

Dear UCI School of Medicine Graduate
Community,

As 2018 wraps up, we're taking a moment to **celebrate** the
achievements of our MS and PhD students.

SOM Grad Day 2018

Watch action-packed video footage of the 2nd
annual event - poster session, BBQ, faculty vs.
student soccer match, selfie contest, & more!

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2018 Student Achievements & Awards of Note

- ❖ Dr. Lorna Carlin Scholar, Gianna Fote
- ❖ Stanley Behrens Fellows in Medicine, Katrina Taylor Evans
- ❖ Gazzaniga Family Medical Research Award, Jessica Flesher
- ❖ School of Medicine Outstanding Student, Brianna Craver
- ❖ School of Medicine Dean's Fellowship, Ceazar Nave
- ❖ ARCS Scholars, Brianna Craver & Gianna Fote
- ❖ UCI Public Impact Fellowship, Kay Linker
- ❖ UCI President's Dissertation Year Fellowship, Naomi Lomeli
- ❖ UCI Graduate Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, Soyeon Lisa Baik
- ❖ UCI School of Medicine Excellence in Research & Health for the Latino Community Award, Marlene Cervantes
- ❖ Brython Davis Fellowship, Andrew Yale
- ❖ Stanford Postdoctoral Recruitment in Sciences & Medicine Program, Autumn Holmes



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Publications & Conference Presentations:

Brianna Craver, PhD candidate, BC received an Abstract Achievement Award at the American Society of Hematology, San Diego, CA. She is advised by Dr. Angela Fleischman.

Betty Lai, PhD student, BC, published a first-author paper, Blood Advances. She is advised by Dr. Angela Fleischman.

Jan Frankowski, PhD Candidate, A&N, presented at the Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA. He is advised by professor Robert Hunt.

Maribel Cervantes Ortega, PhD student, Epidemiology, presented at the American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA. She is advised by professor Karen Edwards.

Postdoctoral scholar, **Young Kim**, A&N, presented at the Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA. Kim is advised by professor Robert Hunt.

PhD candidate **Andrew Yale** presented at the International Society for Stem Cell Research, Australia and the Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA and published in Stem Cell Reports. He is advised by professor Lisa Flanagan.

Experimental Pathology student **Tom Caldwell**, was awarded a NIH Virology Training Grant for 2018-2019 to study HIV transmission selectivity. His adviser is Dr. Donald Forthal.

Sarah Joy Cross, PhD candidate, A&N, presented her poster at the Society for Neuroscience. Cross is advised by professor Frances Leslie.

PhD candidate, EHS, **Marisa Chattman Nielsen** presented at the Southern California American Society for Microbiology, San Diego, CA. She is advised by professor Sunny Jiang.

Gianna Fote, PhD candidate, BC, presented at the Hereditary Disease Foundation Symposium, Boston, MA. Fote is co-advised by professors Joan Steffan and Leslie Thompson.

EHS PhD candidate **Ron Leavitt** presented at the annual Radiation Research Society, Chicago, IL and published in the International Journal of Radiation Biology. He is advised by professor Charles Limoli.

MMG PhD candidate, **Autumn Holmes**, presented at the American Society for Virology meeting. She is advised by professor Bert Semler.

Jessica Flesher, PhD candidate, BC, presented at the Joint Montagna Skin Symposium & PanAmerican Society for Pigment Cell Research Conference, Oregon. She is advised by Dr. Anand Ganesan.

MS-BATS alumnus, **Abhinav Grover**, MD presented at the American Society for Human Genetics Annual, San Diego, CA. Watch the interview, "What is currently exciting in genetics?". Dr. Grover served as discussion leader for prostate cancer genetics at the California Initiative for Precision Medicine Project, Irvine, CA. Grover was advised by Dr. Sheldon Greenfield.

MS-BATS student **Tina Saber**, MD, presented at the CHEST conference, San Antonio TX and the MHSRS meeting in Kissimmee, FL. Saber is advised by Dr. Matthew Brenner.

Graduate Student Clubs:

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