



Faculty Highlights

Congratulations to the faculty below, who are actively creating conditions for wellbeing and student success in their classrooms! Through the “How Awesome is Your Professor” campaign, students named the following faculty as going above and beyond to support their wellness.

<p>Robin Altman Assistant Professor Department of Biological Sciences</p>	<p>“I highly recommend that Dr. Robin Altman be known as an Awesome Professor. I have had the pleasure of being a student in only one of Dr. Altman’s classes, but she has gone above and beyond to show her dedication for myself and my fellow classmates of her Systemic Physiology Course. Dr. Altman is unquestionably a perfect candidate for being an Awesome Professor for the exceptional qualities she possesses as a professor. The infinite support she has given her students is influential and inspiring. Whilst she is quite modest and humble about her hard work and achievements, I know I speak for most of her students when I say she is undoubtedly the most deserving of this recognition.”</p>
<p>Miguel Bota Assistant Professor Department of World Languages and Literatures</p>	<p>"He is very passionate about the Spanish literature. He loves to teach it in a way that captures the attention of everyone in the classroom. He is kind and generous. Works very well with students and respects everyone’s opinions."</p>
<p>Mark Brown Professor Political Science Department</p>	<p>“Professor Brown offered an excused absence a couple weeks ago in case students wanted to go to the Stephon Clark protest because he believes that having real world experiences is at least as valuable as learning in a classroom. He also finished class early one day and encouraged students to go to the great debate between the College Democrats and College Republicans. This class is discussion-based, so students constantly interact to share ideas about the texts and discussion questions. For the midterm paper, there was a peer review, which allowed for more interaction and discussion and was helpful before turning in the final version.”</p>

<p>Chloe Burke Assistant Professor History Department</p>	<p>“Kind and inclusive to all students and always available to talk.”</p>
<p>Susan Durosko Lecturer English Department</p>	<p>"Prof. Durosko is an understanding and caring teacher. She makes sure you understand what the assignment is and helps you on whatever questions you have. She is always making sure you understand what she teaches. She challenges you in writing a lot and teaches the things you must learn to be a good writer for the assignments. Somewhat a lot of assignments and challenging, but those assignments are easy to do since her teaching of how to write is so understandable. She deserves to be rewarded for her ways of teaching. Prof. Durosko is the epitome of a great professor to not miss taking. She knows what she's doing, and If I was President Nelson I would be proud to have a teacher like her teaching and representing Sac State."</p>
<p>Bill Garcia Assistant Professor Doctorate of Physical Therapy</p>	<p>“Bill offers the most up-to-date and relevant information in orthopedic PT. He is a skilled lecturer that makes it fun to learn. Although it is a doctorate level program, Bill's humor and enthusiasm about the subject matter has been so refreshing. He makes every day in his class fun, interactive, and mind-blowing. When someone with his level of expertise can meet you at your level of learning and truly make no question seem like a silly question, it means the world. He meets with students outside of class to discuss key concepts, especially in preparation of our stressful practical. He is even arranging an extracurricular event at a health fair in Dixon, CA where we will have the opportunity to work with Spanish-speaking individuals. Bill is an amazing professor and he motivates me every single day in so many ways to be the best student physical therapist I can be. It is a privilege to learn from someone of his expertise and his genuine love of education. Thanks for keeping all of us stressed out doctoral students MENTALLY healthy, Bill!!”</p>
<p>Darla Hagge Associate Professor</p>	<p>“Dr. Hagge goes above and beyond her role as an Associate Professor and Graduate Adviser. She models to her students’ authentic communication techniques through her teaching</p>

<p>Communication Sciences & Disorders</p>	<p>styles/pedagogy. Furthermore, she makes herself available to her students by cell phone/text message. She genuinely cares for and serves her students in all areas of the graduate program. Dr. Hagge is empathetic and teaches from experience in the field. She offers real-life learning experiences through inter-professional Education. Dr. Hagge and her colleagues developed The Department of Health and Human Services Center for Interprofessional Education. Students from the CSAD, Nursing and other departments learn from, with and about each other's scope of practice. Dr. Hagge fosters team learning. She is mindful of keeping her students in 'the Goldilocks zone' to promote the best learning environment when the students are less stressed."</p>
<p>Clovis Karam Lecturer Department of World Languages and Literatures</p>	<p>"Professor Karam shows genuine concern for his students' education and wellbeing. He makes sure that his students don't feel stressed out by any assignments or exams, is understanding of their situations outside of class, and shows great passion for the material he teaches. I have noticed that the students in his class are more inclined to try hard and participate fully in the assignments than in any other course."</p>
<p>David Lang Professor Economics Department</p>	<p>"This professor keeps the class engaging and interesting, while still providing the materials we need for success throughout the semester. He determines clear expectations and challenges us to meet high quality standards for our work."</p>
<p>Jesus Limon Lecturer English Department</p>	<p>"The environment was open and inclusive to everyone and he provided a welcoming environment."</p>
<p>Toran MacLeod Assistant Professor Doctorate of Physical Therapy</p>	<p>"I feel that Toran always makes time to answer any and all questions the students have. He goes above and beyond by ensuring that we understand material and have access to the resources that we need and creates extra videos and tutorials showing us how to use those resources effectively and efficiently. His exuberance makes dry, difficult material tolerable and he helps synchronize and stabilize the class when we are all stressed out. Toran stops by whenever he sees his students to chat and check in to see how we are doing. He encourages us to check out</p>

	<p>certain things he thinks we may find fun and interesting. Lastly, he always seems willing to discuss anything outside of class time.”</p>
<p>Taylor Marchelle Lecturer Economics Department</p>	<p>“In the classroom, Prof Marchelle is a great teacher and she is very real with the students. She understands our want of coffee and sleep and jokes about it creating a friendly environment in the classroom. After class she is still smiling and eager for us to ask questions about class or life in general. She has allowed us to connect with her while walking to get coffee which has allowed me to create a better bond. It makes me feel comfortable with asking more questions in class or going to her office hours if i need anything.”</p>
<p>Marietess Masulit Lecturer Interdisciplinary Studies</p>	<p>“Provides clear information, and definitely lends us a hand when it comes to difficult tasks.”</p>
<p>Kathy Martinez Lecturer Department of Recreation, Park & Tourism Administration</p>	<p>“Through our coursework, Professor Martinez challenges me to challenge myself, to recognize how I live my life and where I need to improve it for the better living in all aspects. She really makes me think! She has challenged me to get out and be active in my leisure recreation and try something new! As an older student, I have become too sedentary and really needed to hear this and be pushed and challenged and required to get up and move. I have greatly enjoyed this and been inspired and am looking for new ways to get moving with my family into a more healthy lifestyle. And we're only halfway through the semester, there's more to come! Bring it on!”</p>
<p>Kazue Masuyama Professor Department of World Languages and Literatures</p>	<p>“Professor Masuyama is unlike any other instructor I've had at CSUS. She puts a lot of time into what she loves doing, which is teaching her students. She has a strong passion towards teaching and ensuring the success of the students. One of the reasons why I continued my Japanese language studies is because of her. She helped motivate and encouraged me to succeed not only in my studies, but as an individual. She made sure I utilized the knowledge and skills I had to become a better speaker, teacher,</p>

	and even connecting with other people. One of the things I'm most grateful from the Japanese courses I've taken at Sac State was working with professor Masuyama. She is without a doubt a professor I will always idolize and respect.”
Amir Motlagh Assistant Professor Civil Engineering Department	“He turned on music during class and he is very chill during lab. He is very helpful during his office hours because the modules are tough and the homework is frustrating and I'm glad that his willing to take time and help us.”
Rene Muinos Lecturer Department of World Languages and Literatures	“I love the fact that he tries his best for us to understand the material. He encourages students to ask any questions, anything we feel uncomfortable about we should ask. He is open to text messages at night and replies to his emails fairly fast. He has very helpful review and content in class.”
Urvashi Mulasi Assistant Professor Family & Consumer Sciences	“Dr. Mulasi has such deep compassion for her students, making her a well-respected and admirable instructor. She presents clear objectives on what she expects from her class, values feedback in better shaping her courses, and makes sure her students fully understand the materials taught before moving forward. Not only that, she goes above and beyond in helping us apply what we learned in the classroom into the real world through visits at the UC Davis Sports Medicine Center and the Sacramento State Amputee Clinic. As an undergraduate dietetic student, I value these experiences which enhances my learning of the subject and that makes me feel better equipped for the field later on. Overall, Dr. Mulasi is a wonderful instructor and is deserving of this recognition!”
Michael Nave Professor Kinesiology	“Professor Nave might come off as intimidating, but he really cares about his students, especially their health and wellness. He recommends all of his students to get certified in basic First-Aid and purchase a basic emergency kit. At the end of every Thursday class period, professor Nave always ends the class with his advice: ‘Safe sex and no binge drinking.’”
Dong Shen Professor	“Shen is very encouraging for the class to participate in discussion and lets us be creative! The class also allows us to take what we

<p>Family & Consumer Sciences</p>	<p>have learned or worked on outside of the classroom too, which we really appreciate!! It's a fun and relevant class overall."</p>
<p>Mical Shilts Professor Family & Consumer Sciences</p>	<p>"This is my second semester taking one of her classes and I plan to continue being in all classes that she offers because she provides amazing support to her students."</p>
<p>Kelly Thompson Assistant Professor Family & Consumer Sciences</p>	<p>"This professor treats you like a person instead of just a student. She goes above and beyond in treating students with kindness. She helps with academic advising and is always there for students personally. She is fun, creative, smart, and loving and it shows in her teaching."</p>

<p>Mathias Warnes Lecturer Philosophy Department</p>	<p>"Encouraging in challenging myself to reach my long term goals. Great feedback on work if desired. Emails back quickly and even helped me find resources for a paper in another class (he was more familiar with the philosopher than my other professor)."</p>
<p>Patty Woodward Assistant Professor Kinesiology and Health Science</p>	<p>"Professor Woodward cares a lot about students' health and wellness. She always encourages one of us to be kind and respectful to each other. She's approachable, friendly, and flexible with our work ethic. Her doors are always opened. She gives honest opinions and provides us with many opportunities to grow academically and personally. Having her as my advisor is one of the things that made my last semester at CSUS so much easier. I appreciate professor Woodward so much and I hope to come back and visit after I graduate."</p>

<p>Becky Yager Lecturer Family & Consumer Sciences</p>	<p>“Encouraging in challenging myself to reach my long term goals. Great feedback on work if desired. Emails back quickly and even helped me find resources for a paper in another class (he was more familiar with the philosopher than my other professor).”</p>
<p>Jennifer Yang Lecturer Interdisciplinary Studies</p>	<p>“Jennifer does an amazing job at helping me, and my group, think outside the box. She pushes us to achieve big things we have never considered doing before.”</p>