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## Science is Beautiful

More than 1,000 community votes were cast in UC Santa Barbara's third annual Art of Science competition sponsored by the Schuller Lab and the campus's Center for Science and Engineering Partnerships at the California NanoSystems Institute. From the 40 entries, five winners and five honorable mentions were chosen.

Graduate student Suoqing Ji took first place, with postdoctoral scholar Daniel DeMartini coming in second place. Three third-place awards were presented: Graduate students Juan Manuel Escalante and Kurt Kaminski shared an award for their collaborative piece and postdoctoral scholar Christian Pester received a single third-place award. The People's Choice award was presented to postdoctoral researcher Emmanouela Filippidi.

The five honorable mentions were graduate students David X. Cao, Preeti Ovarthaiyapong and Nancy Scherich, undergraduate Bianca Dunn and postdoctoral scholar Nan Shi.

Beginning March 28, the artwork will be exhibited at the Library, in the first-floor Tower Gallery. The exhibit will move to the campus's Art, Design & Architecture Museum in the fall.

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The University of California, Santa Barbara is a leading research institution that also provides a comprehensive liberal arts learning experience. Our academic community

of faculty, students, and staff is characterized by a culture of interdisciplinary collaboration that is responsive to the needs of our multicultural and global society. All of this takes place within a living and learning environment like no other, as we draw inspiration from the beauty and resources of our extraordinary location at the edge of the Pacific Ocean.