



2018  
**GRAD  
SLAM**  
UCLA

**FINAL COMPETITION  
& CELEBRATORY RECEPTION**

MARCH 7, 2018 | CNSI AUDITORIUM

**HOSTS**

**Robin L. Garrell**

*Vice Provost, GRADUATE EDUCATION  
Dean, GRADUATE DIVISION  
Professor, CHEMISTRY & BIOCHEMISTRY*

**Michael Skiles**

*President, UCLA GRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
Graduate Chair, UC COUNCIL OF STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS  
Ph.D. Candidate, PHILOSOPHY*

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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

**MEET OUR JUDGES**

**Dan Froot**

*Professor  
UCLA DEPARTMENT OF WORLD ARTS &  
CULTURES / DANCE*

**Devon Graves**

*2017-18 Student Regent-Designate; doctoral student  
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION &  
INFORMATION STUDIES*

**Melissa Effron Hayek**

*Director  
WOMEN & PHILANTHROPY*

**Sonia Luna**

*Executive Director  
CALIFORNIA NANOSYSTEMS INSTITUTE*

**Anne Marie Spataru**

*Cabinet Member  
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PRESENTATION ORDER



**Cody Aros**

*A Drug to Prevent Lung Cancer*

MOLECULAR BIOLOGY



**Joey Lao**

*Hospital Acquired Infection:  
The Unknown Killer*

ENGINEERING MANGEMENT



**Eunjo An**

*Saving Lives with Mindfulness  
Practice*

NURSING



**Isaac Bryan**

*The Price of Freedom*

PUBLIC POLICY



**Marissa Stevens**

*Social Identity from Ancient Egypt  
to Modern Times*

NEAR EASTERN LANGUAGES  
AND CULTURES



**Viola Ardeni**

*What Are Fairy Tales?*

ITALIAN



**Zachary Ballard**

*Making Microscopes That Learn*

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING



**Joseph Friedman**

*The Shocking Social Patterns of  
Prescription Drug Use*

PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICINE



**Taylor Corcoran**

*Eliminating Vaccine-Preventable  
Diseases with Tailored  
Immunization Programs*

ANDERSON SCHOOL OF  
MANAGEMENT



**Prieria Panescu**

*Novel Materials for Sustainable  
Food Security*

CHEMISTRY



**Parinaz Abiri**

*Wireless Batteryless Miniature  
Cardiac Pacemaker*

BIOENGINEERING AND MEDICINE



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