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GRAD SLAM
UCLA

FINAL COMPETITION
& CELEBRATORY RECEPTION
MARCH 7, 2018 | CNSI AUDITORIUM

HOSTS

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MEET OUR JUDGES

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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

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS
STUDENT FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CALIFORNIA NANOSYSTEMS INSTITUTE (CNSI)
STARTUP UCLA
Cody Aros
A Drug to Prevent Lung Cancer
MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

Eunjoo An
Saving Lives with Mindfulness Practice
NURSING

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
ANDERSON SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Joey Lao
Hospital Acquired Infection: The Unknown Killer
ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT

Isaac Bryan
The Price of Freedom
PUBLIC POLICY

Viola Ardeni
What Are Fairy Tales?
ITALIAN

Joseph Friedman
The Shocking Social Patterns of Prescription Drug Use
PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICINE

Priera Panescu
Novel Materials for Sustainable Food Security
CHEMISTRY

Parinaz Abiri
Wireless Batteryless Miniature Cardiac Pacemaker
BIOENGINEERING AND MEDICINE