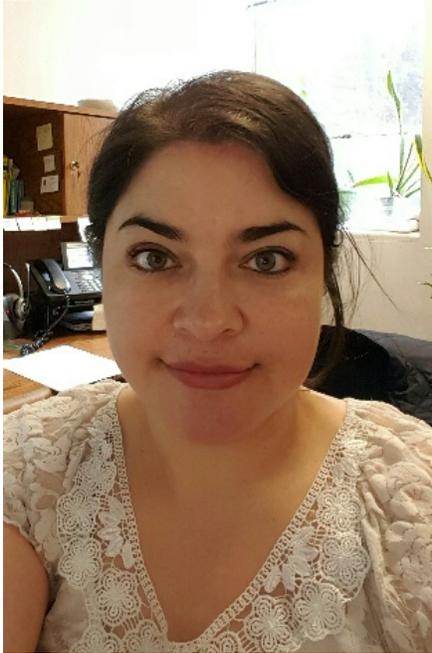


Outstanding Tenured Professional 2021



Adabel Franco, Financial Aid & Scholarships

Adabel has been a fixture in the Financial Aid Office for over twenty years. As the longest employed team member, she has mentored many staff. As a leader, when the department was short staffed Adabel stepped up to take on additional tasks, such as covering shifts for drop-in counseling to ensure students continue to receive the support needed to continue their education. Working with the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), Adabel confirms funds are awarded to eligible students, many of whom are the most financially needy on campus. Adabel coordinates with Accounting to ensure federal reporting requirements are met for the Federal Work Study program and oversees spending and reconciliation of the Middle-Class Scholarship program which provides grant funding to students who often do not qualify for other free aid, all while keeping the Student Affairs value of Students First in the forefront. Adabel chairs the Communications Committee in the Financial Aid & Scholarships Office. This committee ensures accurate and understandable communications to both students and staff across campus. She also organizes outreach events with both on and off campus partners such as Cash for College events which promote FAFSA and Dream Application assistance to high school students and families applying for financial aid. Adabel has made many contributions to the Financial Aid & Scholarships Office over the years and I am honored to nominate her for this award.

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Sarah Powers, Office of the University Registrar