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Welcoming Remarks

Professor J. Peter Gergen
Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology

Convocation Address

Dr. Harry Lander
BS Biochemistry, BA Chemistry (1987)
Stony Brook University
President, Regen BioPharma Inc., San Diego, CA

Presentation of Awards and Honors

University Awards
Professor J. Peter Gergen
Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology

Honors in Biochemistry
Professor Bernadette Holdener
Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology

Honors in Biology
Professor Robert Thacker
Chair, Department of Ecology and Evolution

Irwin Oster Award, Outstanding Research in Genetics
Professor Maurice Kernan
Department of Neurobiology and Behavior

Outstanding Achievement Awards
Professor J. Peter Gergen
Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology

Student Speaker

Ms. Janki Patel
BS Biochemistry (2017)

Presentation of Degree Candidates

Master of Arts in Biological Sciences
Professor Robert Thacker
Chair, Department of Ecology and Evolution

Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry
Professor Aaron Neiman
Chair, Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology

Bachelor of Science in Biology
Professor Simon Halezoua
Department of Neurobiology and Behavior

Concluding Remarks

Professor J. Peter Gergen
Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology

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**Program Participants**
Dr. J. Peter Gergen, Director Undergraduate Biology  
Dr. Bernadette Holdener, Director Undergraduate Biochemistry  
Dr. Robert Thacker, Chair, Department of Ecology and Evolution  
Dr. Maurice Kernan, Department of Neurobiology and Behavior  
Dr. Aaron Neiman, Chair, Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology  
Dr. Simon Halexgouda, Department of Neurobiology and Behavior  
Dr. Harry Lander, Alumni Speaker  
Ms. Janki Patel, Student Speaker

**Faculty Marshals**
Drs. William F. Collins III, Nancy Hollingsworth, Sarah Malmquist and Matthew Schmidt

**Faculty in Attendance**
Drs. Nurit Balls, Mei Lin Chan, Neta Dean, Dale Deutsch, Walter Eanes, Susan Erster, Craig Evinger, Berhane Ghebrehiwet, Wali Karzai, Cindy Lefton, Jeffrey Levinton, Harvard Lyman, Arianna Maffei, Gerardo Mackenzie, Marvin O’Neal, Sharon Pochron, Jessica Seeliger, Sanford Simon, John True, Jennie Williams, Patricia Wright, Ms Mary Bernero

**Student Banner Bearers**
Joel Kovoor, Biology  
Rebecca Shum, Biochemistry

**Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence**
*Sonia Joshi*, Biochemistry  
*Rima Madan*, Biology  
*Krista Pullen*, Biology  
*Gabrielle Khalife*, Biology  
*Naveen Mallangada*, Biology  
*Joselin Vargas*, Biology  
*Joel Kovoor*, Biology  
*Jangi Patel*, Biochemistry  
*James Vassallo*, Biology

**Provost’s Awards for Academic Excellence**
*Breana Channer*, Biology  
*Henry Ng*, Biology  
*Jessica Willdigg*, Biology

**University Undergraduate Recognition Awards for Outstanding Achievement**
*Grace Chang*, Biochemistry, Community Service  
*Christina Melian*, Biology, Athletics  
*Breana Channer*, Biology, Academic Excellence  
*Henry Ng*, Biology, Academic Excellence  
*Mahin Choudhury*, Biology, Academic Excellence  
*Jangi Patel*, Biochemistry, Academic Excellence  
*Aaron Gochman*, Biology, Academic Excellence  
*Selvin Rose*, Biology, Academic Excellence  
*Sonia Joshi*, Biochemistry, Academic Excellence, Outstanding Future Alumni Award  
*Kevin Skier*, Biology, Academic Excellence  
*Gabrielle Khalife*, Biology, Leadership  
*Joselin Vargas*, Biology, Academic Excellence  
*Naveen Mallangada*, Biology, Community Service, Bobak Mohavedi Senior Leadership and William J. Sullivan Awards  
*James Vassallo*, Biology, Leadership  
*Nicholas Vollano*, Biology, Leadership  
*Jessica Willdigg*, Biology, Academic Excellence

**Honors in Biochemistry**
*Robert Bruce*  
*John Pfail Jr.*  
*Brian Coyne*  
*Rebecca Shum*  
*Jacqueline Doyle*  
*Wei-Chieh Tseng*  
*Simran Gupta*  
*Jasmine Walker*  
*Rebecca Monastero*

**Honors in Biology**
*Jenna Brunette*  
*Rima Madan*  
*Silvia Salamone*  
*Mahin Choudhury*  
*Naveen Mallangada*  
*Joselin Vargas*  
*Aaron Gochman*  
*Kennelia Mellanson*  
*Christina Moore*  
*Evelyn Kandov*  
*James Vassallo*  
*Linda Lee*  
*Rita Ianniello*  
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*Henry Ng*

**Department Outstanding Achievement Awards**

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