

# Outstanding New Professional 2022



## **Gabe Rendon, The WELL**

Gabe is "Made at Sac State" and returned to the WELL as a full-time staff member in 2021. He serves as the Coordinator, Membership Experience and oversees all WELL memberships, front desk operations and the engagement center. Despite joining The WELL team during a turbulent time during the reopening of the facility and completing The WELL Expansion project in 2021, Gabe hit the ground running and has been an exemplary addition to our full time staff. Gabe is an inclusive and dependable team member and eagerly offers to help others find solutions to complex problems. His innovative ideas and willingness to collaborate with others have resulted in the Union WELL Inc. "Sticker of the Month Program" in which each month is dedicated to a specific cause to celebrate such as Hispanic Heritage Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, and Native American Heritage Month. These stickers "sell out" from the Union and The WELL within 24 hours being released. Gabe is also the individual who spearheaded the UWI "We're Here for EVERYONE!" shirts celebrating our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. He has worked diligently to rebuild our membership base after the extended COVID closure increasing our student memberships by 32% (14,000 to 18,500 students) and is still rising, and our non-student memberships by over 300% (200 - 800). Gabe understands and excels at creating a positive, inclusive and lasting experience to anyone who steps foot in The WELL and is dedicated to serving the students of Sac State.

## Outstanding New Professional Award Nominees

- Gwen Adao, Student Service Center
- Kim Gomez, Dreamer Resource Center
- Kagen Hopkins, Financial Aid & Scholarships
- Carly Knueppel, University Housing Services
- Christy Lee, Financial Aid & Scholarships
- Yasmin Moran, Office of the University Registrar
- Michael Smith, Testing Center
- Lisa Vang, Academic Advising Center
- Michelle Yee, Student Service Center