student Association (UCSA) or UC Graduate & Professional Council (UCGPC) must include an email from the President of the respective organization that confirms their endorsement of the nominee.

**The nomination deadline is Friday, June 3, 2022.**

**Selection Criteria**

This year, the selection criteria for vetting student and organizational candidates will focus exclusively on students' demonstrated leadership around climate action and sustainability. A Selection Committee comprised of staff from the UC Office of the President will look for one or more of the following attributes:

- Facilitated the development or implementation of programs, policies, or strategies that made significant contributions to helping the University become more sustainable and carbon free.
- Displayed visionary leadership in coordinating actions that involved the cooperation and collaboration of additional individuals and/or organizations.
- Led activities that enhanced the undergraduate and/or graduate and professional student understanding of and experience with sustainability efforts.
- Demonstrated excellence in helping the University fulfill its mission of teaching, research, and public service.

**Award Determination**

The Selection Committee will evaluate the submitted nominations using weighted measures that are based on the noted selection criteria. President Drake will make the final determination and inform the Chancellors and nominators about their selection prior to the Regents meeting in July. Each honoree will receive a \$1,500 award and a framed certificate of recognition.

**Submit Nominations to:**

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**Nominee Information**

Please check one:  Individual Student  Campus Organization

Name:

Campus:

Phone:

Email:

Class Standing (e.g., freshman, sophomore, graduate student):

Major(s)/Course(s) of Study:

Minor(s):

**Nomination Questions**

**On a separate sheet, please respond to the following questions and submit along with this form:**

1. Describe the nominee's project activities and subsequent outcomes. Please provide examples of how these activities supported the University of California's climate action goals, including achieving carbon neutrality, or net-zero carbon emissions from UC's buildings and fleets by 2025, and how results were achieved.
2. Elaborate on nominee's role in above activities and the role others played through collaborative efforts.
3. Please share a personal anecdote about the candidate you are nominating. What motivates your nominee and how does the student or student organization inspire others?

**Nominator's Information**

Prepared By:

Phone:

Email:

**Endorsement**

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Each nomination that originates from the UC Student Association (UCSA) or UC Graduate & Professional Council (UCGPC) must include an email from the leader of the respective organization that confirms his or her endorsement of the nominee (i.e., from the Presidents of UCSA or UCGPC).

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