

Star Award Winner and Nominees!

January 2021

January Star of the Month



Kathy Colin, Admissions and Outreach Department

A star shines bright, and when I think of a shining star on campus, I think of Kathy. Kathy is a Washington native who chose Sac State to pursue her undergrad; it was her dream school. Since graduating in 2019, Kathy has worked in A&O as the Customer Service Coordinator. She is the gatekeeper of Admissions, and connects with hundreds of students a day, giving them admissions information, connecting them to the appropriate offices, and getting students excited about attending Sac State. When in person Kathy is, quite literally, the face of Admissions. She welcomes students into our office with a smile on her face. Since being virtual, Kathy manages the main admissions email which receives hundreds of emails a week. It's always a joy to talk to Kathy and her passion and love for Sac State shines with every conversation she has with students. Within our office she is willing to assist with projects, join committees for prospective student events, and can be seen walking around the office asking how everyone is doing. While WFH there are things I miss: the beauty of campus, connecting with students, seeing my colleagues walking around Lassen, and Kathy's smiling face at the front desk as I arrive for work.

January Nominees

Adam Schobinger

NCAA Compliance

Adam continues to provide great service to the coaching staffs and athletic administrators that work with the coaches. His great skill with academic evaluations has helped to make sure that incoming transfers are on track to meet NCAA requirements. His collaboration with the SARC on these evaluations has been outstanding. His integrity is very high and he continues to work to keep it there. His service to our campus community while telecommuting has been top notch. He continues to include those that need to be on information in order to prevent a lack of communication.

Caroline Peretti

Admissions and Outreach

We had staff out in the our appeals unit and Caroline stepped in to cover coordinating appeals. She also spent time restructuring the appeals process to make it more efficient and student friendly. She is definitely an asset to admissions always putting students first.

Callie Mulvihill

NCAA Compliance

Callie has been working hard to make sure that the student-athletes have the correct financial aid numbers to keep us within NCAA rules and to make sure that the students are able to receive these funds in a timely fashion. She continues to send weekly updates to our partners in the Financial Aid Office and collaborates with them to get the funds disbursed quickly. She works well with other staff members in the Athletic Compliance Office (ACO) and our partners on campus. She continues to come up with ideas to help make the ACO better and cares about the wellness of the student-athletes.

Janet Dumonchelle

Student Health and Counseling Services

I'm honored to nominate Janet Dumonchelle, Pharmacist in Charge of SHCS for STAR of the month award. Janet has collaborated with Sacramento County Public Health to establish an unprecedented Covid vaccination clinic on campus. Not only is she keeping our Hornet family safe and healthy but the general public as well. This is no easy feat - she has spent countless hours and sleepless nights coordinating this historic event which is aimed at the WELLness of our community. This endeavor is also benefitting our Hornet nursing students, allowing them to fulfill much needed clinical hours. Staff and faculty from different departments are able to partake and be a part of this critical WELLness mission. Needless to say this has been a massive undertaking for Janet in addition to her regular duties in the pharmacy. I have no idea how she manages to find the time to accomplish all she does with such integrity and grace. Janet's dedication and service to this campus and community feels unmatched and we are very fortunate to have her on our team.

Jenna Paulk

Student Athlete Resource Center

Jenna Paulk serves as one of the lead advisors in the SARC and specifically works with our Football student athletes. Jenna goes above and beyond when servicing her students, whether that is hopping on Zooms, creating e-workshops in development and aid/scholarship information, coordinating Mentors for the Football athletes, and consistently communicating with the football coaching staff. Jenna also stepped into an Athletics Admissions role after one of our colleagues retired. She is extremely detail oriented, is always looking to collaborate with other departments and has adapted so quickly to these new admission liaison responsibilities. She is a team player, always reaching out to see if her colleagues need support and truly embodies what it means to work in Student Affairs and Student Services. Jenna also works diligently to support out at-promise student athletes. Connecting them with resources and strategies on how to navigate not only college, but college virtually. She is an asset to this office, bringing forth an amazing attitude, work ethic and perspective. Jenna cares deeply about the student-athletes, their well-being and providing transparency when navigating tough waters. She exemplifies all of the divisional values on a daily basis in her multi-faceted role. She is a true hornet and an integral part of this Hornet family.

Joshua Keyawa

Housing Residential Life

I would like to nominate Joshua Stanley Keyawa for this award due to his hard work, attention to detail, and his ability to work safely while making repairs necessary to keep Sac State housing facilities running. He goes above and beyond to help out wherever he can and uses his skills to collaborate with staff members to provide excellent customer service to our staff, faculty, & students. He is friendly and extremely knowledgeable in coming up with innovative solutions and his "out of the box" style of thinking has been essential on completing countless projects during my two years here. He is a team player who deserves to be recognized for his efforts in keeping our team strong and focused. It is because of employees like him that Sacramento State University is, and will continue to be, one of the greatest places to work. Thank you Josh. :)

Katelyn Sandoval

Student Health and Counseling

Katelyn has single-handedly created a Peer Counseling program at Sac State over the past two years. She transitioned the program to virtual format last spring and successfully interviewed and hired new peer counselors for the 2020-2021 academic year. She is extremely sensitive and thoughtful about bringing on a diverse group of peer counselors who reflect students' needs, and she provides comprehensive training and support to them. While managing her peer counseling program Katelyn remains a part of the counseling services team and is always willing to help out and contribute whenever this is needed. We and the students at Sac State are lucky to have her.

Rebecca Woolston

NCAA Compliance

Rebecca has collaborated with the Housing Office in order to make sure that the student-athletes that had to report early were aware of when they had to get into STAR Rez to request their housing. She works tirelessly to make sure TPCs are accurate and that we are all aware of what is going on. Her integrity and commitment to her job are what make her great at what she does. She cares about the wellness of the student-athletes and works within the NCAA rules to make sure that we are able to help them.

Sherry Velte

Children's Center

Sherry Velte has collaborated with many individuals to keep the children's center safe and open. She demonstrates inclusivity by hearing and considering ideas from others. She is the ultimate in service, as she spends much of her time outside of the children's center working to improve everyone's experience at the children's center. She has proven to be incredibly innovative during this time of COVID, creating procedures that have helped keep the children's center safe and COVID free since August. She takes care of her personal wellness so that she can bring her best self to work every day. Even when it is so hard, she has healthy self-care practices that keep her going. Lastly, Sherry's commitment to integrity is evident in the way she communicates about the children's center, and in every decision she makes with the best interest of children, families, and employees in mind.

Tracy Hale

Financial Aid

Tracy has been a key partner since I arrived on campus 3 years ago. She has always been willing to collaborate with the Athletic Compliance Office (ACO) to make sure that we are meeting both NCAA and Federal regulations related to financial aid. She has come up with ideas that not only help the Financial Aid Office, but ones that help the ACO with what we have to do with our NCAA systems. Her service is always top notch and her integrity is what helps her keep all the regulations in place. She cares about the wellness of the student-athletes and does all that she can do within her power (and NCAA rules) to help all students. She works closely with my staff, but she also is a rock star with the CAL/SUG funds she helps get disbursed to countless students. STAR of the Month for sure!