



Congratulations!
to the
Class of 2026

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

**GRADUATION
CELEBRATION**

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Department of Economics Graduation Celebration Program of Events

Introduction and Welcome

Professor and Department Chair Eric Zivot

Speaker: Distinguished Alumnus

Matthew Bannick (B.A., Economics & International Studies, 1987) has extensive leadership experience in diplomacy, global business, and philanthropy, including serving as a U.S. diplomat, CEO of PayPal, and Managing Partner of Omidyar Network.

Today, he teaches at Stanford Graduate School of Business and advises organizations focused on creating lasting social impact around the world.

Presentation of Doctoral Degrees

Cheng Chen

*Essays on Health Policy, Consumer Behavior,
Social Beliefs, and Education*
Chair: Quan Wen

Zihao Chen

Essays on Macroeconomics and Economic Modeling
Chair: Yu-Chin Chen

Hae Choung

Essays in Contract Theory
Chair: Fahad Khalil & Jacques Lawarree

Terrence Dai

Essays on Migration, Health, and Policy
Chair: Rachel Heath & Alan Griffith

Ananya Diwakant

Essays on Gender and Development Economics
Chair: Alan Griffith and Rachel Heath

Lucy Hong

Essays on Policy, Consumer Behavior, and Health
Chair: Quan Wen

Presentation of Undergraduate Degrees

Bachelor of Science with a major in Economics

Cooper Richmond
Hordur Rognuson
Rayyan Samad
Preet Shah
Xiaoquan Shang
Zheng Shen
Benjamin Shortt
Daniel Shubin
Justin Simpson

Renee Singh
Asmit Sinha
Elaina Sung
Cathy Tran
Andrew Veirrengia
Huibing Wang
Zijian Wang
Ziyan Wang
Chenyi Wang

Weiyang Xu
Sabrina Yang
Nicholas Yin
Ho Yum
Chengmai Zhang
Minlu Zhang
Ziyi Zheng
Lu Zhou
Yuheng Zhou

Bachelor of Science with a major in Economics: Data Science

Hsin-Yu Chen

Bachelor of Science with a major in Financial Economics

Dohyun Kim
Francine Myles

Khai Tran
Owen Walker

Bachelor of Science with a major in Economics: Strategy

Ryunosuke Yoshioka

Departmental Honors Graduates

Zayna Aarbi
Noah Brandes
Kotaro Garvin
Maxwell Jesme
Jiayi Li

Siyi Li
Bianca Pistaferri
Nicholas Yin
Ziyi Zheng

Omicron Delta Epsilon Economics Honor Society Invitees

We are proud to invite 297 Economics majors to join Omicron Delta Epsilon, the international economics honor society. Invited students must maintain a high GPA in both Economics and general coursework.



Phi Beta Kappa Nominees

Kei Chen
Vicky Chen
Qiyao Fan
Maxwell Jesme
Siyi Li

Vincent Lien
Kabir Maheshwari
Duc Huy Nguyen
Vivian Perzia
Liliana Rodriguez

Presentation of Undergraduate Degrees

Bachelor of Arts with a major in Economics

Mehmet Uslu
Tarik Wahdan
Chaoyang Wang
Henry Wang
Jing Wang
Lu-Chi Wang
Ruijin Wang
Yanxin Wang
Evan Wang
Yifan Wang
Yiran Wang
Yuan Wang

Yuhan Wang
Tristan Warner
Xinyu Wang
Eric White
Ella Wilks
Celab Williams
Francis Williams
Brigitte Worstell
Shaoyang Xu
Hexuan Yang
Shuya Yang

Yushi Yao
Xinman Yue
Huanhuan Zhang
Jiayi Zhang
Yan Zhang
Zhiyao Zhang
Ning Zhi
Muwen Zhou
Nanyi Zhou
Jinghan Zhu
Molin Zhu

Bachelor of Arts with a major in International Economics

Stella Brown
Zoey Friedman

Vincent Lien

Brianna McInnis

Bachelor of Science with a major in Economics

Zayna Aarbi
Taran Ahluwalia
Eidy Alexander
Hovik Apinyan
Kyle Bell
Sean Brainard
Noah Brandes
Meixi Chen
Qiuotong Chen
Ziyang Chen
Xiaochun Cheng
Oorjit Chowdhary
Alyssa Chu
Ana Concha
Rajvir Deol
Hongyuan Dong
Tianshu Feng
Mary Flynn
Mary Freeman
Kai Furutani
Junran Gao
Kotaro Garvin
Anya Gibson
Adam Hall
Alexa Halliwell

Varun Hariharan
Quinn Hart
Mir Hashmi
Maxwell Jesme
Yu Ji
Claire Jiang
Zhuoyan Jiang
Karnchanok Kanchanaporn
Hao Ke
Hanxi Ke
Arianna King
Owen Knight
Fletcher Knowles
Heiman Leung
Huijie Li
Jiayi Li
Jionghui Li
Qilin Li
Ying Li
Ziyu Liao
Shujing Lin
Yu-Qi Lin
Zihan Lin
Jialong Liu

Suyin Liu
Xinyi Liu
Yufei Liu
Elvin Liu
Sixian Liu
Jialan Ma
Peilun Ma
Zifei Ma
Zachary Mahar
Elizabeth
Martyrossian
Tharyn McConnell
Anika Mohan
Ewan Morrow
Melody Nguyen
Zitian Ni
Eliot Ozaki
Sumedh Panatula
Aakash Pany
Hannah Park
Cuong Pham
Tri Pham
James Rangel
Zhongqi Ren

Presentation of Doctoral Degrees

Sudishka Joshi

Essays on Large BVAR with COVID-Volatility
Chair: Eric Zivot & Domenico Giannone

Mahtab Karimi

Inside the Firm: How Employee Knowledge and Ownership Shape Corporate Decisions
Chair: Eric Zivot & Jarrad Harford

Hyun Ji Kim

Household Responses to Policy and Climate Shocks in Low-Income Settings
Chair: Alan Griffith & Rachel Heath

Yvonne Ng

Essays on Housing Supply, Affordability, and Policy Incentives
Chair: Yuya Takahashi

Theradapuzha Ninan

Essays on the Drivers and Impacts of Clean Cooking Energy Transitions in India
Chair: Rachel Heath

Yuan (Alice) Qi

Essays on Causal Inference and Policy Learning
Chair: Yanqin Fan

Seyoung Won

Essays on Applied Time Series Econometrics
Chairs: Eric Zivot

Wendao Xue

Optimal Transport and Machine Learning Enabled Causal Inference
Chair: Yanqin Fan

Dhongkyu Yoon

Essays on Rational Inattention and Mechanism Design
Chair: Rachel Heath

Presentation of Teaching Honors

These awards were created in 1972 by friends and family of Henry Buechel, UW Professor of Economics from 1941-1970, to recognize exceptional teachers.

Henry T. Buechel Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching

Recipient: Theo Eicher

Henry T. Buechel Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Service

Recipient: Jacques Lawarrée

Student Speaker

Zayna Aarbi, BSc, Economics Undergraduate Board, Departmental Honors

Outstanding Undergraduate Paper Award

Zayna Aarbi "The Effects of Proximity to Culturally-Sensitive and Quality

Education on Women's Well-being in Pakistan."

Thesis Adviser: Jason Kenwin

Siyi Li "Spatial Friction and Network Dismantlement: A Quantitative Analysis of Qin's Strategic Selection in the Warring States Period."

Thesis Adviser: Xu Tan

2025-2026 Outstanding Scholars

Keshav Acharya	Yu-Qi Lin	Daniel Shubin
Vyakhya Bhargava	Sixian Liu	Nathan Siegel
Chloe Chai	Xinzhuo Liu	Dhruv Srinivasan
Keiko Chen	Chau Nguyen	Kasvina Tirumal
Zhiyu Cui	Bianca Pistaferri	Mehmet Uslu
Wentao Deng	Twisha Santra	Shaobo Wen
Maxwell Jesme	Kathryn Scott	Minlu Zhang
Matthew Liang	Zhuochen Shi	

2025-2026 Economics Undergraduate Board

Zayna Aarbi *	Safa Hasan
Hovik Apinyan *	Vincent Lien *
Stella Brown *	Elizabeth Martyrossian *
Kotaro Garvin *	Henry Smith
Alexa Halliwell *	Phoebe Thio
Maxwell Jesme *	

* indicates graduating students

Presentation of Undergraduate Degrees

Bachelor of Arts with a major in Economics

Cadnan Abu	Che-Wei Hsu	Ian Moloney
Alexander Agadjanyan	Jerry Hu	Sebastian Morris
Aarohi Agrawal	Zixin Hu	Emily Newbore
Pablo Ahmadi	Michael Hyde	Shen Ni
Nicholas Anderson	Nandana Jaideep	Brandon Nicholls
Shengzhao Bi	Neelum Jawanda	Sejin Park
Cesar Bouchelaghem	Madison Jones	Jingyu Peng
Ethan Broome	Maya Kacker	Carlos Perez Loeza
Amanda Bullett	Hampton Kay	Vivian Perzia
Zhouqi Cao	Leo Kilroy	Isabella Peters
Edward Chapman	Sun Kim	Ryan Phi
Hongjie Chen	Freja Kizis	Bianca Pistaferri
Jixuan Chen	Giselle Lachini	Alyssa Priest
Keiko Chen	Yuliang Lai	Samuel Quade
Mingyang Chen	George Lerdal	Arohini Rajvanshi
Xuantao Chen	Harrison Leu	Liliana Rodriguez
Yanxi Chen	Andy Li	Liana Rosado
Zhongyang Chen	Siyi Li	Christian Samuel
Jiayi Chu	Siyi Li	Olivia Sanchez
Serena Chu	Sophia Li	Emily Sanders
Charles Craemer	Thomas Liang	Nicolas Schell
Erika Dahlgren	Helen Lim	Miles Scherer
Benjamin Daniels	Ching-Wei Lin	Regina Setiawan
Nicholas Dashi	Matthew Lin	Lia Severson
Ryan Dechant	Shanfei Liu	Jingyi Shao
Aashna Doshi	Tieshun Liu	Ishika Sharan
Reaa Dureja	Xinzhuo Liu	Houzhengwu Shi
Cayden Edwards	Yifan Liu	Zhuochen Shi
Ryoichiro Eguchi	Yiman Liu	Noah Shiira
Qiyao Fan	Ananya Lohia	Tara Shnain
Laura Feir	Micah Long	Minal Siddiqui
Ryan Ford	Tim Luebbert	David Smith
Ao Gao	Aidan Ma	Dhruv Srinivasan
Xijie Gao	Zimu Ma	Aaron Starr
Paola Garcia-Pena Nava	Chantelle Macke	Evan Stuart
Haosheng Ge	Kabir Maheshwari	Daocheng Sun
Isaac Gorden	Samuel Mamo	Andrew Swinger
Margaret Gormley	Aditi Mangla	Sukyung Tae
Tongtong Gu	Chenyu Mao	Sayna Takezawa
Shiyu Guo	Matthew McMurray	Ying Tan
Emma Haag	Yichen Meng	Yueying Tao
Joshua Hanson	Mirabella Miranda	Maxim Tarasov
Natalie Holiday	Senna Mohaisen	Kasvina Tirumal
Aidan Hood	Raja Mohar	Avalon Trafford