

Graduate Division

2024-2025 Academic Year

Master's and Doctoral Candidates

Teaching and Service Credential Candidates



Thursday, June Twelfth

Two Thousand Twenty-Five

Four O'Clock *in the afternoon*

Commencement Green

Ceremony

PROCESSION

The audience is requested to stand while the procession is entering.

Rita Raley, University Marshal
Divisional Chair, Academic Senate

PRESIDING

Leila Rupp
Interim Anne and Michael Towbes
Graduate Dean

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Christina Ramsey
DMA in Music

DEAN'S WELCOME

Dean Rupp

GREETINGS

Henry T. Yang
Chancellor

UC SANTA BARBARA MEDAL

Shuji Nakamura
Nobel Laureate
Professor of Materials and Electrical &
Computer Engineering
Presented by Chancellor Yang

STUDENT ADDRESS

Courtney Wright
Ph.D. in Education

PRESENTATION OF THE WINIFRED AND LOUIS LANCASTER DISSERTATION AWARDS

Biological and Life Sciences

Nora Wolcott
Ph.D. in Molecular, Cellular &
Developmental Biology

Humanities & Fine Arts

Christopher Erdman
Ph.D. in Classics

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

University Marshal Raley

CANDIDATE STAGE CROSSING

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Chancellor Yang
University Marshal Raley

UNIVERSITY SONG

Christina Ramsey

Hail to California

RECESSION

Ceremony

Hail to California

*Hail to California, Alma Mater dear,
Sing the joyful chorus,
Sound it far and near,
Rallying 'round her banner,
We will never fail—
California, Alma Mater,
Hail! Hail! Hail!*

Today, UC Santa Barbara celebrates your commitment to academic excellence and the expertise you have gained through your graduate study and research. You have the warm thoughts and good wishes of the faculty, staff, and administration as the knowledge and skills you have acquired lead you to success in your careers.

This event will be photographed and recorded.

#UCSB2025

Award Recipient

Shuji Nakamura

Nobel Laureate

Professor of Materials and Electrical & Computer Engineering

Professor Shuji Nakamura joined UC Santa Barbara in 2000 as the CREE Chair in Materials and serves as Research Director of the Solid State Lighting & Energy Electronics Center. He is globally renowned for pioneering light emitters based on gallium nitride (GaN), leading to the development of high-efficiency blue LEDs and lasers. Before UCSB, he conducted research at Nichia Chemical Industries in Japan and was a visiting research associate at the University of Florida. He earned his degrees from the University of Tokushima.

Professor Nakamura received the Nobel Prize in Physics (2014), the Millennium Technology Prize (2006), and the Global Energy Prize (2015). He is a member of the US National Academy of Engineering and the Royal Academy of Engineering, among other honors.

He has co-founded several Santa Barbara-based startups: Soraa (2008, SLD Laser (2013), and Blue Laser Fusion (2023), advancing LED, laser and fusion technologies.