In the words of poet T. S. Eliot, “What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from.”

Over nine days in June, the UCSC community celebrated endings and beginnings in ceremonies commemorating the inauguration of its 10th chancellor, George Blumenthal, and commencement exercises honoring nearly 2,600 graduates of the 10 undergraduate colleges and various graduate programs. The campus also celebrated Student Achievement Week, which annually recognizes especially noteworthy accomplishments in an array of disciplines.

Review dispatched photographers to capture these memorable moments. We hope you enjoy this tapestry of change, renewal, hope, accomplishment, and pride.
Inaugurating Chancellor Blumenthal

Recognizing student achievement

Student Achievement Week, a showcase of undergraduate research, artwork, and performance, culminated with an awards ceremony in a temporary pavilion on the East Field (pictured below). Hours earlier, the pavilion served as the site of Chancellor Blumenthal’s inauguration.

UCSC alumnus Loren Steck (right) was on hand to present the Steck Award, honoring the year’s best senior thesis, to Konstantin Batygin. Batygin was one of 15 recipients of the Chancellor’s Award, presented annually to the highest-achieving undergraduates.