UCLA College | Physical Sciences
Statistics & Data Science

Commencement
Class of 2025

Monday, June 16, 2025
Pauley Pavilion

Order of Ceremony

Processional

Welcome……	Dr. Qing Zhou, Chair
Undergraduate Address……	Kevin Hamakawa, Bachelor of Science Associate Product Manager at NBCUniversal *"Finding Humanity in Statistics"*
DataFest 2025……	Dr. Linda Zanontian, DataFest Co-Director
Teaching Assistant of the Year……	Hannah Li, MS
Outstanding PhD Award……	Dr. Guanao Yan, PhD
Most Promising Statistician…… **Award**	Yingqi Gao, PhD Student Yasi Zhang, PhD Student
Outstanding Masters Award……	Sean Mulherin, MS Chenheng Xu, MS
Don Ylvisaker Award for the…… **Best Practice of Statistics**	Sophie Philips, PhD Student
Commencement Address……	Dr. Brian Kriegler Managing Director, Econ One Research Founder/CEO, EmployeeMetrics *"In a World of Noise, Be the Signal"*
Presentation of Doctor of…… **Philosophy**	Dr. Hongquan Xu, Professor Dr. Rick Schoenberg, Professor
Presentation of Master…… **of Science**	Dr. Hongquan Xu, Professor Dr. Rick Schoenberg, Professor
Presentation of Master of…… **Applied Statistics** **& Data Science**	Dr. Guani Wu, Continuing Lecturer Dr. Mahtash Esfandiari, Senior Continuing Lecturer
Presentation of Bachelor of…… **Science in Statistics** **& Data Science**	Dr. Vivian Lew, Senior Continuing Lecturer Dr. Nicolas Christou, Senior Continuing Lecturer
Presentation of Bachelor of…… **Science in Data Theory**	Dr. Robert Gould, Professor Dr. Michael Tsiang, Continuing Lecturer

Presentation of Minor in…… Statistics & Data Science	Dr. Linda Zanontian, Continuing Lecturer Dr. Nicolas Christou, Senior Continuing Lecturer
Presentation of Minor in…… Social Data Science	Dr. Linda Zanontian, Continuing Lecturer Dr. Nicolas Christou, Senior Continuing Lecturer
Concluding Remarks……	Dr. Qing Zhou, Chair
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2025 DataFest Awards

Don Ylvisaker Best Insight Award

Team: Revenge Arc
Celine Nugroho, Muhammad Rohan Bodla, Ethan Xiao, Jordan Kikuta, Christine Yuan

Honorable Mention
Team: DeepThinkers
Ruchira Bhat, Jack Conner, Sara Beniwal

Best Visualization Award

Team: Big Data Hiro 6
Ryan Chen, Kevin Nguyen, Taylor Prince, Theresa Unsulangi, Maya Hirsch

Honorable Mention
Team: NAN sense
Sean Gee, Angela Guo, Alyssa Mei, Daniel Pae, Jared Fong

Best Use of External Data Award

Team: Dart Monkey
Jacob Bianchi, Loretta Hu, Aryan Sunkersett, Anthony Chen, Aditya Murthy

Honorable Mention
Team: Chi-Squared Cranes
Mindy Zhu, Selena Lam, Sanskriti Shindadkar, Clyde Villacrusis, Vivian Yee

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Judges Choice Award

Team: Data Engibears
Anna Dupree, Allison Lynn, Melissa Chang, Cassidy Sadowski, Emma Morrison

Team: YooHoo
Mingyang Li, Yuhan Xie, Daniel Wang, Oscar Su, John Tan

Doctor of Philosophy in Statistics

Dr. Edouardo Honig

Advisor: Ying Nian Wu

"Deep Learning of Discriminative Gene Expression Models and Generative Models of Molecule and Protein Sequences"

Dr. Luciano Viñas

Advisor: Arash A. Amini

"Unsupervised Methods on Structured Data"

Dr. Shuang Wu

Advisor: Arash A. Amini

"Graph-Informed Sequential Decision Making"

Dr. Chao Xu

Advisor: Ying Nian Wu

"Generalizable 3D Understanding and Generation"

Dr. Guanao Yan

Advisor: Jingyi Jessica Li

"Advancing Statistical Rigor in Single-Cell and Spatial Omics Analysis Through In Silico Control Data"

Master of Science in Statistics

Hannah Li Peter Racioppo Li Xu

Master of Applied Statistics & Data Science

Victoria Ann Anorve
Chau Hoang Bui
Jack Chen
Zihao Chen
Anum Iqbal Damani
Paule Dargis
Wanling Gong
Pei Guo
Yuhuan He
Lauren Ruoh-Lan Huang
Alexander Gunwhi Kim
Nathan T Lam
Stephanie Jean Lao
Hengyuan Liu
Ramiro Ernesto Lobo
Stephanie Helen Lu
Yuchen Luo
Hongze Lyu
Smruthi Meesala
Jiran Ou
Devin Reeh
Chenghao Sun
Timothy Enoch Tu
Yuki Urata
Kristine Phan Vo
Jiaheng Wang
Zixuan Wang
Samantha Anne Wavell
Juyi Yang
Zhangfeifan Yang
Yifan Yin
Roy Zhang
Yuxin Zhang

Bachelor of Science in Statistics & Data Science

Henna Abassi
Alexis Adzich
Nathaniel Albano
America Barrera
Michael Batrakov
Trent Bellinger
Aditya Bharath
Kirtan Bhatt
Abdulsamad Bholat
Will Bodeau
Andrew Brown
Vera Bueler-Faudree
Eduard Miguel Bueno
Yechen Cao
Gavin Cardeno
Albert Carreno
Nicholas Cassol-Pawson
Annie Lu Cen
Jisu Chae
Maxwell Chalekson
Francis Zi Heng Chan
Ruei-Yu (Michelle) Chang
Charleston Chen
Jodie Chen
Kuanyi Chen
Shiwei Chen
Steven Chen
Wei Lin Chen
Alexander Choi
Naomi Chou
Jasmine Chu
Johan Christian Chua
Alexander Clare
Connor Christian Coyne
Daniela Cruz-Ramos
Sylvia Wenxin Deng
Amaeya Deshpande
Angelo Ancheta Desiderio
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Cameryn Elizabeth Harvey
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Maya Hirsch
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Minjae Kim
Anthony Ko
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Gyeong Kwon
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Selena Lam
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Ivy Le
Martin Ledesma
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Peiyuan Lee
Vivian Lee
Lior Levy Meruk
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Chenyue Li
Jiayang Li
Jiping Li
Pinyi Li
Ruiyu Li
Site Li
Xuanang Li
Jade Liang
Haojie Liu
Khang Luu
Yanle Lyu
Saul Gabriel Magallon-Soto
Boqian Mao
Natasha Mauro
Mary Mcsweeney
Ray Min
Soohyun Min
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Dylan Mochizuki
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Brian Mualim
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Tyler Nguyen
Milla Nielsen
Justin Noche

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Yue (Taylor) Que
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Aashman Rastogi
Carolynn Rui
Pavan Kumar Sah
Rohan Saklani
Daren Nakata Sathasivam
Ryo Sato
Faith Satrya
Jason Timothy Scruggs
Santsibyllah Seitz
Yash Shahani
Ethan Shahzad
Fathima Shaikh
Uzair Shaikh
Naina Mazumdar Sharma
Kevin Shiah
Jeremy Shiu
Saaya Dimple Sitlani
Oliver Siu
Jiarui Song
Rishabh Sood
Gabriel Esai Soria
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Hannah Steinberg
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Yueran Yu
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Irene Zhang
Jingran Zhang
Lingxi Zhang
Yiwen Zhang
Yun Zhang
Zijia Zhang
Zhiyuan Zhou
Judy Zhu
Mindy Zhu

Bachelor of Science in Data Theory

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Kenneth Chow
Jason Nicholas Clark
Zhijin Fang
Tessa Gervase
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Justin Gong
Cole Hannum
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Minor in Statistics & Data Science

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Ruirui Lan
Yuxuan Li
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Fangfei Liu
Hannah Liu
Dylan Martinez
Michelle Navarrete Vega
Jasper Peng
Zoe Powers
Sean Sungho Seo
Kimberly Vu
Rishi Mihir Wagh

Minor in Social Data Science

Mehdi Abounacer
Daniel Dang
Krithik Ram Jatavallabhula
Kyle Mulupi Zakayo Bilindi Mukire

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