

# Star Award Winner and Nominees!

February 2021

## February Star of the Month



### **Patsy Jimenez, Multi-Cultural Center**

Patsy Jimenez serves as Program Coordinator of the Multi-Cultural Center (MCC). In this role, she provides a sense of belonging for members of the campus community, advocates for an inclusive and respectful space for students from all backgrounds, and offers impactful programming to increase knowledge of culture, diversity, and social justice. Additionally, Patsy currently serves as Point of Contact for the Women's Resource Center (WRC). In this capacity, she has taken on additional responsibilities to provide leadership to the WRC's student employee team and to advance the support for women-identifying students on campus. As a two-time proud Hornet who personally navigated challenges with a lack of diversity, equity, and inclusion, Patsy has made it a professional goal to use her agency to advocate for a restorative justice pipeline for students, staff, and faculty. She is a thought leader within our team, often propelling much-needed conversations surrounding cultural consciousness to the forefront. Patsy is also active in bringing solution-oriented approaches to implementing policies and practices that are more inclusive, both in our unit and across campus. Through a wide range of programs, Patsy collaborates with different campus partners to provide welcoming spaces, affirmation, and validation for individuals and student groups. Moreover, she brings tremendous energy, knowledge, and flexibility to collaborative efforts that involve various communities and cultures. She is constantly seeking new ways to build capacity with other programs and colleagues. Patsy has been an active participant in career development related trainings, and she is always looking for ways to enhance students' social justice learning opportunities and resources. For example, Patsy led the development of the innovative Social Justice Leadership Seminar, a first-of-its-kind student seminar that highlights anti-racist and inclusive advocacy and empowers students to become lifelong champions for equity and social

change. All and all, Patsy is an exemplary professional and a team player who goes beyond the call of duty to serve students and the Hornet family. She exemplifies care for others, cultural humility, and inclusion, and our unit (Strategic Student Support Programs) is lucky to have her as part of the team.

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## February Nominees

### Lisa Chandler

#### Office of the University Registrar

Lisa has only worked for Sac State since January 2020. During that time she has had a huge impact on our office and the division as a whole. Lisa has voluntarily come to campus during the last 10 months to maintain essential services to students. Not only did she play a major role in the critical e-transcript project, she assists with student assistant support for our office. Lisa has worked hard to help onboard three new student assistants, providing training and learning opportunities, all while maintaining COVID guidelines and ensuring safety. Her work with our student assistants has helped develop them individually as professionals within an office setting, and collectively as a team. Lisa works in collaboration with the entire Office of the Registrar team to maintain in-office needs. She has also documented and improved transcript and verification processes. Lisa collaborates with several student affairs departments to help maintain essential services to students throughout the division during this remote work time. She works tirelessly, happily jumping in where needed. She has streamlined and documented several processes to allow most staff to remain working remotely. Lisa demonstrates a high level of integrity and character, truly caring about our staff, our student assistants, and the general student population at Sac State.

## **Courtney Hughes**

### **Student Health and Counseling Services**

Courtney has been at SHCS for almost three years, and during that time has been building important relationships with the campus community to support students. She has been involved in many outreach programs with the MLK Center, including Sankofa Wellness, and she often volunteers to be present at campus debriefing events for students. She is consistent and dedicated in her work with students and is a team player. Courtney is also a leader at SHCS, where she has been active in chairing the Diversity and Inclusion Committee and pushing for progress. We all value her contributions to the counseling team and we know that the students and campus community are lucky to have her at Sac State.

## **Mike Regalia**

### **University Housing Services Facilities**

I would like to nominate Michael Regalia for the shining star of the month award for his outstanding and unparalleled service to the housing procurement department. His hard work and commitment to ordering parts and supplying us with proper PPE in times of pandemic have been vital to helping us work faster and safer. He also is responsible for our work order management system and has worked diligently revamping this software system to allow us to work more efficiently than ever. He is always honest, friendly, and super knowledgeable about the best ways to secure parts and schedule expedited shipping on items which we need to perform emergency repairs. He possesses all of the qualities we value here at Sacramento State University. It is for these reasons that I believe he deserves this award. Thank you Mike for all that you do. Stingers Up! :)

## **Adriana Castro**

### **Admissions and Outreach Department**

Adrianna has been with the university for one year. She completed her Evaluator trainee program in 6 months and then immediately started the certificate program with Student Service Center. While she is new to Sac state, she is only looking for ways become more a part of the Hornet family. She is has a refreshing positive personality that is students first and always willing to help others within admissions or student affairs.

## **Alicia Woodworth**

### **Services to Students with Disabilities**

Alicia always goes the extra mile for her students. She ensures that their accommodations needs are met and will break barriers for them. Student cases can be complicated and at times require a lot of back and forth with faculty and staff, but Alicia always make sure the best interest of the student is kept in mind.

## **Steven Colson**

### **Student Affairs Administration**

In the few years I have known Steven, he has always come across with a high level of professionalism. He's organized, prepared and task orientated. Recently I have witnessed his professionalism as he assisted our department through the recruitment of a position. In this new normal of emails, he

responds with little delay to all my questions. Steven is knowledgeable and does his best in explaining complex policies. I wouldn't say he is a know it all because that sounds conceited but someone who learns it all. He offers great feedback and I appreciate that. As a hiring manager he makes my job easier so I can better serve our students.

## **Madelyn Smith**

### **Children's Center**

Mady works collaboratively with all members of the Children's Center to maintain a positive and well maintained preschool classroom. The children in her care adore her and look forward to her daily interactions and she provides a safe and friendly atmosphere to work alongside. Her connection with the families is always warm and welcoming and she works to include elements of the children's home lives into the classroom. This includes integrating home languages, photos of family members (including pets) and having the children share their experiences with the group. Mady strives for the best academic and social learning environment for the children, their families as well as the staff in her classroom.

Teacher Mady arrives every day on time with a smile. Her classroom all gets dropped off first thing in the morning and she does a great job of checking in her children and connecting with her families on a personal level. She has a positive attitude that extends to her children. You will never see Mady visibly upset or overwhelmed; she takes on every task with enthusiasm. She follows up with families in a timely manner, both via email and phone calls. Thank you, Teacher Mady!

## **University Housing Services**

This strong group of staff members worked from October to February to move our housing database into the cloud. This was across units from Housing IT, Housing Business Operations, Residential Life, Conference and Marketing and Housing Facilities. The group worked daily and sometime at night to ensure the process was easy and seamless. The team had to rely on one another to test, update templates, website addresses, and communicate with students, Campus IT, StarRez, and many more. A quote from Dan Biondi from IRT, "Your housing team was the best team I have worked with on a project. They worked well together and met all deadlines." I would love to have the following nominated as individuals and a team for great collaboration...Thai Mai, Mindy Rouillard, Yolonda Blackshire, Luis Gomez, Joe Loera, Angela Wiere, Adam Dowrie, and Bryan Tufts.