

# May Star Awards



## Veronica Delgado Rodriguez, Admissions & Outreach

Veronica has exemplified hard work and creativity in the past year. In this year of enrollment challenges, Veronica has risen to the challenge to ensure that our prospective students receive the information they need to make the decision to enroll at Sac State. She has led our efforts to communicate with both prospective students and their parents, always keeping a positive attitude and "can-do" attitude.

Additionally, over the past few years, Veronica created the Latina Mentoring Network on campus. The Latina Mentoring Network was Veronica's idea that she has brought to fruition and it is now a university-wide example (and the first recognized Community of Practice) of the work being done to nurture an inclusive environment.

During the planning for and implementation of Admitted Student Weekend, Veronica played a vital role by having a local radio station on-site and she and her team also planned and staffed the photo booth for students. The photo booth was a huge hit with students, parents and even a few of our current graduates.

Veronica's collaboration with colleagues goes beyond the Admissions & Outreach office. She collaborates with multiple constituencies including Student Affairs Communications, Faculty, Student Affairs IT, University Communications and others to ensure that we are providing both timely and accurate information for our students.

Over the past year and particularly in the past month, Veronica has played a vital role in our success. Thank you, Veronica for all that you do!

## May Nominees

### **Joshua Keyawa, University Housing Services Utility Plants**

Josh has always provided unparalleled service to the staff and students who are proud to call Sac state home. He is a wealth of knowledge who prides himself on lending an extra hand to anyone who needs it. He is honest and thinks outside the box, and he has a way of making repairs look easy as he prides himself on being a subject matter expert. Josh stepped up a few months ago to fill the interim BSE supervisor position, and he has done a spectacular job at it. His positive attitude and willingness to work hard have been integral in helping our shop provide excellent customer service to students, staff, and faculty and the fact that he does it with a smile on his face is just one of the many reasons we are nominating him for this award. I cannot think of anyone who deserves it more. Thank you, Josh, for being our rock! Stingers Up!

### **Sarah Whitford, Financial Aid & Scholarships**

Sarah goes above and beyond to assist staff members in the department. Sarah routinely trains and assists new and veteran staff members with assignments and additional projects. Sarah's kindness and positivity make staff feel comfortable coming to her for assistance. Sarah is the MVP of Processing and Awarding.

### **Amanda Morton, Student Health Services Athletic Training**

Amanda took on a very large role when the head football Athletic Trainer in sports medicine departed Sacramento State a year ago. As an entry-level Athletic Trainer, she took on the leadership, management and care of our DI football team. This job description required her to collaborate and have a high level of communication to Troy Taylor (head football coach), Mark Orr (Athletics Director), Dr. Diaz (Head Team Physician), Ryan Deatruck (head strength coach) and many other medical experts. The most important part of her role was to provide a high level of medical care to the football student athletes. Amanda was responsible for managing and leading the football Sports Medicine staff in all practices, home and away competitions and spring football.

She provided an inclusive environment for all her student-athletes and made proper medical decisions based on her expertise and integrity. Football had a very successful season with Amanda at the helm of Sports Medicine. On behalf of Sacramento State Sports Medicine, Student Health and Athletics, Amanda is absolutely a shining star at this university.