June STAR of the Month Awards

June Winner!



Nancy Lopez, ASI Children's Center

Nancy Lopez is the Operation's Manager at the ASI Children's Center. Nancy has been committed to the Center for years, but especially during the recent pandemic. In this past year, Nancy has managed to meet all of her administrative deadlines while managing through COVID and with limited staff. Nancy worked the whole pandemic, in-person. She worked on multiple projects and has been a lead on the transition for online payments, new state contracts, and enrolling new children. Many of our families are on subsidized care (meaning that the state either fully or partially pays their invoice); Nancy enrolls low-income student parents into the center and into the subsidized care program. She processes their enrollment paperwork, as well as their state paperwork for certification. Nancy has been attending weekly webinars with the California Department of Education to learn more about changes in state guidance for our families. Nancy has also lead several meetings with our online payment system, making sure all departments (business office, finance, etc.) are on-board and in agreeance. She has reached out to our IT department as well to make sure the application will transition smoothly onto our website. This online payment system will not only make it more convenient to families to pay, but reduce the foot traffic in and out of the center during COVID. This payment system will also allow parents access to their invoices and tax records, which will take some of the load off of the front desk staff who would have to manually send them an invoice or print their records. She has consistently delivered great customer service to all staff and families, with calm and soothing voice/tone. Thank you, Nancy!



June Nominees

Ana Uribe

Ana serves as the Administrative Support Coordinator for the unit of Strategic Student Support Programs. In this capacity, she works with the Serna Center, the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP), the High School Equivalency Program, the Dreamer Resource Center, the Multi-Cultural Center, the Pride Center, the Women's Resource Center, and the Migrant Student Leadership Institute (MSLI). Ana is a hard-working, integral member of our team. She carries herself with an unwavering dedication to service, students, her colleagues, and others. Furthermore, her administrative and budgeting contributions lay the foundation for well-known campus events including La Bienvenida, the Chicanx/Latinx Recognition Ceremony, and the Keeping the Dream Alive Conference. Ana also played a critical role in helping our office operations transition to virtual services, and she continues to find creative ways to provide much needed administrative support. Ana is caring, compassionate, and selfless when it comes to others, especially students. Her cheerful personality and warm demeanor enhance the family-like environment we promote. Consequently, staff, student employees, and students at-large seek Ana's advice, support, and affection. Ana models a student-first mindset, and despite her daily demands, she finds time to spread her love around the office (and now virtually) by doing small things that make everyone feel included and appreciated. It is her passion for student services that keeps her energized and that energizes the people around her. Early on, students began referring to Ana as Momma Bear, which is a perfect illustration of the connection students and staff feel to her. Administrative support positions like Ana's frequently go unrecognized. Yet, these are often some of the most indispensable individuals in an office. In all truth, the Strategic Student Support Programs could not provide the quality of events/activities/services we offer without Ana's work ethic, dedication, and commitment to our work and our students. We are lucky to have her on our team, and we believe that she is highly deserving of a STAR Award.

Janet Dumonchelle

Janet has been tireless in her promotion of the Covid vaccines for students/staff/faculty/and community since January 2021. Since that time, she has recorded over 20k vaccines given. She has collaborated with the nursing students and their clinical instructors to assist them in gaining clinical hours that were scarce during the pandemic. She has called upon clinic staff to assist her in this service to the campus community and beyond. Janet has been mindful of the diversity of the population as a whole. She has provided valuable education to community members who have been vaccine hesitant. Her clinic staff represent the rich dimensions of the community and have made efforts to educate their friends and families about the importance of the vaccine and protecting our loved ones and community. Janet is an example of integrity and innovation as she navigated, tirelessly, the maze of County regulations for clinic set up and safety. Janet is definitely a Shining Star on this campus.