

# Star of the Year 2023



## Jerry Blake, Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

Blake is an individual whose work continuously stands out as exceptional. He is constantly looking for new ways to improve the student and staff experience. Not only does Blake take part in all EOP/Student Affairs events, but he is always hands-on with each one. Blake continually demonstrates his passion to engage and motivate students. He is always learning the best techniques and methods for advising, retention, recruitment, student engagement, and technology. Whether it is engaging one-on-one with students, hauling decorations and equipment back and forth, being the "sound guy", or making the staff laugh, you always know that when Blake is there, stuff will get done. He is our "go-to" guy, and he deserves this recognition.

## Star of the Year Nominees

- Shannon Brown, Disability Access Center
- Andrew Yang, APIDA Center
- Robert Tran, Financial Aid & Scholarships
- Karina Garcia-Solorio, Student Affairs Administration
- Jerry Blake, Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
- Amy Yu, Academic Advising Center
- Rena Horse, 'Esak'tima Center
- Eric Espejo, Student Service Center

- Dr. Sai Xiong, Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
- Patsy Jimenez, College of Business Academic Advising Center
- Tyler McCoy, Student Service Center
- Daniel Castellanos, Academic Advising Center