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SCHEDULE

5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
GUEST ARRIVAL  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
WELCOME BY DEAN/VICE PROVOST ROBIN L. GARRELL  
3-MINUTE STUDENT PRESENTATIONS  
INTERMISSION  
AUDIENCE CHOICE VOTING  
VIP JUDGING PANEL TABULATIONS  
AWARDS CEREMONY

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
CELEBRATORY RECEPTION

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STARTUP UCLA
Cody Aros
A Drug to Prevent Lung Cancer
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Eunjoo An
Saving Lives with Mindfulness Practice
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Marissa Stevens
Social Identity from Ancient Egypt to Modern Times
NEAR EASTERN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

Zachary Ballard
Making Microscopes That Learn
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Taylor Corcoran
Eliminating Vaccine-Preventable Diseases with Tailored Immunization Programs
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Joey Lao
Hospital Acquired Infection: The Unknown Killer
ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT

Isaac Bryan
The Price of Freedom
PUBLIC POLICY

Viola Ardeni
What Are Fairy Tales?
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Joseph Friedman
The Shocking Social Patterns of Prescription Drug Use
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Priera Panescu
Novel Materials for Sustainable Food Security
CHEMISTRY

Parinaz Abiri
Wireless Batteryless Miniature Cardiac Pacemaker
BIOENGINEERING AND MEDICINE