

August 2023 Star Awards



Patsy Jimenez, Academic Advising

Patsy is a highly accomplished individual who was made at Sac State, not only earning her B.A., but also her M.A in Sociology. Patsy dedicated ten years working for the Multicultural Center supporting students and finding ways to create more inclusive welcoming spaces for them. She now supports the College of Business Expressed Interest population as an Integrated Advising Coordinator, working with students who are pursuing one of our impacted majors. Patsy is a proud Latina who has participated in Nueva Epoca, a program for Latinx professionals, Patsy received her certificate of completion this year for their cohort. During her time at the Advising Center, Patsy has done an incredible job supporting her students and peers. She has continuously helped her students grow by educating and updating them on information happening in the College of Business. Patsy is a fun, supportive and fearless colleague who is always looking for ways to expand her skills as a professional!



Sai Xiong, Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

I am excited to nominate Dr. Sai Xiong for his stewardship of excellence and educational equity with a commitment to first-generation students. A senior staff member of the EOP counseling team, he is a father and husband first, and foremost then a longtime hornet. I commend his professionalism and calm demeanor during meetings and robust conversation as it pertains to students' financial aid, retention initiatives, career outcomes, and opportunities. His tone and tenure have garnered respect from junior staff members and earned him praise from his leadership team. Having worked for the University for almost two decades, he has impacted thousands of students' lives, their families, and communities. In his role as the senior lead for senior success, financial and scholarships, he coordinates the EOP graduation, a hallmark of the program that awards each graduating student a lifetime medallion. I hold no reservation and with hesitation in my nomination for your consideration of Dr. Sai Xiong to be this month's unsung hero.