



## 2026 BIOLOGY AND BIOCHEMISTRY CONVOCATION

### Processional

The Saffron Kilts

*(Audience will please rise until all candidates are seated)*

### Welcoming Remarks

Dr. Jordanna Sprayberry  
Department of Ecology and Evolution

### Convocation Address

Mr. Henry Alfano, MDR  
Biology B.S. (1995), COO, ClickPoint Software

### Presentation of Awards and Honors

University Awards Dr. Jordanna Sprayberry

Honors in Biochemistry Professor Dada Pisconti  
Outstanding Achievement in Biochemistry Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology

Honors in Biology Professor Alfredo Fontanini  
Chair, Department of Neurobiology and Behavior

Irwin Oster Award for Dr. Maurice Kernan  
Outstanding Research in Genetics Department of Neurobiology and Behavior

Raymond Jones Award for Dr. Gerald Thomsen  
Outstanding Research in Cell Biology Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology

Community Recognition Dr. Jordanna Sprayberry

### Student Speaker

Ms. Bavleen Kaur  
Biochemistry B.S. (2026)

### Presentation of Degree Candidates

Master of Arts in Ecology and Evolution Dr. Nancy Hollingsworth  
Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology

Master of Science in Biochemistry  
Master of Science in Neuroscience Dr. Marvin O'Neal  
Department of Undergraduate Biology

Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry  
Bachelor of Arts in Biology Dr. Natasha Vitek  
Department of Ecology and Evolution

Bachelor of Science in Biology  
Minor in Biology Dr. J. Peter Gergen  
Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology

### Concluding Remarks

Dr. Jordanna Sprayberry

### Recessional

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## Degree Candidates in Biochemistry and Biology

### Masters Candidates

Sandra Albanna  
Tasmia Ali  
Christopher Altamura  
Virgil Ballew  
Aishwarya Dharan  
Joninne Douglas

### Bachelors in Biochemistry

Matthew Abrego<sup>L</sup>  
Sebastián Arboleda Salazar  
Tomasz Baginski<sup>R</sup>  
Abijot Bains<sup>S T R</sup>  
Kevin Byun<sup>P M R</sup>  
Samiah Cann<sup>T R</sup>  
Kian Charkhian  
Daniel Chen<sup>P S</sup>  
Rena Chen  
Yu Rong Chen  
Eleanor Chin<sup>L</sup>  
Robert Chin  
Athena Choi<sup>S T R</sup>  
Ramita Chowdhury  
Christine Chung<sup>S T R</sup>  
Liam Chung<sup>S</sup>  
Tiziana Colon<sup>L R</sup>  
Benjamin Costa<sup>T</sup>  
Michael Cupit<sup>R</sup>  
Madeleine Deschamps<sup>L R</sup>  
Suchona Dey<sup>S</sup>  
Wentao Gao<sup>M</sup>  
Desiree Gyasi<sup>P S</sup>  
Daniel He<sup>M</sup>  
Nicole Hooshiari<sup>P R</sup>  
Luke Humin  
Anss Hyka<sup>P S T R</sup>  
Yousef Ibrahim  
Isabelle Irizarry-McAdam<sup>L</sup>  
Dan Jian<sup>P T R</sup>  
Danny Jiang  
Taylor Johnson<sup>L</sup>  
Manahil Kashif<sup>S R</sup>  
Bavleen Kaur<sup>R</sup>  
Faolan Kayser<sup>M</sup>  
Ian Kondrick<sup>R</sup>  
Sean Krivitsky<sup>S T</sup>  
Ilona Lakusta<sup>P S T R</sup>  
Ryan Lam<sup>S T</sup>

Matthew Lei<sup>L</sup>  
Ananya Madhira  
Taya Maharaj<sup>R</sup>  
Elaine Mei<sup>M T R</sup>  
Erick Mejia Maravilla  
Aman Mistry  
Ameen Moula  
Moniza Mujtaba<sup>S T R</sup>  
Sofia Mulligan<sup>L</sup>  
Elias Murillo  
Niko Okumu  
Oreoluwa Olukoku<sup>R</sup>  
Ayushi Pandya<sup>L</sup>  
Kwonhwan Park  
Anyia Paul  
Luis Joseph Perez Pairazaman  
Francesca Pezzano<sup>M T</sup>  
Lilly Resciniti<sup>L</sup>  
Anna Sedneva  
Zirui Shao<sup>S R</sup>  
Ankur Sikder<sup>M T</sup>  
Damian Sokolowski<sup>L R</sup>  
Meghan Spanopoulos<sup>M</sup>  
Kumail Syed  
Mayur Talele<sup>S T R</sup>  
Caitlyn Thayer  
Alexa Thiro<sup>T</sup>  
Brian Tieu  
Isabella Tolley<sup>L</sup>  
Ryan Vaziri<sup>S T R</sup>  
Saumya Vengsarkar<sup>S T</sup>  
Sophie Xiao<sup>P S R</sup>  
Rosalie Ye  
Matthew Yong<sup>S T</sup>  
Ethan Zhang<sup>M T</sup>  
Jingfei Zhang<sup>M T R</sup>  
Nok Ham Zhang<sup>L</sup>  
Grace Zhao

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Jeffin Abraham<sup>S T R</sup>  
Uzrah Abrar<sup>R</sup>  
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Zahor Ahmad  
Hiba Ahmed<sup>P S</sup>  
Shanza Ahmed<sup>L</sup>  
Noah Ajitsingh  
Zayan Akhtar  
Hadrian Akren<sup>S T R</sup>  
Jessica Alfano<sup>L R</sup>

Zarah Ali<sup>R</sup>  
Ifra Ali  
Angelina Almiroudis<sup>T R</sup>  
Sophia Aracena  
Adrita Arif  
Adita Arunima<sup>R</sup>  
Mekail Asif  
Rameen Attiq<sup>L</sup>  
Maelle Aubry<sup>P R</sup>  
Noah Augustin  
Chun Auyeung<sup>T</sup>  
Alexa Bader  
Yuntao Bai<sup>P S</sup>  
Kavish Bandan  
Maria Barbos  
Kayla Barnwell<sup>R</sup>  
John Barry<sup>L R</sup>  
Jaida Beaubrun  
Thomas Beggs<sup>P S T R</sup>  
Michelle Benitez  
Christina Bennett  
Mark Bentinck<sup>M</sup>  
Silvana Beshara<sup>L</sup>  
Kaan Birgen<sup>S T R</sup>  
Harrison Bohrer  
Jibike Bolarinwa<sup>R</sup>  
Samantha Bravo  
Divyanshi Kaur Bright<sup>R</sup>  
Matteo Buxo  
Melody Camino  
Hannah Cantone<sup>R</sup>  
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Tobias Wenceslao IV Cerezo<sup>R</sup>  
Genesis Ceron<sup>R</sup>  
Hui Tung Chan  
Sanya Chandhok<sup>S T R</sup>  
Sarah Chaudhry<sup>L T R</sup>  
Ashley Chen  
Bill Chen<sup>S</sup>  
Connie Chen  
Ethan Chen  
Jeff Chen<sup>P S T R</sup>  
Katarina Chen<sup>M</sup>  
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Xin Chen  
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Xing Ying Chen  
Hana Cho<sup>M T R</sup>  
John Choi<sup>L T</sup>  
Vincent Chou  
Fariha Choudhury  
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Ethan Dearborn  
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John DiMaggio  
Gabrielle Domanas<sup>T</sup>  
Lucas Dudley<sup>L R</sup>  
Grace Durham  
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Arthur Erskine  
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Danielle Ewan  
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Christopher Forstmann  
Grace Frankstone  
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Sebastian Garcia  
Alina George<sup>L</sup>  
Sean Gho<sup>S</sup>  
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Julianna Giacoio<sup>L</sup>  
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<i>Arya Haditalab</i> <sup>T R</sup>	<i>Ryan Kim</i> <sup>T R</sup>	<i>Raquel Maldari</i> <sup>R</sup>	<i>Kaan Ozcan</i> <sup>L R</sup>
<i>Brian Hakimi</i> <sup>S T</sup>	<i>Benjamin King</i> <sup>S R</sup>	<i>Gayathri Manoj</i>	<i>Emma Pak</i> <sup>L</sup>
<i>Susoma Halder</i> <sup>R</sup>	<i>Hanna Kinthiseng</i> <sup>L</sup>	<i>Kaitlyn Marcis</i>	<i>Pranav Paranj</i>
<i>Reem Hamdan</i> <sup>T</sup>	<i>Arisa Ko</i> <sup>R</sup>	<i>Giuliana Marzo</i>	<i>Aaryan Parikh</i>
<i>Ashley Hashimoto</i> <sup>L T</sup>	<i>Mariami Kochiashvili</i> <sup>M T R</sup>	<i>Angelina Mavros</i>	<i>Eunice Park</i>
<i>Loy Hashimoto</i> <sup>M T</sup>	<i>Era Kola</i>	<i>Alvina May</i> <sup>S</sup>	<i>Tamanna Parmar</i>
<i>Laiba Hashmi</i> <sup>M T</sup>	<i>Muhtar Konar</i> <sup>M R</sup>	<i>Mary Ellen Mazzola</i>	<i>Ramisha Parvez</i>
<i>Yona Hassid</i> <sup>T</sup>	<i>Devorah Krym</i> <sup>R</sup>	<i>Lucille McKenzie</i> <sup>L R</sup>	<i>Eshna Patel</i>
<i>Bryona Hayes</i> <sup>S</sup>	<i>Oleg Kufalo</i> <sup>M</sup>	<i>Hailey Medard</i>	<i>Haardi Patel</i> <sup>L</sup>
<i>Jamie Hee</i> <sup>M T R</sup>	<i>Nandini Kumar</i>	<i>Melanie Medard</i>	<i>Karina Patel</i>
<i>Shriram Hegde</i> <sup>S T R</sup>	<i>Anjana Kumari</i>	<i>Evan Medina</i>	<i>Kishan Patel</i> <sup>P M R</sup>
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<i>Dayris Hernandez</i> <sup>R</sup>	<i>Kang Lai</i> <sup>R</sup>	<i>Dalisha Mehta</i>	<i>Shivani Patel</i> <sup>L</sup>
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<i>Ermal Hoxha</i> <sup>T</sup>	<i>Katrina Laminta</i>	<i>Kassidy Mejia-Perez</i>	<i>Darnell Paul</i>
<i>Emily Htam</i> <sup>M T R</sup>	<i>Alan Lan</i> <sup>M</sup>	<i>Natalie Melendez</i>	<i>Bryant Peña</i> <sup>L</sup>
<i>Kristen Hu</i>	<i>Ruisong Lan</i> <sup>M T R</sup>	<i>Ryan Mendez</i>	<i>Cameron Persaud</i> <sup>R</sup>
<i>Vincent Hu</i>	<i>Jocelyn Landaverde</i> <sup>L</sup>	<i>Rehan Mian</i> <sup>T R</sup>	<i>Braden Petito</i> <sup>S T</sup>
<i>Weiwei Hu</i> <sup>M T R</sup>	<i>Jenna Lecuit</i> <sup>R</sup>	<i>Walter Michalski</i> <sup>M</sup>	<i>James Pettinato</i>
<i>Samantha Huang</i>	<i>Cynthia Lee</i> <sup>T R</sup>	<i>Robert Milman</i> <sup>S T R</sup>	<i>Joanna Philip</i> <sup>P S R</sup>
<i>Sadia Huda</i> <sup>T</sup>	<i>Krystal Lee</i>	<i>Hiba Mohamed Bakry</i>	<i>Kristin Phung</i> <sup>R</sup>
<i>Fairuz Humaira</i>	<i>Nathan Lee</i> <sup>P S R</sup>	<i>Ishan Mohan</i> <sup>L</sup>	<i>Karisa Pluchino</i>
<i>Brian Hummel</i>	<i>Minli Lei</i> <sup>L</sup>	<i>Lasya Mohan</i>	<i>Rosary Polawakara Arachchige</i> <sup>L</sup>
<i>Radwa Hussein</i>	<i>Justin Leung</i> <sup>S R</sup>	<i>Christopher Morale</i>	<i>Victoria Potrapeluk</i> <sup>S</sup>
<i>Maryam Hussein Mansour</i> <sup>L R</sup>	<i>Serena Leung</i>	<i>Jacob Morales</i>	<i>Joseph Pucciarelli</i>
<i>Amari Hutchinson</i>	<i>Tatyana Levieva</i> <sup>R</sup>	<i>Mel Moran</i>	<i>Miah Puig</i>
<i>Brianna Hynes</i> <sup>L</sup>	<i>Sotirios Levis</i>	<i>Veronica Mosad</i>	<i>Violetta Pyagay</i>
<i>Kyla Ilkay</i>	<i>Candace Li</i>	<i>Adam Mostafa</i>	<i>Karthik Pyneni</i> <sup>L R</sup>
<i>Samia Irani</i>	<i>Jennifer Li</i> <sup>T R</sup>	<i>Javeria Mubarik</i> <sup>R</sup>	<i>Mahjabeen Quraishi</i>
<i>Nafisa Ishra</i> <sup>S T</sup>	<i>Hao Xiang Li</i>	<i>Tanis Mui</i>	<i>Natasha Qureshi</i>
<i>Fatin Ishteaaque</i>	<i>Winnie Li</i> <sup>R</sup>	<i>Ricardo Mujica</i> <sup>L R</sup>	<i>Maisha Rahman</i> <sup>T R</sup>
<i>Rithika Jayaraman</i> <sup>L R</sup>	<i>Sandy Liang</i>	<i>Marvin Mujo</i> <sup>L</sup>	<i>Tahasin Rahman</i> <sup>R</sup>
<i>Jessie Jiang</i>	<i>Alex Liang Wu</i>	<i>Kerly Muy Bonilla</i> <sup>M T R</sup>	<i>Lakshitha Rajkumar</i> <sup>M T</sup>
<i>Zoe Jiang</i> <sup>P S T R</sup>	<i>Annmarie Libardi</i> <sup>L</sup>	<i>Ayesha Nadeem</i>	<i>Arianna Ramos</i>
<i>Asha Joggish</i> <sup>T</sup>	<i>Baocheng Lin</i> <sup>L</sup>	<i>Tyler Nagosky</i> <sup>S R</sup>	<i>Vanisha Ramsingh</i>
<i>Jarif Kabir</i>	<i>David Lin</i> <sup>L T R</sup>	<i>Arjun Nair</i> <sup>R</sup>	<i>Asvin Ranganathan</i>
<i>Anastasia Karampimperis</i>	<i>Jeffrey Lin</i> <sup>M T</sup>	<i>Anjali Nambakam</i> <sup>S R</sup>	<i>Yashvi Rangwala</i> <sup>L</sup>
<i>Sana Kashmiri</i>	<i>Jenny Lin</i>	<i>Diya Nambiar</i>	<i>Prahlad Raval</i> <sup>T</sup>
<i>Faurdeen Kassim</i>	<i>Jiaxiang Lin</i> <sup>M</sup>	<i>Julian Namerow</i>	<i>Sophia Reichert</i>
<i>Apramjot Kaur</i> <sup>S T R</sup>	<i>Jun Lin</i> <sup>S</sup>	<i>Bathya Natanova</i> <sup>L</sup>	<i>Erica Rhee</i>
<i>Gurrachna Kaur</i>	<i>Tracy Lin</i>	<i>Ana Negrin Sanchez</i> <sup>M</sup>	<i>Emilyanne Riano</i>
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<i>Kishwarpreet Kaur</i>	<i>Zhenyu Lin</i>	<i>Ryan Ng</i> <sup>S T</sup>	<i>Karina Rios</i> <sup>L</sup>
<i>Sabeen Khalid</i> <sup>S</sup>	<i>Irene Liu</i> <sup>P S T R</sup>	<i>Tetiana Nika</i> <sup>M T R</sup>	<i>Ashish Roddam</i> <sup>S T R</sup>
<i>Aamena Khan</i> <sup>M T</sup>	<i>Kitty Liu</i>	<i>Angus Ning</i>	<i>Luis Rodriguez</i> <sup>S T</sup>
<i>Anab Khan</i>	<i>Landy Liu</i>	<i>Irrina Nusrat</i>	<i>Sarah Rodriguez</i>
<i>Asif Iqbal Khan</i>	<i>Leslie Liu</i> <sup>P S T</sup>	<i>Brenden O'Connor</i> <sup>L</sup>	<i>Alyssa Rueckert</i>
<i>Enayah Khan</i> <sup>P S T R</sup>	<i>Rachel Liu</i> <sup>M T R</sup>	<i>Alexia O'Keefe</i> <sup>R</sup>	<i>Seif Sadar</i> <sup>T R</sup>
<i>Hammad Khan</i> <sup>R</sup>	<i>Karissa Lopez</i> <sup>P M T R</sup>	<i>Ebehitale Odua</i>	<i>Saif Sahawneh</i> <sup>L T</sup>
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<i>Shane Khan</i>	<i>Laila Macauley</i>	<i>Isabella Ortiz</i>	<i>Diya Saini</i> <sup>L R</sup>
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### Bachelors in Biology (continued)

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*Lydia Schnell*<sup>T</sup>  
*Kiyanna Scicere*  
*Bhata Seal*<sup>M</sup>  
*Elliot Seo*<sup>S</sup>  
*Aryon Seraji*  
*Patrick Serrentino*<sup>S T R</sup>  
*Sana Shafiq*  
*Shivani Shah*<sup>M T R</sup>  
*Rabeya Shahid*<sup>L</sup>  
*Waziha Shahid*  
*Andrew Shapiro*<sup>L R</sup>  
*Ryan Shapiro*<sup>P</sup>  
*Luke Sheehan*  
*Ibrahim Sheikh*  
*Arsal Sher*  
*Alexander Sherman*<sup>L</sup>  
*Anna Shi*<sup>L T</sup>  
*Qi Shi*  
*Heejoo Shin*<sup>L</sup>  
*Dania Shubber*  
*Abrar Siddique*<sup>L</sup>  
*Georgia Sideridis*<sup>M R</sup>  
*Shashank Singal*<sup>L</sup>  
*Kevin Singh*  
*Yashwant Sinha*<sup>M</sup>  
*Isabella Snyder*<sup>M</sup>  
*Natalie Sowodich*  
*Brilliant Soedarmasto*  
*Mia Sproul*<sup>R</sup>  
*Tony Su*  
*Karyna Svistelnyska*  
*Jenna Sweet*  
*Mahroosh Syed*<sup>S</sup>  
*Rubbab Syed Jaffary*<sup>R</sup>  
*Davi Bessa Szuchmacher*<sup>R</sup>  
*Iffat Tabassum*  
*Cara Tahmoosh*  
*Daniela Tavaréz*<sup>L</sup>  
*Rachel Thangavelu*  
*Claire Tong*<sup>S</sup>  
*Yen Chih Tsai*<sup>R</sup>  
*Naima Tuba*  
*Cynthia Tun*  
*Thammisha Udayakumar*  
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*QiLin Yang*<sup>L</sup>  
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*Katherine Yo*<sup>P S R</sup>  
*Noah Yousha*<sup>L</sup>  
*Nathaniel Yu*  
*Regina Yu*  
*Shelley Yu*<sup>M</sup>  
*Nicole Zabielska*  
*Fatima Zahid*  
*Flor Zamalloa*  
*Noushine Zaman*  
*Rafin Zaman*<sup>M T</sup>  
*Sophie Zarate*  
*Helen Zeng*<sup>L T</sup>  
*Jennifer Zeng*<sup>P M T R</sup>  
*Gary Zhang*<sup>S</sup>  
*Ruth Zhang*<sup>S</sup>  
*Yang Zhang*  
*Erica Zheng*<sup>P S R</sup>  
*Kayla Zheng*  
*Ying Zhi (Patrick) Zheng*<sup>R</sup>  
*Yulin Zhi*<sup>L</sup>  
*Becky Zhu*<sup>M T</sup>  
*Vivian Zhu*<sup>S T R</sup>  
*Elizabeth Zilberman*<sup>R</sup>  
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*Dr. Leonard Cheung, Physiology and Biophysics*

**Mingrui (Jack) Cui, BCH**

*Dr. Jinfang Ju, Pathology*

**Nicole Hooshiari, BCH**

*Dr. Galadriel Hovel-Miner, Microbiology and Immunology*

**Anss Hyka, BCH**

*Dr. John Haley, Pathology*

**Sean Krivitsky, BCH**

*Dr. Michael Lukey, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory*

**Justin Lim, BCH**

*Dr. Hyungjin Kim, Pharmacological Sciences*

**Elaine Mei, BCH**

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