

# March 2024 Star Awards

## March 2024 Winner!



## Catherine Mayorga, Multi-Cultural Center

With great enthusiasm, I submit this nomination for Catherine Mayorga for the STAR of the Month Award. Cathy, as she is affectionately known, embodies inclusivity, compassion, and dedication in her role as the Program Coordinator for the Multi-Cultural Center at Sacramento State University. Cathy's unwavering commitment to fostering a culture of love, care, and inclusivity is evident in every aspect of her work. With her leadership, the Multi-Cultural Center is a beacon of warmth and acceptance for students, staff, faculty, and the broader community alike. Her efforts extend far beyond the center's physical space, reaching into the hearts and minds of all who encounter her. One of Cathy's most remarkable attributes is her ability to

advance social justice efforts with grace and empathy. She approaches every challenge with an open heart and a willingness to listen, learn, and act. Through her programming initiatives, she creates safe and inclusive spaces where individuals from diverse backgrounds feel seen, heard, and valued. Cathy's dedication to honoring intersectional identities sets her apart as a true champion of diversity and inclusion. She recognizes the unique experiences and challenges each community member faces and works tirelessly to ensure their voices are heard and amplified. Furthermore, Cathy's genuine care for the well-being of others is palpable in every interaction. She goes above and beyond to support individuals, offering guidance, encouragement, and a shoulder to lean on when needed. Her kindness and compassion leave a lasting impact on all who have the privilege of knowing her. Cathy Mayorga is more than deserving of the STAR of the Month Award. Her exemplary leadership, unwavering dedication, and profound impact on the Sacramento State community make her an invaluable asset. Please consider this nomination as a testament to Cathy's outstanding contributions and the profound difference she continues to make in the Hornet community.

## March Nominees

### Samuel Aguirre, Academic Advising Center

Sam has shown exceptional work for the Academic Advising Center both in his day-to-day job with advising students and long-term through his projects. As an Academic Advisor, every day he meets with students and gives them extraordinary customer service advising on our academic policies, General Education & Graduation requirements, and providing resources for any situation a student may be going through. If he doesn't know the answer, he takes it upon himself to find it to best serve our students.

Sam took it upon himself to update the General Education worksheet our office uses to advise our students. The process required a lot of revision as he had to make sure all policies were being accurately represented through three different catalog rights. Throughout the process he was understanding and enthusiastic about feedback.

Beginning this semester, Sam started a partnership between our office and On-Campus Housing to provide services directly to our students at North Village. Every Monday he has been spending time at Housing to increase our reach to a different student population. Through all his hard work and exceptional performance, Sam embodies putting our students first!

### Corrine Hall, Admissions & Outreach

Corrine Hall goes above and beyond to support the department of Admissions and Outreach. She takes a caring, empathetic perspective and approaches challenges head-on, all with a smile on her face. She has taken on communications responsibilities in the absence of a Communications Coordinator and has supported the team in more ways than I can count.

Corrine has been dedicated to the success of the department since she was a student assistant in 2015-2018. Now, having worked closely with Corrine for half a year, I am honored to collaborate with Corrine and witness her team-player attitude and emotional intelligence when it comes to being a supportive coworker to our fellow staff members. She is proactive and always hungry for opportunities to support the department whether it's making purchases at lightning speed or reviewing the details of a communications calendar.

Corrine is the definition of an "unsung hero" and I certainly can't be grateful enough for everything that she does.