

## 2023 Award for Outstanding First-Generation Student Advocacy

The Award for Outstanding First-Generation Student Advocacy honors faculty, staff and/or administrator(s) who support first-generation students' education and serve as an advocate at Sacramento State. It is not required that nominees have identified as first-generation students themselves.

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