



## 2019 Commencement – Undergraduate Award Nominations

### Nomination form to be completed by an IB faculty member for an IB student.

*Note: Unsure student is an IB major? Please check with the IB Advising Office.*

Nominating Faculty Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student Award Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Award(s) you wish the above student nominated to receive (descriptions on pg 2):

- Departmental Citation       Joseph LeConte Award       Herpetology/Zoology Award  
 Franklin Henry Award       Marian Diamond Award

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Commencement Speaker: Would you like to nominate this student for commencement student speaker?

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**Instructions:** You can attach or paste in letters or excerpts (even those written for other purposes). Please keep in mind that some questions may not pertain to all awards listed above.

1. How long and in what capacity have you known this student?
2. How does this student stand out from her/his peers in your classes?
3. What research has he or she done? Main findings? Literature published or in preparation?
4. Please describe the leadership qualities and accomplishments of the student.
5. In summary, why should this student get this award? Please be specific.
6. If nominating this student for commencement speaker, in what capacity have you heard this student speak? What characteristics do you believe this student has that make her/him a good choice for student speaker?

Please submit nominations by Monday, May 6 to the IB Advising Office in 3060 VLSB or by email to [zachestnut@berkeley.edu](mailto:zachestnut@berkeley.edu).

## **DEPARTMENTAL CITATION**

This award is the highest honor to be offered to an unusually talented undergraduate in a department, one who holds a major GPA of at least 3.5. A list of qualified students can be obtained from the Undergrad Advising Office.

1. Only one nominee shall be selected by each Department in order that the prestige of the Departmental Citation may be maintained.
2. Most recipients will no doubt be majors in the Department, but the recipient need not be a major if he/she has done a substantial amount of work in the Department and the Department wishes to honor him/her in this way. Additionally, recipients of the Departmental Citation need not be in senior standing.
3. Primarily, the Citation should indicate excellence in the Departmental field of study. Evidence of distinction in work done outside the Department may be taken into account, but it should not have decisive weight.
4. Other activity relating to the work of the Department, such as writing, experimentation, or creative work in the field should receive due consideration.
5. The foregoing list is not meant to be comprehensive. A Department may take into account any qualities or attainments which it finds relevant.
6. In no case should a Departmental Citation be awarded unless a grade-point average of 3.5 in the Department has been maintained.

Relationship of the Citation to Other Awards. Although there are other awards which, in their particular spheres, have features in common with the Departmental Citation, there are few cases of extensive overlapping. Indeed, there is no reason why one person cannot win both this award and another one, if warranted.

## **JOSEPH LECONTE AWARD IN NATURAL HISTORY**

The Joseph LeConte Award honors a great natural historian, one of the first five faculty appointed to the University of California at its inception in 1868. Joseph LeConte significantly influenced the development of science at the University of California in three ways: he lectured and wrote on geology and on evolution and life of the past, he acquired collections of fossils for the University, and he influenced students greatly with his enthusiasm for learning. He was important in both the Museum of Paleontology and the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology.

The student who wins this award (more than one can be given) should have a strong interest and achievement of learning (including research) in some aspect of natural history and organismal biology in the broad sense. He or she need not have done research specifically in any of our natural history museums, but must be experienced in organismal biology, including field work (as opposed to purely theoretical modeling or lab experience, although these are welcome components of broader work).

## **FRANKLIN M. HENRY AWARD IN PHYSIOLOGY AND BIODYNAMICS**

Franklin M. Henry was a Professor of Physical Education and Human Biodynamics at UC Berkeley for 40 years. He made important contributions to the fields of human cognition, motor control, and exercise endurance. His legacy at the University offers recognition to a talented undergraduate in human performance & health research.

The student who wins this award (more than one can be given) should have a strong interest and achievement of learning (including research) in some aspect of physiology, cognition, or biodynamics.

## **MARIAN DIAMOND AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP IN RESEARCH AND TEACHING**

Marian Diamond is a leading researcher in brain anatomy and cognition, and a professor at Berkeley in the departments of Anatomy and Integrative Biology for almost 50 years. Her greatest research achievements have been in the effects of environment on brain development, and in the effects of aging on the brain. But she is universally known for her devotion to teaching and to her students. She was named both Professor of the Year nationally and California Alumna of the Year. This award honors Dr. Diamond as a role model and a leader in both research and teaching.

The student who wins this award (more than one can be given) should have a strong academic record, but most importantly should demonstrate achievements in community leadership and (or) teaching.

## **HERPETOLOGY AND ZOOLOGY AWARD**

The student who wins this award (more than one can be given) should have a strong academic record and exceptional research performance in the areas of herpetology and zoology. Participation in the natural history museums, through research or coursework, is not a requirement for this award, but the student should show strong interest and achievement in herpetology (primarily) and/or zoology (secondarily).