

May 2023 Star Awards



Amy Yu, Academic Advising Center

Amy's additional role as an advisor to students who were dismissed but remained enrolled, it is evident that she has wholeheartedly embraced the mission of empowering and uplifting the population. Through her compassion, empathy, and innovative approaches, she has fostered meaningful connections and created a nurturing environment that allows individuals to thrive and overcome the challenges they face.

Her ability to see the potential in each person, even when they may not see it themselves, has been transformative. She has consistently provided guidance, encouragement, and support to those in need, helping them navigate through various obstacles and empowering them to take control of their lives. Her commitment to understanding their unique circumstances and tailoring advice to their specific needs is truly commendable.

I am particularly impressed by the tangible outcomes that have emerged from her efforts. The success stories of individuals who have participated in the program and experienced significant positive changes are a testament to her invaluable contribution. For example, 35 who were dismissed are no longer in a dismissed status - amazing!

May Nominees

Kaifa Yates, MLK Jr. Center

When I think of an individual who encapsulates the very essence of 'service leadership', I think of Kaifa Yates. Kaifa has prospered in his role and expanded his reach from K-12 to college students and now young professionals. In his capacity as the MLK Jr. Coordinator/Counselor, he is a strong advocate and fierce leader for the elevation and success of African American and Black students. His unparalleled commitment, particularly to students' financial wellness/literacy and mental health/wellness is commendable. For instance, he has partnered and hosted workshops with Chase Bank on generational wealth and continues to host Peer Health educators in the Center. Most importantly, Kaifa is the visionary leader that supports the Black Chamber of Commerce Young Leadership Collaboration, a premier program to increase the number of young people of color interested in becoming the future business leaders in our region.

As a staff member, he is a go getter, sensible and practicable person who wants to get things do for students. An unsung hero, he seeks to ensure all students are given the equitable opportunity to have a good college experience, become productive members of society and given a fair chance to succeed. I hold no reservation and humbly nominate Kaifa to be recognized.

Douglas Roberts, University Housing Custodial

Doug is an integral part of our team here in the University Housing Services Facilities department. His positive attitude is infectious and his commitment to excellence is evident in every aspect of his work here at Sac State. Doug is one of those people who is always willing to help others and he goes above and beyond each and every day to ensure that his department operations run smoothly and efficiently. With all of the work that needs to be done to run 24 hours a day 7 days a week, Doug makes sure the housing department is no stranger to a friendly smile and helping hand when needed. He exhibits all of the redeeming qualities we hold dear here at Sacramento State University and I believe he deserves to be our next star of the month because of his integrity and willingness to work hard and put the needs of others beyond his own. Thank you Doug for all that you do. You are a star.