2022 GRAD SLAM UCLA

FINAL COMPETITION & CELEBRATORY RECEPTION

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 | 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm
UCLA Meyer and Renee Luskin Conference Center

HOSTS

Susan L Ettner
Dean of Graduate Education, GRADUATE DIVISION
Professor, DEPT. OF MEDICINE, DIVISION OF GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE AND HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH
Professor, DEPT. OF HEALTH POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

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President, UCLA GRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
Doctoral Student, MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

MEET OUR JUDGES

Jerome Greenberg
Clinical Professor of Medicine, DAVID GEFFEN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
Alumni, BIOLOGY ('78)

Monroe Gorden
Vice Chancellor, STUDENT AFFAIRS
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Marissa López
Associate Dean, GRADUATE DIVISION
Professor of English and Chicana/o Studies,
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Kelly Wahl
Interim Assistant Dean, UCLA SUMMER SESSIONS

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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 SUSAN L. ETTNER
3-MINUTE FINALIST PRESENTATIONS
INTERMISSION
AUDIENCE CHOICE VOTING
VIP JUDGING PANEL TABULATIONS
AWARDS CEREMONY

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

Toni Boltz
Can a Drop of Blood Predict Your Risk for Mental Illness?
HUMAN GENETICS

Kshitija Shah
Zero Waste (Water Treatment)!
CIVIL ENGINEERING

Brandon Tsai
Breaking the Rules to Fight Cancer
HUMAN GENETICS

Shruti Indiresan
Wetlands and Wildfires: How Microbes Maintain Balance
CIVIL ENGINEERING

Mary Jo Madda
The Science Behind Bad PowerPoints: Why No One Remembers What You Said
EDUCATION

Elizabeth Burnette
What E.Coli Endotoxin Can Tell Us About Addiction
NEUROSCIENCE

Briley Lewis
Finding Planets in a Forest of Speckles
ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS

Paul Vander
Suspended Animation as Medicine – Science or Fiction?
MOLECULAR, CELLULAR AND INTEGRATIVE PHYSIOLOGY

Judah Van Zandt
Finding the Connection Between Close-In Small Planets and Distant Giants
ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS

Kelsi Rutledge
The Fluid Dynamics of Smell: A Stingray’s Perspective
BIOLOGY