The Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences Celebrates the 2016 Undergraduate Award Winners

Distinguished Graduating Senior
The award for distinguished graduating senior is awarded in recognition of academic and research excellence, and service to the department, the university, and the community.

Angela Shields

The Morgan Award for Research Promise in Psychology
The award for research promise in Psychology is for graduating seniors who demonstrate the most promise in the area of experimental research in psychology, as selected by the faculty.

Gisella Diaz & Viki Papadakis

The Morgan Award for Academic Excellence in Psychology
The award for academic excellence in Psychology is given to graduating seniors in recognition of outstanding scholarship, as selected by the department faculty.

Briana Beghi & Catherine Enders

Philip S. Rethis Memorial Award
The Philip S. Rethis Memorial Award is given to a graduating senior who has overcome hardships in order to complete his or her degree. The criteria as stipulated by the fund are “character”, “determination”, and “scholarship”.

Ramon Garcia Jr.
Distinction in the Major

Distinction in the major is presented to students by individual departments and programs in the College of Letters & Science to recognize the completion of a senior honors project or thesis with distinction.

Alexandra Ballinger, Gisella Diaz, Catherine Enders, Brenna Giordano, Amy Gregory, Kelsey Katherine James, Michelle Kaplan, Kyle Mcgrath, Tara Moossaian, Ashley Oiknine, Viki Papadakis, Brina Patel, Andrea Renteria, Angela Shields, Urvashi Singh, Jacie Valentine

Exceptional Academic Performance

The award for exceptional academic performance is given to graduating seniors who have achieved a 3.9 or higher GPA in their upper division major coursework of at least 36 units.


Chairperson’s Award

The recipients of the Chairperson’s award are students who have provided service to the Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences.

Alexandra Ballinger, Sarah Freeze, Jacqueline Gallo, Cynthia Girón, Danielle Inez Miller, Brina Patel, Marisa Isabel Solé, Natalie Ngoc Nhi Tran