



Stony Brook University

2017 CONVOCATION BIOCHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGY

Processional

The Saffron Kilts

(Audience will please rise until all candidates are seated)

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 Halegoua
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 Halegoua, 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 Ballas, Mei Lin Chan, Neta Dean, Dale Deutsch, Walter Eanes, Susan Erster, Craig Evinger, Berhane Ghebrehwet, Wali Karzai, Cindy Leiton, 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 Kovoov, Biology
Rebecca Shum, Biochemistry

Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

Sonia Joshi, Biochemistry
Gabrielle Khalife, Biology
Joel Kovoov, Biology

Rima Madan, Biology
Naveen Mallangada, Biology
Janki Patel, Biochemistry

Krista Pullen, Biology
Joselin Vargas, Biology
James Vassallo, Biology

Provost's Awards for Academic Excellence

Breana Channer, Biology
Rebecca Monastero, Biochemistry

Henry Ng, Biology
Rebecca Shum, Biochemistry

Jessica Willdigg, Biology

University Undergraduate Recognition Awards for Outstanding Achievement

Grace Chang, Biochemistry, Community Service
Breana Channer, Biology, Academic Excellence
Mahin Choudhury, Biology, Academic Excellence
Aaron Gochman, Biology, Academic Excellence
Sonia Joshi, Biochemistry, Academic Excellence,
 Outstanding Future Alumni Award
Gabrielle Khalife, Biology, Leadership
Naveen Mallangada, Biology, Community Service, Bobak
 Mohavedi Senior Leadership and William J. Sullivan Awards

Christina Melian, Biology, Athletics
Henry Ng, Biology, Academic Excellence
Janki Patel, Biochemistry, Academic Excellence
Selvin Rose, Biology, Academic Excellence
Kevin Skier, Biology, Academic Excellence
Joselin Vargas, Biology, Academic Excellence
James Vassallo, Biology, Leadership
Nicholas Vollano, Biology, Leadership
Jessica Willdigg, Biology, Academic Excellence

Honors in Biochemistry

Robert Bruce
Brian Coyne
Jacqueline Doyle
Simran Gupta
Rebecca Monastero

John Pfail Jr.
Rebecca Shum
Wei-Chieh Tseng
Jasmine Walker

Honors in Biology

Jenna Brunette
Mahin Choudhury
Aaron Gochman
Evelyn Kandov
Gabrielle Khalife

Rima Madan
Naveen Mallangada
Kennelia Mellanson
Christina Moore
Henry Ng

Silvia Salamone
Joselin Vargas
Jessica Willdigg

Department Outstanding Achievement Awards**Biochemistry**

Marissa Alsaloum
Robert Bruce
Jacqueline Doyle
Sonia Joshi
Max Lee
Philip Lee
Alexander McGuiness
Janki Patel
John Pfail Jr.
Michael Salierno
Rebecca Shum

Biology Specializations:**Bioengineering**

Krista Pullen

Developmental Genetics

Jenna Brunette
Catherine D'Addario
Naveen Mallangada
Henry Ng
Diana Rubel
Silvia Salamone
Jessica Willdigg

Ecology and Evolution

Medha Pandey

Environmental Biology

John Desmond
Erin O'Connor

Neuroscience

Mahin Choudhury
Yoga Kammili
William Signorile
Ruth Tacandong
Harshit Terala

Interdisciplinary Biology

Mihai Andrecu
Chang Chen
Britney Dhautal
Ahmed Khokhar
Joel Kovoov
Kristy Lee
William Schulz
Kalie Smith
Joselin Vargas