

California State University, Bakersfield  
College of Arts and Humanities

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2025  
*Honors Convocation*



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May 7, 2025  
4 p.m.

# *Order of Ceremonies*

## **Welcome**

Dr. Alicia E. Rodriguez, *Interim Dean*

## **Congratulatory Remarks**

Dr. James L. Rodríguez, *Interim Provost and  
Vice President for Academic Affairs*

## **Opening Remarks**

Dr. Vernon B. Harper, Jr., *President*

## **Keynote Address**

Olivia Garcia, *Alumna & 2024 Rising Runner*



# *Departmental Awards of Excellence*

## **Abigail Rodela**

Charles Kegley Award in Philosophy & Religious Studies

## **Noah Roberts**

Clio Award in History

## **Julia Newlin**

Li'i Pearl Award in English

## **Eduardo Martinez**

Dorothy Weagant Award in Modern Languages & Literatures

## **Samuel Carrasco**

Presser Scholar Award in Music



# *Dean's Awards*

## **Gabriela Esparza**

Outstanding Visual Arts Project

## **Earvin Manongdo**

Outstanding Performing Arts Project

## **Kayla Kiefer**

Outstanding Undergraduate Paper

## **Tyler Tangen**

Outstanding Graduate Paper

## **Lorena Jerebic**

Outstanding Media Arts Project

*Departmental Outstanding*  
*M.A. Graduates*

Perrin Swanmoore	English
Ricardo Goné	History
Biviana Ruiz López	Spanish



*Departmental Outstanding*  
*B.A. Graduates*

Gabriela Esparza	Art & Art History
Kelly Knight	Communications
Brit Melson	English
Guadalupe Herrera	History
Tyrese Johnson	Interdisciplinary Studies
Estrella Ramirez	Modern Languages & Literatures
Samuel Carrasco	Music
Kira Beaudin	Philosophy
Carmen Tomshack	Religious Studies
Maria Vega	Theatre



*Presentation of the Outstanding Graduate*  
*of the College of Arts and Humanities*

**To Be Announced**  
Outstanding M.A. Student of the College  
**To Be Announced**  
Outstanding B.A. Student of the College



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