

March 2025 Star Awards



Stephanie Reyes Alcala, Women's Resource Center

I nominate Stephanie for this month's Star Award. Over her two years as Coordinator of the Women's Resource Center, Stephanie has exemplified core values of Wellness, Inclusivity, Collaboration, and Service in remarkable ways. Stephanie has transformed the WRC into a genuinely inclusive and welcoming space for all students. Her approach to leadership centers on compassion and empowerment, creating an environment where everyone feels valued and supported. While simultaneously coordinating the parents and families program, a significant responsibility in itself, she has led with innovation. Stephanie's commitment to wellness is shown in her creation of "Wellness Wednesdays" which provides students with regular opportunities to prioritize self-care. The "Sista's Brunch" and "Women Empowering Women" group are testaments to Stephanie's dedication to fostering community and inclusivity. These programs create safe spaces for connection, mentorship, and personal growth. Stephanie ensures that these initiatives are accessible to all! Every interaction with Steph leaves me feeling empowered by her compassion and leadership. Stephanie has become a role model for many, including myself. I aspire to one day embody the qualities she has as a mentor, parent, and wellness advocate.

Stephanie is a great example of balancing work, family, and being true to oneself. She always has a positive attitude and brings her best, and an attitude of finding the silver lining in any situation, to work. She shares openly about her goals as she nears completion for her master's

program, her dreams for her professional future, and for her family. I love hearing about her daughter and hearing her proud mama moments as they make her more human and whole. She is also a model for wellness, talking daily walks, bringing lunch from home, and making time for friends and colleagues on campus. Steph is also doing a lot to collaborate with other departments. She is working with Women and Gender Studies, the Serna Center, the Multicultural Center, Housing, the WELL, and many other campus departments and programs to plan Women's Herstory Month events. Despite her busy schedule she is never too busy to provide excellent service to students who come into the Women's Resource Center, making them feel welcome from greeting them, answering questions, and inviting them to participate in arts and crafts or Wellness Wednesday activities and discussions. Steph is a great part of our campus social safety net and I am happy to have her helping shape our community. Join me in celebrating and acknowledging her contributions to our inclusive and welcoming campus culture.