

36th Annual Student Affairs Awards

Dr. Haynes Remarks:

Thank you, Shonte for the warm welcome.

It is a pleasure to be here with you all today.

Again, my name is Dr. Brian Haynes, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at UC Riverside.

I feel like I need to pinch myself as I can't believe we are in person. It has been way too long. I always look forward to these events where our students and staff can come together in celebration. It is truly not the same on Zoom!

Afterall, our campus would be nothing if it weren't for the talented, creative, and innovative students and staff.

It gives me great joy to see that our division of Student Affairs remains committed to you – our students – today, tomorrow, and beyond. It is because of you we are honored to celebrate your accomplishments with this unique ceremony.

I'd like to take a moment and thank all the committee members who dedicated their time to organizing this event. It is because of your passion, we have the opportunity to celebrate as members of Student Affairs, and more importantly as one UCR family.

The Student Affairs Awards recognize the many contributions that our students have made over the past year, such as enhancing the student experience. Your commitment to helping others, strengthening UCR's mission, and serving as a positive influence on campus are just some of the reasons we honor you today. Your leadership has proven to be a great success and a strong asset to our campus' growth.

In fact, this year we celebrate a time of both growth and reset with today's event theme of "Fresh Perspectives Lighting the Way." It is a testament to the growth you have experienced over the past few years, and for many a growth that has led to juggling school, work, and family obligations while

the world navigates many uncertainties. It hasn't been easy, but you are just getting stronger with each obstacle that comes your way. And today's new normal is no different. You will remember this experience and say "I did it."

You should all be very proud of yourselves. I know I am proud and our staff at Student Affairs is proud.

Now, let's celebrate!