UC SANTA BARBARA
College of Engineering

Class of 2020
Undergraduate Celebration

June 13, 2020
Santa Barbara, California
About the College of Engineering’s Class of 2020

380 total degrees conferred in 2019-20 *
128 degrees awarded in computer science *
91 degrees awarded in mechanical engineering
58 students graduated with honors
56 degrees awarded in computer engineering
53 degrees awarded in electrical engineering
52 degrees awarded in chemical engineering
41 students completed the CoE Honors Program
30 students graduated with high honors
10 students graduated with highest honors

* Most awarded during an academic year in the history of CoE

College Of Engineering Honors

The college awards honors to the top 20 percent of undergraduate students each year. The GPA thresholds for the honors categories are calculated based on the graduates from the preceding academic year. Highest honors students receive a braided blue and gold cord.

Highest Honors: The top 2.5 percent of the class who earned degrees with cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.96 or higher

High Honors: The next top six percent of the class, who graduated with a GPA between 3.88-3.95.

Honors: The next 11.5 percent of the class, who graduated with a cumulative GPA between 3.70-3.87.

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Greetings to everyone, and welcome to the College of Engineering’s Class of 2020 Celebration! You have earned the right to be called alumni of the UCSB College of Engineering. Hearty congratulations to each and every one of you, and to our new group of Gaucho-graduate parents, who raised you and have stood by you all the way!

Each of you has grown tremendously here, perhaps in ways you could not have foreseen — and may not yet fully realized. You have collaborated to complete complex lab work and capstone projects. You have presented to large groups and stepped beyond your comfort level more times than you can recall. You have lived and felt truly alive here. For all of those reasons, I hope you will always cherish your time at UCSB.

You deserve to celebrate with family and friends in attendance, and you will have that chance, as soon it can be arranged within our new circumstances.

We are tremendously proud of every one of you. You have worked hard to get here and have persevered over the past few difficult months of the COVID-19 pandemic. One day, you’ll tell your grandchildren about this unprecedented challenge — and how you met it and moved forward undaunted. You can forever take pride in that. That same strength of spirit and will to succeed will serve you throughout your life.

Now you are prepared to receive your diploma and take your place in the world. You will go forward as disciplined thinkers with innovative ideas and new approaches to solve the problems of the world. You are talented and prepared, and ready to answer the call. Today more than ever, the world needs your innovation and problem-solving abilities.

On behalf of the entire UC Santa Barbara College of Engineering, I congratulate you and wish you great success and tremendous satisfaction in all of your future endeavors. Please stay in touch, as you are forever a part of our wonderful UCSB family.

Go, Gauchos!

Rod Alferness
Dean and Richard A. Auhll Professor, College of Engineering
Abdelmaksoud, Mohamed .................................................. BS, Chemical Engineering
Acosta Lozano, Lizett Katerine ........................................ BS, Chemical Engineering
Adari, Lekha ....................................................................... BS, Computer Engineering

Honors

Aguilar, Byron Daniel .................................................... BS, Electrical Engineering

High Honors

Akrami, Justin Sulieman .............................................. BS, Computer Science
Al-Eshaiker, Zain Maan ................................................ BS, Computer Science
Alcaraz, Hayden ........................................................... BS, Electrical Engineering
Alcocer, Adrian Alexander .............................................. BS, Electrical Engineering

Honors

Amparan, George Diego ................................................ BS, Mechanical Engineering
Arevalo Gutierrez, Ivan Felipe ........................................ BS, Electrical Engineering
Arriaga, Chris Richard ................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Aslo, Mitchell ...................................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering

Honors

Atkin, Pyper ....................................................................... BS, Chemical Engineering
Baas, Kailash Parvat ........................................................ BS, Computer Science

High Honors

Bai, Annie Yin Er ............................................................ BS, Computer Science
Balogh, Kat Terez ............................................................. BS, Chemical Engineering

High Honors

Barajas, Mark ..................................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Baral, Zoe Elizabeth ........................................................ BS, Computer Science

High Honors

Barnes, Jeremy Mason ...................................................... BS, Electrical Engineering
Batterman, Nick Charles ................................................ BS, Mechanical Engineering
Battles, Zachary Ray ....................................................... BS, Computer Engineering
Bergmann, Cole .................................................................. BS, Computer Science
Bernhard, Fox Mitchell .................................................... BS, Chemical Engineering

Honors

Bi, Yuchen ........................................................................... BS, Computer Science
Bigham, Elijah Frank Glenn ............................................. BS, Chemical Engineering
Binkley, Jeremy Joseph .................................................. BS, Computer Science

Honors

Biochemistry

Bona, Dylan Palamos ........................................................ BS, Mechanical Engineering
Bornfreund, Nathan E ..................................................... BS, Computer Engineering
Bovaird, Jenna N ............................................................. BS, Electrical Engineering

John And Sheila Lake Excellence Award, University Award of Distinction

Boyd, Brydon Francis ..................................................... BS, Chemical Engineering
Brake, Trevor James ........................................................ BS, Mechanical Engineering
Brooks, Jacob Anthony ................................................... BS, Chemical Engineering
Brunasso, Katrina Elizabeth ............................................ BS, Mechanical Engineering
Button, Jack Joseph* ...................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering

Honors

Cai, William ........................................................................ BS, Electrical Engineering
Carmi, Meital Oshrit* ......................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering

Outstanding Senior - Mechanical Engineering, Highest Honors
Ca-Du

Carvajal, Ismael Alejandro ................................................. BS, Mechanical Engineering
Castle, Violet Anne ............................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Cavanaugh, Megan K ............................................................... BS, Chemical Engineering
  High Honors
Chai, Zichun* .......................................................... BS, Electrical Engineering
  Honors
Chakravarty, Suhail .......................................................... BS, Electrical Engineering
Chan, Justin R .......................................................... BS, Chemical Engineering
Chan, Chris Steve .......................................................... BS, Computer Engineering
  Honors
Chang, Tim .......................................................... BS, Computer Engineering
Chao, Alison .......................................................... BS, Computer Science
Chavez, Angel Eduardo .................................................. BS, Mechanical Engineering
Chen, Jimmy .......................................................... BS, Chemical Engineering
Chen, Yingxin .......................................................... BS, Chemical Engineering
Chen, Zhuo .......................................................... BS, Computer Engineering
Chen, Wei Tung .......................................................... BS, Computer Science
Chen, Guanyu .......................................................... BS, Electrical Engineering
Chen, Bojie .......................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Chen, Noah Gooen .......................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Cheng, Frank .......................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Chiang, Andrew* .......................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
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Chin, Brandon Michael .......................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Chiou, Brian Shaw-Rong .................................................. BS, Mechanical Engineering
Chohan, Adam Kader .......................................................... BS, Chemical Engineering
Choy, Sihao .......................................................... BS, Computer Science
Chu, Benson .......................................................... BS, Computer Science
Clemens, Anthony John .......................................................... BS, Chemical Engineering
Clover, Garrett Edward Sr .................................................. BS, Electrical Engineering
Collins, Silas Szabo .......................................................... BS, Electrical Engineering
Combs, Julia Wren .......................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Cordova, Alonzo Joseph .......................................................... BS, Chemical Engineering
Coyston, Charlie James .......................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
  Honors
Cruz, James Nemecio .......................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Cuellar, Jose Mario .......................................................... BS, Computer Science
Dai, Charlotte* .......................................................... BS, Chemical Engineering
  Outstanding Senior - Chemical Engineering, High Honors
Daly, Connor Edmund .......................................................... BS, Computer Science
Dang, Alan Hai Tam .......................................................... BS, Chemical Engineering
Danningier, Griffin Paul .......................................................... BS, Computer Engineering
Davalos, Juan Carlos Jr .......................................................... BS, Computer Science
Day, Jonathan Richard .......................................................... BS, Computer Science
Del Rosario, Jacob .......................................................... BS, Electrical Engineering
Delello, Steven Anthony .......................................................... BS, Electrical Engineering
Diaz, Cristian Cristian .......................................................... BS, Computer Science
Dibachi, Jack Arthur* .......................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
  Honors
Ding, Peter* .......................................................... BS, Computer Science
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Doan, Andrew Alice .......................................................... BS, Computer Engineering
Dong, Boning* .......................................................... BS, Computer Engineering
  Hynes/Wood Award, University Award of Distinction, High Honors
Drummy, William Patrick .......................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Du, Ning .......................................................... BS, Computer Engineering
  Honors
Du, Amber Yi-Ting .......................................................... BS, Computer Engineering
Du, Xiaokun .......................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Dunaj, Remy Catherine .......................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering

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Hong, Jun Je ......................................................... BS, Computer Science
   Honors
Houston, Ryan Stephen ....................................... BS, Chemical Engineering
Hu, Tengyue ......................................................... BS, Computer Science
   High Honors
Hu, Stephen .......................................................... BS, Computer Science
Hu, Yichun ........................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Huang, Chen ......................................................... BS, Computer Science
Huang, Jacqueline ................................................. BS, Computer Science
Huang, Heming ..................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
   Honors
Huang, Gary Hejie ................................................ BS, Chemical Engineering
   BA, Comparative Literature
Hunerberg, Harvey Andrew ................................. BS, Mechanical Engineering
Ivannikova, Anna ................................................ BS, Computer Engineering
Iwasaki, Yota ....................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Jang, Raina ............................................................ BS, Electrical Engineering
Jawetz, Sean Michael .......................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Ji, Yuefan ............................................................. BS, Chemical Engineering
   BS, Mathematical Sciences
   Honors
Jiang, Weiyun* ...................................................... BS, Electrical Engineering
   Outstanding Senior - Electrical Engineering, Highest Honors
Jiang, Dom ............................................................ BS, Computer Engineering
Jiang, Kuan ........................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Jimenez, Salvador ................................................. BS, Electrical Engineering
Jin, Xiong .............................................................. BS, Computer Science
Jing, Haoming* .................................................... BS, Electrical Engineering
   High Honors
Johnson, Bryan Gary ............................................. BS, Mechanical Engineering
Johnson, Cooper Duncan .................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Joshi, Oshin Shailesh ............................................. BS, Computer Science
Khurelbaatar, Enkhlen ......................................... BS, Computer Science
Kesineni, Preetham .............................................. BS, Computer Science
Kim, Edwin Sooin ................................................. BS, Mechanical Engineering
   Honors
King, Gabi Marie .................................................. BS, Chemical Engineering
Kiss, Max Alan ..................................................... BS, Computer Science
Ko, Ricky .............................................................. BS, Electrical Engineering
Kompella, Joseph Avinash .................................... BS, Computer Science
Kooker, Brad Scott .............................................. BS, Chemical Engineering
Krantz, Kayla Marija ............................................ BS, Mechanical Engineering
La, Daniel Viet-Anh ............................................. BS, Mechanical Engineering
Lakin, Josh James ................................................ BS, Computer Engineering
Lam, Eythan ........................................................ BS, Electrical Engineering
   Honors
Lamb, Noah F ....................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Landis, Steven Mack* .......................................... BS, Computer Engineering
   Highest Honors
Lara De Nova, Juan Carlos .................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Le, Tuan ............................................................... BS, Computer Science
Lee, Joon ............................................................. BS, Computer Science
Lee, Justin Tk ...................................................... BS, Computer Science
Lee, Priscilla Kathryn .......................................... BS, Computer Science
Lee, Shannon ...................................................... BS, Electrical Engineering
Lee, Frank ............................................................ BS, Computer Science
   Honors
Lei, Zhiqin ........................................................... BS, Computer Science
Lenz, Matthew Joseph ........................................ BS, Chemical Engineering
Letts, Agnieszka P ................................................. BS, Mechanical Engineering

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Levy, Helene Jacqueline* ................................. BS, Mechanical Engineering

Outstanding Senior - Mechanical Engineering, Highest Honors

Li, Joanne .............................................. BS, Computer Engineering
Li, Minliao ............................................. BS, Computer Engineering
Li, Wenjian ............................................ BS, Computer Engineering
Li, Siyao* ................................................ BS, Computer Science

Highest Honors

Li, Jackson ................................................ BS, Computer Science

Honors

Li, Jeffrey D .............................................. BS, Electrical Engineering
Li, Mingzhe .............................................. BS, Electrical Engineering
Li, Zelin ...................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Liang, Fujie ............................................. BS, Computer Science
Lianides, Chris Lee ................................. BS, Computer Engineering
Lim, Brian Austin ...................................... BS, Computer Engineering

Honors

Lin, Chris .................................................. BS, Computer Engineering

Honors

Lin, Howard Howyoung ............................... BS, Computer Engineering
Lin, Leo ...................................................... BS, Computer Science
Liu, Estella ............................................... BS, Chemical Engineering

Honors

Liu, Lillian ................................................ BS, Computer Engineering

High Honors

Liu, Jerry .................................................... BS, Computer Engineering

Honors

Liu, Ben ...................................................... BS, Computer Engineering
Liu, Xihan ................................................ BS, Computer Engineering
Liu, Hengyu .............................................. BS, Computer Science
Liu, Julia Cheng ........................................ BS, Computer Science
Liu, Chris Zichen ........................................ BS, Mechanical Engineering
Longo, Jeff Alexander ................................. BS, Computer Engineering

Honors

Longtin, John Phoenix ................................. BS, Electrical Engineering
Lu, Shihua* ............................................... BS, Computer Science

High Honors

Lu, Cindy .................................................... BS, Computer Science
Lu, Wesley Chen ....................................... BS, Computer Science
Luo, Ray ....................................................... BS, Computer Science
Ly, Kevin ..................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Ma, Sihua ..................................................... BS, Computer Science

High Honors

Magana, Emmanuel ..................................... BS, Electrical Engineering
Mai, Jacqueline* ........................................ BS, Computer Science

High Honors

Malik, Siddharth .......................................... BS, Computer Engineering
Malkhasyan, Taron ..................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Maravilla, Julian Adolfo* ...................... BS, Electrical Engineering

Highest Honors

Marshall, Terrell Brian Jr ............................. BS, Computer Science

Honors

Martinez, Alejandro Daniel ..................... BS, Electrical Engineering
Mata, Kevin ............................................. BS, Computer Engineering
Matamoros, Isabel Felicitas ..................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Mccardy, Matthew James Sr .................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Mccarthy, Charles James IV ....................... BS, Mechanical Engineering

Honors

Mccarthy, Nolan Ray ................................ BS, Mechanical Engineering
Mcnulty, Aine Lynne* ................................. BS, Mechanical Engineering

Honors
Me-Po

Mejia, Vanessa Belen .................................................... BS, Computer Engineering
Melena, Jose Antonio .................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Meng, Chuhang ............................................................ BS, Electrical Engineering
Miranda Luna, Jose Martin ........................................... BS, Electrical Engineering
Mitchell, Matthew Alexander .................................... BS, Computer Science
Mo, Ran ................................................................. BS, Computer Engineering

Honors
Mo, Kerry ................................................................. BS, Computer Science

Monroy, Paul ............................................................ BS, Electrical Engineering
Morales, Austin Conner .............................................. BS, Chemical Engineering

University Award of Distinction
Morenc, Jake Peter .................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Mudaliar, Kavin ........................................................ BS, Chemical Engineering
Muhlenkamp, Ray Bernard ....................................... BS, Computer Science

Honors
Nam, Justin Hon ........................................................ BS, Mechanical Engineering
Nambar, Arjun R ........................................................ BS, Computer Science
Nandy, Bikram ......................................................... BS, Computer Engineering
Nares Ayon, Roberto J .............................................. BS, Computer Science

Honors
Narlock, Dean Alexander* ....................................... BS, Computer Science

Naushad, Junayed Ahmed ......................................... BS, Computer Engineering

Honors
Ng, Kyle Ray ............................................................ BS, Computer Science
Ng, Jonathan Chun .................................................. BS, Mechanical Engineering
Nguyen, Kevin Tien .................................................. BS, Chemical Engineering
Nguyen, Michelle Minh Hien ..................................... BS, Computer Engineering
Nguyen, Alex Andrew* ............................................. BS, Chemical Engineering

Honors
Ni, Jiawei* ................................................................... BS, Computer Science
Ni, Jian ................................................................. BS, Mechanical Engineering
Nilsen, Justin Hans ................................................... BS, Computer Science
Oktayuren, Kaya Jr ..................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Olmos, Eduardo ....................................................... BS, Computer Engineering
Oregon, Ricky Edward ............................................. BS, Mechanical Engineering
Ou, Owen* .................................................................. BS, Electrical Engineering
Owusu, Justin Ampofo ................................................ BS, Computer Science
Padilla, Rene ........................................................... BS, Electrical Engineering
Parikh, Saagar Sanjiv ................................................. BS, Computer Science

Honors
Parker, Thomas Ford .................................................. BS, Computer Science

Patel, Rahul Sandeep .................................................. BS, Electrical Engineering
Patrick, Ryan Michael ................................................ BS, Chemical Engineering
Pawell, Carly ............................................................ BS, Chemical Engineering
Perez, Diego ............................................................. BS, Computer Engineering
Perez, Frank Javier ..................................................... BS, Electrical Engineering
Perry, Nick Robert ..................................................... BS, Computer Science
Pham, Rachel Thuy-Nhi ............................................. BS, Computer Science
Phan, Kevin Duy ........................................................ BS, Chemical Engineering
Phan, Ryan Colin ........................................................ BS, Electrical Engineering
Phosopha, Sarita ......................................................... BS, Computer Engineering
Piibe, Brian Douglas .................................................. BS, Mechanical Engineering

Honors
Pinheiro, Joseph George* .......................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Polisetty, Anu .......................................................... BS, Computer Science
Pontarolo, Matthew Thomas ..................................... BS, Computer Science

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Prager, Sean Takaoka ...................................................... BS, Chemical Engineering
Price, Andrew Gillette .............................................. BS, Computer Science

Honors
Pulido, Raul ............................................................. BS, Computer Science
Qi, Ziming .............................................................. BS, Computer Engineering
Quach, Michael Ly .................................................. BS, Electrical Engineering

Honors
Ramos, Uriel .............................................................. BS, Electrical Engineering
Rane, Yash .............................................................. BS, Computer Science
Redrow, Jared Peter ................................................ BS, Mechanical Engineering
Reece, Adam Thomas ................................................ BS, Mechanical Engineering
Reyes Carrillo, Diana ................................................ BS, Computer Science
Robledo, Isaac Isaac ................................................ BS, Chemical Engineering
Rochelle, Trenton Gene ............................................. BS, Computer Engineering
Rockwood, Noah Delbert .......................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Rodriguez, Joshua ................................................... BS, Chemical Engineering

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Rodriguez, Richard Matthew ..................................... BS, Computer Engineering
Rogers, Dakota Carnoy .............................................. BS, Electrical Engineering
Romanova, Sasha Nicole .......................................... BS, Computer Science
Rousseva, Glennie Borislavova ................................... BS, Computer Science
Rousseo, Yinon ......................................................... BS, Computer Science
Rudnicki, Rhett ........................................................ BS, Mechanical Engineering
Ruiz Garcia, Leonardo ................................................ BS, Mechanical Engineering
Ryan, Sean Zsitvay .................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Saha, Prabal .............................................................. BS, Computer Science
Salcedo, Allen Gerry ................................................ BS, Electrical Engineering
Sanchez Gutierrez, Victor Manue ............................... BS, Computer Science
Santiago Carranza, Jair Rafael .................................... BS, Computer Engineering
Shahani, Ekta Anil ..................................................... BS, Computer Science

High Honors
Shamszadeh, Navid .................................................... BS, Computer Science
Shao, Yichan .............................................................. BS, Mathematics

High Honors
Shen, Eric ................................................................. BS, Computer Science

High Honors
Shen, Yucheng ........................................................... BS, Mechanical Engineering
Shu, Daniel ............................................................... BS, Computer Science

Highest Honors
Simmons, Matthew Scott ........................................... BS, Chemical Engineering
Smith, Scott Mitchell* ................................................ BS, Mechanical Engineering

Tirrell Award For Distinction In Undergraduate Research, High Honors
Smith, Noah Christian ................................................ BS, Chemical Engineering
Son, Kevin Hoang Kiet* ............................................. BS, Computer Science

Honors
Soto, Alex ................................................................. BS, Computer Science
Stenstrom, Riley Jacob ................................................ BS, Mechanical Engineering
Stoyanova, Deni Kalinova .......................................... BS, Computer Science
Su, Michelle Pei-Yi ..................................................... BS, Computer Science
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Swartz, Caroline Judy ................................................. BS, Computer Science

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Tahiraj, Adjon ............................................................ BS, Computer Engineering
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* Completed Honors Program
Special Recognition

Outstanding Seniors
The following are students who are graduating with the highest grade point average among their peers in their course of study.

**Chemical Engineering**
Charlotte Dai

**Electrical Engineering**
Weiyun Jiang

**Computer Engineering**
Rick Guillaume Franc

**Mechanical Engineering**
Meital Oshrit Carmi

**Computer Science**
Felix Feixue Zhao
*Highest GPA of Graduating Class*

**Mechanical Engineering**
Helene Jacqueline Levy
Michelle Nguyen was selected to represent the UC Santa Barbara College of Engineering’s class of 2020 during the undergraduate celebration. She has earned a bachelor’s degree in computer engineering. Throughout her time at UCSB, Nguyen has been active in the campus community in a number of fronts. She was a founding member of UCSB’s chapter of Phi Sigma Rho, a sorority for women STEM majors, with a mission to empower and support women in engineering and technical fields where women are historically underrepresented. She was also part of a group of students whose work culminated in the installation in October 2017 of a full chapter of the sorority known as the Alpha Xi Chapter, recognized by both UCSB’s Panhellenic and the Phi Sigma Rho national organization. In addition, she was a founding member of Women Hacks, a group that organized the first all-female hackathon at UCSB in 2019. In the summer and fall of 2018, Nguyen participated in the UC Education Abroad Program at Lund University in Sweden. She plans to continue her career as a software engineer at Capital One Financial Corporation in Dallas, Texas.

Hynes-Wood Award

Computer engineering major Boning Dong is the recipient of the 2020 Hynes-Wood Award, which recognizes students for outstanding contributions to student activities and helping others with professional growth and development. The award is named for Jacqueline Hynes, former assistant dean for academic programs in engineering, and the late Roger Wood, a beloved electrical and computer engineering professor and former associate dean for academic affairs. He also received a University Award of Distinction for contributing greatly to the quality of life by giving unselfish service to others within a particular area. Dong was an active member of the university’s chapter of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Student Branch. With his guidance, club membership grew from forty to nearly two hundred students during that time. With a 3.95 cumulative GPA, Dong is graduating with High Honors. In addition to a bachelor’s degree in computer engineering, he also minored in art. Dong will return to campus in fall as a graduate student in ECE’s master’s program.
**Tirrell Award for Distinction in Undergraduate Research**

Scott Smith, a mechanical engineering student, has received the 2020 Tirrell Award for Distinction in Undergraduate Research, which recognizes graduating seniors who showed excellence and promise as researchers. The annual award is named in honor of Matthew Tirrell, the former college dean. Smith has spent the last two years conducting research for assistant professor Paolo Luzzatto-Fegiz. He has studied the effects of surfactants, which are substances that reduce the surface tension of a liquid, in superhydrophobic surfaces, which repel water. Smith, who transferred from Santa Barbara City College, was part of a team that completed the first-ever 3-D simulations of superhydrophobic surfaces with surfactants. Those results form the basis of papers he is writing with Luzzatto-Fegiz to submit to major publications. Last November, Smith also presented his work at the American Physical Society’s Division of Fluid Dynamics Conference, the largest gathering in the field. Smith, who is graduating with High Honors and a 3.92 GPA, will attend the University of Michigan to pursue a PhD in chemical engineering.

**John and Sheila Lake Excellence Award**

Electrical engineering student Jenna Bovaird is the recipient of the 2020 John and Sheila Lake Excellence Award, which is named for alumnus John Lake and his wife, Sheila, and recognizes outstanding service and academic scholarship. Bovaird has been active with the university’s student branch of IEEE since her freshman year. She served as publicity chair, internal vice president, and president. She helped launch IEEE’s inaugural hackathon and saw the club’s membership grow from forty students to nearly two hundred. She also received a University Award of Distinction for contributing greatly to the quality of life by giving unselfish service to others within a particular area. Bovaird will return to UCSB in the fall as a graduate student in the electrical and computer engineering’s Bachelor of Science/Master of Science (BS/MS) Degree Program. Her emphasis will be in electronics and photonics.
Congratulations, Class of 2020!