



2026

**JORDAN COLLEGE OF
AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES
AND TECHNOLOGY**

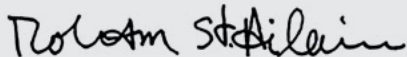
Dear Graduates:

As we eagerly anticipate this joyous occasion, our faculty, staff, University President, and Provost are honored to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our students. This milestone represents not only the completion of a degree and years of dedication, perseverance, and hard work. It is our sincere hope that each graduate fully embraces this significant accomplishment.

On behalf of our faculty and staff, thank you for choosing to continue your education at Fresno State and within the Jordan College. Today's ceremony recognizes the successful completion of a university degree. This is an achievement that opens countless doors and creates meaningful opportunities to make a lasting impact in the world.

To the families, friends, and loved ones who have supported our graduates along the way, we extend our heartfelt appreciation. Your encouragement, sacrifice, and belief in their potential have helped make this moment possible. Thank you for entrusting us with their education and for joining us in celebrating the beginning of their next journey beyond the university.

Sincerely,



Dr. Rolston St. Hilaire
Dean, Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology

Dr. Steven Rocca
Associate Dean, Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology

Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology – 2026

National Anthem and Alma Mater Vocalist

Laurel Machoian

Co-Mace Bearers

Drs. Annette Levi and Todd Lone

Dean's Address

Dr. Rolston St. Hilaire

Associated Students, Inc. Address

Camalah Saleh, ASI President

President's Address

Dr. Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval, President, California State University, Fresno

Recognition of Jordan College Dean's Medalists

Recognition of Jordan College's Outstanding Thesis and Project

Recognition of Jordan College Honors Cohort Members

Presentation of Graduates by Department Chairs/Coordinators

Dr. Srinivasa Konduru	Department of Agricultural Business
Dr. Annette Levi	Department of Animal Sciences and Agricultural Education
Dr. Erin Stafford Dormedy	Department of Food Science and Nutrition
Dr. Arun Nambiar	Department of Industrial Technology
Dr. John Bushoven	Department of Plant Science
Dr. Sonet Van Zyl	Department of Viticulture and Enology

Conferral of Degrees

President Dr. Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval and Dean Rolston St. Hilaire

Jordan College Outstanding Graduates 2026

Graduate Dean's Medalist

Sara Qadiree
M.S. Plant Science

Undergraduate Dean's Medalist

Mallory Sutherland
B.S. in Agricultural Business

Outstanding Project

Brianna Brazil
Animal Sciences and Agricultural Education

Outstanding Thesis

Kelby Keeling
Plant Science

Standard Bearers

Emma Tripp (Undergraduate)
B.S. Agricultural Education -
Teacher Preparation Option

Ivan Trujillo (Graduate)
M.S. Agricultural Science

Department Outstanding Graduates

Agricultural Business

JonMichael Silva (Undergraduate)

Animal Science and Agricultural Education

Morgan Jackson (Undergraduate)
Brianna Brazil (Graduate)

Food Science and Nutrition

Paige Ounesavath (Undergraduate)
Shannon Arballo (Graduate)

Industrial Technology

Christopher Court (Undergraduate)
Joel Espinoza (Graduate)

Plant Science

Cristian Gutierrez (Undergraduate)
Kelby Keeling (Graduate)

Viticulture & Enology

Nikoloz Managadze (Undergraduate)

Jordan College Honors Program



The Jordan College Honors Program provides accomplished students an opportunity for advanced interdisciplinary study and engagement with a faculty mentor on a research or scholarly project.

The program consists of a three-semester commitment, beginning with a 3-unit honors seminar taken in the second semester of junior year.

This is followed by a 3-unit independent study with a faculty mentor to work on a research project in the first semester of senior year.

Finally, a 3-unit honors colloquium in the second semester of their senior year serves as a culminating experience where they make a public presentation of their research or scholarly project.

We are proud to honor our 10th cohort at today's convocation.

They are listed here with their faculty mentor and the titles of their research projects.



Jordan College Honors Cohort 10 Research Projects

Christopher Court

(Agricultural Systems Management, Mechanized Agriculture Minor, Mentor: Dr. Athanasios Alexandrou): *Research Prospectus: The Application of Dielectric Barrier Discharge (DBD) Plasma in the Sterilization of Almonds at an Industrial Scale*

Joshua Young

(Pre-Veterinary, Mentor: Dr. Fabio Iared): *Comparative Analysis of Varying Equine Semen Extenders*

Erick N. Verduzco Anaya

(Agricultural Business, Mentor: Dr. Jason Liang): *From Efficiency to Sustainability Governance: A Bibliometric and Critical Review of Precision Agriculture's Economic and Policy Impacts*

Crystal Horta Alvarez

(Pre-Veterinary, Mentor: Dr. Katy Tarrant): *Broiler Welfare Management and Production: The Impact of Age on Activity State in Broiler Chickens*

Zoie Gavel

(Nutritional Science, Mentor: Dr. Shabnam Pooya): *Adiposity Genetic Risk is Associated with Variation in Triglyceride Response in Fresno State Students with Overweight or Obesity*

Nikoloz Managadze

(Viticulture and Enology, Mentor: Dr. Kristy Sun): *Comprehensive Analysis of Georgian Qvevri Wine: Chemical Composition and Sensory Evaluation*

Victor Ilias Fraga

(Plant Science & Agricultural Business, Water Minor, Mentor: Dr. Serhat Asci): *Economic and Agricultural Feasibility of Reverse Osmosis (RO) Irrigation Treatment*

Jonmichael Silva

(Agricultural Business, Mentor: Dr. Annette Levi): *Assessing Heat Stress Impacts on Dairy Cattle at the Fresno State Dairy Unit*

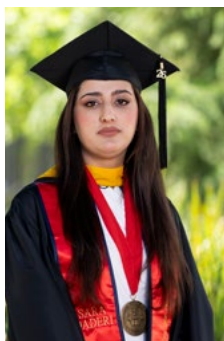
Sienna Rose Davies

(Pre-Veterinary, Mentor: Dr. Amanda McKeith): *Retrospective Analysis of Heat and Precipitation Stress on Dairy Cow Productivity in California's Central Valley*

Habeba Yaaqob

(Human Nutrition, Physical Science Minor, Mentor: Dr. Erika Ireland): *Knowledge, Attitudes, and Confidence Regarding GLP-1 Education in Nutrition and Dietetics Programs: A National Cross-Sectional Survey*

2025-26 Jordan College Graduates



Graduate Dean's Medalist Sara Qadiree, Plant Science

The Kabul, Afghanistan native is a first-generation college graduate with a 3.7 GPA who conducted her thesis research on creating effective irrigation scheduling for jujube. She developed the first crop coefficient curve for this drought-tolerant, Southeast Asian specialty crop, which is already grown locally by some small-scale farmers. She has also worked full-time for the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR) as a researcher, assisting with its research and grower education programs. She earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture from Kabul University and an associate degree in information

technology from Kabul Polytechnic University. She worked at the federal ministry in Afghanistan to improve food access in one of the world's poorest countries and later began a master's degree in agronomy while working full-time with international humanitarian organizations. When the Taliban returned to power in 2021, she and her family fled the country. She then received a master's degree in horticulture from the Agricultural University of Tirana in Albania, before she came to the U.S. with her family of nine in 2022. She has conducted research locally on long bean germplasm lines, moringa, and drought-tolerant crops, and presented her findings at state and campus conferences. She is also a certified drone pilot; completed coursework in ArcGIS Pro; and served as a judge for FFA citrus and soil contests. Fluent in three languages, she has volunteered locally for organizations that serve children, immigrants, and ministries.



Undergraduate Dean's Medalist Mallory Sutherland, Agricultural Business

The Bakersfield native earned her B.S. degree with a 4.0 GPA and has been actively involved in the agricultural industry through leadership in student organizations and national competitions. She earned the title of National Agri-Marketing Association individual sales champion and helped lead a team to a second-place finish in the Food Distribution Research Society case study competition as competition teams chair for the Agricultural Business Club. The Smittcamp Family Honors College Scholar has served in the Supplemental Instruction program, starting as a leader for AGBS 100 and later being promoted to SI Mentor.

She also served as a student representative on the Learning Center Advisory Board that supports academic engagement and student success. Her professional experience includes internships with AgWest Farm Credit, Grimmway Farms, and Sunview Vineyards of California. Through the Jordan College Honors Program, she conducted research that examined the relationship between food insecurity and fresh produce consumption among college students, as well as research with CSU-WATER on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. An FFA American Degree recipient, Sutherland is passionate about her community and advocating for agriculture. She will continue her education this fall at UC Davis, where she has been awarded a full-tuition scholarship to pursue her MBA.

2026 Jordan College Graduates

HONORS

*****Summa Cum Laude**
Red/Blue/Gold Cords
3.90 - 4.00 GPA

****Magna Cum Laude**
Red/Blue/Silver Cords
3.70 - 3.89 GPA

***Cum Laude**
Red/Blue Cords
3.50 - 3.69 GPA

**+ Master's Degree
With Distinction**
3.9-4.0 GPA

AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS

Bachelor of Science

Aguilar, Kylie
Alvarez, Bryson
Babshoff, Presley
Baca, Jesus
Baltazar Aldana, Margarita
Baxter, Preston
Beal, Mason
Beckett, Rocky*
Berbena, Mariah
Berberian, Diego**
Biglow, Madisen*
Black, Luke
Brar, Joshwinder
Brooks, William
Cantrell, Hannah**
Cardoza, Joseph
Carrillo, Miyah*
Castillo, Raul Austin
Cayetano Albino, Yuliana
Clark, Kellie
Clemons, Nicholas
Cockrum, Mark*
Contreras, Nolberto
Craig, Scott
Craighead, Emilee
Davis, Brooklynn
DeLeon, Jobanny
Donich, Dawson***
Espinoza, Ivan
Esquivel Jr, Miguel
Ferguson, Ryley*
Frates, Rilee
Frey, Cassidy
Freyler, Jackson
Fritz, Jake
Gonzales, Thomas
Gonzalez Ruelas, Edgar
Benjamin
Guerrero Madrigal, Miguel
Guerrero, Dominic
Hansen, Grant
Harwell, Devin
Hoffman, Benjamin*

Jimenez-Olivares, David*
Lara, Bryan
Loza, Sebastian
Lynch, Dylan
Madriz Alcaraz, Lesly
Maine, Cheyenne
Majors, Devin**
Maldonado Alfaro, Ernesto
Mancebo, Odette
Marra, Julian
Matthes, Spencer***
McVay, Luke
Mendoza-Schmidt, Rebecca
Minguela, Gerardo
Morales-Mateo, Ismael*
Nevarez, Estevan*
Paper, Branden
Pareira, Henry
Phillips, Anthony
Pieretti, Rylan
Plascencia, Benjamin*
Pulido, Ulysses
Rios, Samantha
Rodriguez, Yvonne
Rolston, Campbell*
Ross, Dustin
Rowlett, Jacob
Ruiz Rodriguez, Jesus*
Ruiz, Christian***
Ruvalcaba, Allison***
Sahagun, Savannah***
Sema, Meron**
Serna Jr, Marco
Shows, Caden
Silva, JonMichael***
Silva, Trace
Solorio, Moises
Sutherland, Mallory***
Travioli, Mary
Valenzuela, Andres
Van Unen, Katherine
Vasquez, Pablo
Vasquez, Rodrigo
Verduzco Anaya, Erick***
Weber, Kristina
Whaley, MaryJane

Zarate Zepeda, Montserrat
Zavala Leon, Maria

ANIMAL SCIENCES AND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

Master of Science

Brazil, Brianna+
Gonzalez-Esparza, Ivana+
Hernandez, Katya+
Litchfield, Emma+
Reitz, Jordan+
Trujillo, Ivan+

Bachelor of Science

Alvarez, Arriella***
Aquino-Bautista, Alondra*
Araiza, Madison
Arellano-Aguirre, Sergio**
Avila, Amanda
Bair, Drake
Barnett, Dillania
Bianchi, Kassidy
Bigall, Kayla
Bolton, Justin***
Bors, Grace
Bowe, Bridget
Bracamontes, Juliana
Brant, Jady
Brown, Destiny
Cabrera, Jaqueline
Canada Rendon, Alejandra Renee
Cano, Ashley
Cano, Carlos**
Cantrall, Caitlyn***
Castro Martinez, Yulesa
Cervantes, Salvador Manuel
Chargoy Velasco, Celeste
Chavez Perez Jr., Roberto
Cibrian, Cristabel**
Correia, Savannah
Crutcher, Cameron
Cruz, Briza
Cuevas Garcia, Celia Itzel
Cuevas Martinez, Jairo Steven

2026 Jordan College Graduates *continued*

Day, Taylor
DeCoite, Cadence***
Dempsey, Jade
Dowell, Jake*
Ellison, Jessica*
Faria, Blain
Fernandez, Lillianna
Flores, Ava
Flores, Peyton
Flores, Sheccid
Frachou, Julianna
Gomes, Daniel
Gomes, Shayln
Gomez, Annalysia
Gonzalez, Isela
Gray, Donnel**
Guardanapo, Georgia
Gutierrez, Corrina
Gutierrez, Erik
Harper, Karizma
Hatton, Morgan
Hernandez Duenas, Ana
Hernandez, Ashley
Hernandez, Leslie Colin
Hernandez, Stephanie
Heupel, Alison
Hinton, Kendall***
Hjelmstad, Taylor
Holcomb, Taylor
Horton, Joslyn
Iniguez, Guadalupe
Ivy, Cameron***
Jackson, Alexis
Jackson, Morgan
Jobe, Anabelle**
Johnson, Abbey
Jorge, Allison
Jula, Lily
Kelso, Kylee
Kwock, Kirsten
Lai, Evie
Langpaap, Isaiah
Levchenko, Grace
Li, Kailie
Lopez Morales, Monserrat
Lopez, Izabella**
Lopez, Sonia
Loucks, Sydney
Lucas, Gabriella**
Madrigal-Madriz, Elizabeth
Mancebo, Gina***
Manning, Peyton*
Martin, Megan***

Martinez, Alonso
Mascorro, Savana
Medina, Aubrey
Melgosa, Taylor
Mello, Elizabeth
Mendoza, Alyssa*
Moreno, Claudia Jaqueline
Mulvaney, Allison
Navarro, Emma
Olivares, Diego
Orozco Salaza, Betzaida*
Padgett, Alexis
Palomo, Kaylah
Panossian, Jacqueline*
Parsons, Haley***
Partner, Alyssa**
Prado-Delgado, Dulce
Prentice, Melanie
Quinones Martinez, Jeanette
Ramirez Carrasco, Keilen
Ramirez, Alexis
Ramirez, Aurora
Ramirez, Garrett
Ramirez, Jocelyn
Rangel, Brittany***
Rangel, Viviana
Renteria, Wendy
Rhoades, Courtney**
Richardson, Kelsey
Robles, Dayra
Rodriguez-Ramirez, Ruben
Rodriguez, Diego**
Ruiz, Adrian
Ruiz, Jasmin
Salcido, Yliana
Sanchez Pedraza, Daniel***
Sanchez, Emily
Sanchez, Jada**
Santana, Jena
Savas, Kross
Short, Sierra*
Silva, Macie
Solano, Joel
Sousa, Ethan*
Sousa, Taylor
Spradley, Hailey
Strunk, Timber
Swope, Faith
Tabarez, Yolanda
Thao, Serenity
Tiburcio, Noralee
Toro, Rebekah

Tripp, Emma***
Turrubiarres-Chavez, Alexis
Valencia, Julianna
Vander Poel, Alexa
Vargas Mayo, Jose
Vargas, Adam
Velasquez, Natalie
Walker, Devaughn
Walker, Emmie
Walker, Vanessa
Wheeless, Kadin*
White, Kaitlyn
Wikoff, Ashlen
Wyant, Breanna
Yepez-Saenz, Anahy
Young, Joshua**
Zaragoza, Mia
Zepeda, Destyni
Zhao, Melissa**
Zhou, Chunxiao

FOOD SCIENCE AND NUTRITION

Master of Science
Alva Melgarejo, Marco
Alvarez Ocegueda, Fabiola+
Arballo, Shannon+
Delgado, Evelyn+
Fakhari Rad, Abbas
Gomez Tortoledo, Alondra+
Goodacre, Megan+
Grant, Erica+
Hernandez, Hernan+
Johnson, Morgan
Kemble, Brianna+
Sandoval, Juan+
Xiong, Li+

Bachelor of Science
Alshugaa, Amena
Azevedo, Brody*
Bedolla, Anna*
Bernal, Lorena***
Brandt, Isabella
Enomoto, Kent
Evans, India**
Fernandez, Andrea
Garcia, Jaline
Gavel, Zoie***
Haros-Perez, Ashley*
Holguin, Margarita

Kampfe, Natalie**
Kerney, Nova*
Laskey, Clara
Leos Welch, Aris**
Miguel-Miguel, Sandra
Mohammed, Seba
Mora, Ruby***
Munoz, Fernando
Nguyen, Kyle
Ounesavath, Paige***
Porterfield, Joan*
Radliff, Shelby*
Romero, Lynnsey***
Ross-Castro, Kiana
Salacup-Hernandez, Javen
Shiohara, Koko*
Stewart, Molly***
Tolmachoff, Susanna
Wasem, Kelsie**
Yaaqob, Habeba**
Zaragoza, Marcos
Zavala, Gisela*

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

Master of Science
Almaraz, Efrain
Eesa, Shiva Rama Raju
Espinoza Ruiz, Joel Alejandro+
Khartchamadze, Luka
Mareedu, Nagasai
Singh, Harshdeep+
Solanki, Pratipalinh+
Varaganti, Karunakar

Bachelor of Science
Bajwa, Bilal
Benigno, Robin Albert***
Brennan, Shane**
Court, Christopher***
De Silva, Nimeth*
Duffy, Riley*
Fernandez, Edilberto
Gil, Javier Jr.
Guevara Gutierrez, Carlos*
Howard, Joshua
Jenkins, Bradly***
Marmolejo, Benjamin
Martinez, Esteban
McAvoy, Brody
O'Neill, Teegan
Powell, Richard

Singh, Leonard***
Suzuki, Timothy
Vang, Eric

PLANT SCIENCE

Master of Science

Cantu, Guillermo
Keeling, Kelby
Mattson, Keahilele
Kauluwena+
Medina Garcia, Bianey
Navarro, Idalia
Peden, Daniel
Qadiree, Sara
Shoeyb, Lida
Singh, Manjot+
Valdez Herrera, Jennifer
Williams III, Donald
Wofford, Andreas+

Bachelor of Science

Adams, Brittany
Alvarez, Jaime
Analla, Trevor**
Arellano Rodriguez, Fatima
Baker, Krystina
Barajas, Damian
Baranzini Rebeil, Pedro
Barraza, John
Bauman, Troy**
Bermudez, Fernando**
Chavez, Adan
Contreras-Cisneros, Andrea*
Corley, Danielle**
Correia Jr, Warren
Crosson, Braden
Curutchet, Clay
Delao Bautista, Ector
Diaz Ruiz, Aidan
Dugo, Jacob**
Fernandes, Luke*
Gilbert, Taylor
Gutierrez III, Antonio
Gutierrez, Cristian***
Heywood, Joseph
Kevorkian, Kody
Kloy, Arman
Lara Rodriguez, Santiago
Melena, Enrique
Mendoza Torres, Bryan*
Meza, Jose**

Mora, Christobal
Paez, Ethan
Peden, Daniel*
Perez-Garcia, Mariela
Ponce Gutierrez, Lucero**
Ramirez-Guerra, Pedro
Rocha, Bryce**
Saenz, Paola
Sanchez Sanchez, Fabian
Sanchez, Fernando
Santillan, Erik*
Silva, Isaac
Soria, William
Tamayo, Alberto
Vega Lara, Carlos
Vega Lara, Jean
Viau, Sean
Singh, Manjot, Jacob
Wilbourn, Austin
Willis, Samuel

VITICULTURE AND ENOLOGY

Master of Science
McMullen, Gauge

Bachelor of Science
Acosta Espitia, Jose
Gutierrez, Andrew
Guzman Torres, Edgar
Lopez, Juan
Managadze, Nikoloz**
Manriquez, Kaylee
Nevarez, Natalie
Ortega, Kayla
Ruvalcaba-Alcaras, Ariana
Saldivar, Marco*

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Steven Rocca, Associate Dean
University Marketing and
Communications Staff

College Mission Statement

FRESNO STATE

Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology

The Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology at Fresno State is shaping the future of one of the world's most productive agricultural regions by developing global decisionmakers in food and agriculture.

Each year, nearly 2,000 students select between more than 20 undergraduate and master's degrees from six academic departments.

Three on-campus research programs (Center for Irrigation Technology, Institute for Food and Agriculture, Viticulture and Enology Research Center) connect the College to industry and community partners to share their expertise, innovation, and educational programs.

The college's 1,000-acre University Agricultural Laboratory is one of the nation's largest on-campus farms and offers hands-on teaching, production, and research efforts year-round. Its 18 units employ over 100 students that create products for our Gibson Farm Market and community.

Concluding its 103rd year, the Jordan College encourages, equips, and enables faculty, staff, and students to create innovative, scientifically sound, and sustainable solutions to agri-food, technological, and environmental challenges in California, our nation, and the world. (Same as last years)

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THAT YOU MAY
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