

Karina Garcia-Solorio,

I would like to thank Karina for all her hard work while working in Student Affairs Business Resources! I always knew I could depend on her and now that she has taken on a new career in the Student Services Center, I want her to know how much I appreciated her! Thank you Karina - the SSC is lucky to have you!

-Shannon Ainger

Financial Aid and Scholarships Team,

We would like to recognize the AMAZING staff that work tirelessly day in and day out to provide the best service to students in getting as much financial aid and scholarships to students as possible!!

-Tina, Julie and Pawan

Dr. Erik Ramirez - Director of Equity & Affinity Centers,

To Erik Ramirez, I want to thank you for all you do to keep our team together. Your positivity, Leadership, and problem-solving skills make such a difference!

-Ana Uribe

Equity & Affinity Centers Coordinators,

Kim Gomez, Juana Zaragoza, Cathy Mayorga, Angelito Zamora

To Coordinators: It gives me great pride to be part of this amazing team. Thank you for your dedication and hard work you do for your centers and the students.

-Ana Uribe

Enrollment Records Specialists (ERS Team),

We appreciate you so much and are so blessed to have you all as members of the OUR team. Thank you for your continued dedication to our students. Hope you have safe and merry holidays.

-ERS Team Leads

SA-IT Team,

Thank you so much for all you do for this Division. We know that without your teams above and beyond service, we would not be where we are today. The appreciation goes beyond these kudos and we know the work is not easy. Keep it up and thank you again!

-ATL Team

Health and Wellness Promotion Team,

Ali, Dom, Emily, Lara, Beth, Ari, and all our student employees!

You all work so hard and do amazing work for our students to help with their wellbeing and success. Keep up the great work!

-Jennifer Campbell

Student Health, Counseling and Wellness Services,

Dominique Rosete, Ali Hopkins, Beth Maestretti, Anastasia Herrea-Tan

Thank you for holding it down all semester and being great friends, mentors, all of the above!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! <3

-Ari Uzzle

Becky Woods,

Thank you for being an amazing colleague. I have appreciate all the support you have given me. :) MGM

-Michelle Goya McNeill

Sean Gustafson,

Sean is a great team player who always proactively jumps into his responsibilities. Sean contributes greatly to the success of marketing and communications in Admissions and Outreach. Thank you for everything that you do, Sean!

-Ryan Large

The Guardian Scholars Program Team,

Thank you so much for being a welcoming space not just for our students, but for new staff. It's been amazing to be so connected with a passionate team!

-Gina Bryan

Sienna and Gina - Guardian Scholars Program,

You TWO are simply Candy Cane AWESOME! So glad you joined our team and were effective in jumping right in to assist us with making a difference in the lives of the students we serve!

-Linda Ram

SASEEP Team,

I wish to submit Candy Cane Kudos to the Student Academic Success and Educational Equity Team for their commitment and dedication to advancing the success of under-served students. Their exceptional work is a testament to the vast talent and expertise of the team and their hard work to support students across the campus. Each and everyone of you are truly stellar and your amazing excellence shows through in your work and amazing display of innovation and vision.

-Dr. Marcellene Watson-Derbigny

Mary Shepherd,

Mary would have given 26 years to New Student Orientation. She has shown so much passion into the problem. One of her goals is to make sure new coming students got 5 star customer service. She goes far beyond the call of duty to make sure students and parents have what they need. She loves and cares Sac State and what's to make sure that students know they pick the best school on earth.

-Angela Clay-Parker

Susan Kischmischian - Guardian Scholars Program,

Susan you deserve a Candy Cane Kudos and a Candy Cane drink for all the hard work you have done in the last nine months with and without proper staffing for our program! Thank you for everything you do to help our students and new staff and all with a positive attitude and a smile.

-Linda Ram

SARC Team,

Laurie Dahlberg, Jenna Paulk, Andrea Brattain, Maureen Smith & Noelle McCurley

Thank you all for being amazing! Incredibly grateful to work with a team like you all! Another semester in the books! Happy Holidays SARCies!

-Bethany Crouch

The Sacramento State Aquatic Center Staff & Director Brian Dulgar

The Aquatic Center has an Amazing leadership team and student staff that hosted majors special events: USA Canoe and Kayak Olympic Team Trials, WIRA Rowing Championships, Southwest Youth Rowing Championships, Gold Rush Masters Regatta, West Coast Conference Rowing Championships.

Also taught 2405 children in Boating Safety Summer Camps Classes taught and reservations for a variety of different groups and organizations. Always providing service with a smile and voted Sacramento's #1 Aquatic Recreation Facility -Cindi Dulgar

Degree Advisor Team in the Office of the Registrar,

The team has been able to exceed internal goals over the past year and work as a team to think outside the box on how they can help students graduate!

-Michelle Faul

The Office of the University Registrar Staff,

Every single day I see your hard work in helping our students when things don't go as planned for them. During times of scary and panic-inducing uncertainty, every one of you offers kindness and empathy with solutions and pathways to continue their academic success. Our Team has surmounted numerous challenges the past few years and yet we thrive. I'm so proud to be a part of this team of Regi-STARS!

-Lisa Chandler

Juana Zaragoza,

Candy Cane, Kudos to my wonderful co-worker, Juana! She has implemented transformational change in her role as Serna Center Coordinator. Students gravitate towards her warm energy, and I have seen an influx of engagement from our Latinx hornets. I love working with you daily and can't wait to see the Serna Center expand!

-Kim Gomez

First Star Academy/Guardian Scholars,

Latrice Madkins, Adriana Diaz, Bobbie Bray, Anne Cheng, Kevin Nguyen

I appreciate all you do for our First Star and GSP programs. It takes dedicated folks to work with us, thanks for being examples of excellence

-Linda Ram

First Star Academy - Victoria Garcia,

Candy Cane Kudos is highly deserved for the commitment and work ethic you have shown along with your dedication and passion to serving our scholars and youth mentors! Work is a pleasure when doing it with you.

-Linda Ram

Dr. Chao Vang,

Dr. Vang is a community engaged leader who works diligently to strengthen equity efforts to support students and the strategic planning goals of the institution. He is hard working, innovative, and committed to excellence in all that he does. He is a team player and actively completes his work with great care. He is to be commended for leveraging new initiatives for the campus while instilling community based goals across campus departments, programs and efforts to advance student success.

He is a stellar leader and advocate for equity students and students in general encompassed by the University. -Dr. Marcellene Watson-Derbigny

Candace Bridge,

Candace is a true team player and is always willing to help other areas. She has a lot of historical knowledge and she uses this knowledge to help many of us stay ahead of pending changes and/or stay on top of campus processes. We value her support every day in the office.

-Office of the University Registrar

Becky Woods,

Becky Woods goes above and beyond in troubleshooting student questions and/or issues. There have been several instances this year where Becky has stepped in to support a student with their situation from registration to possible financial aid implications. She also adds to our positive work environment with seasonal decorations, team building ideas, and a willingness to try new things. We appreciate her!

-Office of the University Registrar

Alejandra Avina,

Alejandra is creative and innovative and supportive of the ideas of the Unit. She partners with others to boost departmental morale and she works hard to secure the functions of our front desk and student administrative team. I applaud Alejandra for being a pillar of support to the Educational Opportunity Program Department.

-Dr. Marcellene Watson-Derbigny

The Financial Aid and Scholarship Teams,

"In our most difficult moments, we are given an opportunity to reset and determine who we are or want to be" We are proud of the resiliency of the FA and Scholarship teams. With so many changes happening in a variety of areas, you all remain student centered and committed to staying connected as a team.

-Tara Hardee Teodoro

Office of the University Registrar Team,

Thank you for another amazing year! Your hard work and dedication to student success is so appreciated. I hope you all have an amazing and well deserved winter break.

-Meagan Solomon

Martinique Baker,

Martinique has brought such talent and grace to her position. She is a hard worker and is willing to go the extra mile to ensure the administrative needs of DE-GREES Project and the Male Empowerment Collaborative are met. Martinique, thanks for all your hard work this year.

-Dr. Marcellene Watson-Derbigny

Linda Ram,

Thank you for sacrificing so much to ensure our foster youth have everything they need from running the Saturday academies, to helping counsel students, guiding staff, and building new and innovative components. Thanks for your support, leadership, efficiency, and hard work.

-Dr. Marcellene Watson-Derbigny

Degree Advisor Team,

Great Team Work! Finishing first round of Fall 2023 graduation application evaluation and have already started Spring 2024 graduation application evaluation; knocking down Major/Minor/GE waivers in the OnBase queue and keeping it up-to-date.

-Mary Thao

University Housing Services Team,

HBO, Residential Education, Technology, Conference/Events, Maintenance, Custodial, Grounds, BSE, Marketing, & LTM

Thanks for all the hardwork and dedication you have shown this semester for our students, staff, and buildings. I know at time we were short staff and many had to do more to make sure our students came first. Thank you so much for always going above and beyond. You make life easier for students and staff.

-Samuel Jones

Meagan Solomon,

Meagan - You go above and beyond for our office everyday and you deserve to be acknowledged for it. Thank you for all that you do to make our team GREAT!

-Jocelyn Holdbrook

Anne Cheng,

Anne is simply amazing. She is hard working and is solution oriented. She is willing to help out with all facets of the SASEEP Unit. She goes above the call of duty to maintain area functions, while being supportive of signature events and retention activities that promote student success.

-Dr. Marcellene Watson-Derbigny

Dr. Haley Myers-Dillon,

Haley you have shown yourself to be a major force for good in the world. Thank you for your compassionate leadership approach, your care for students, parents, and student parents. Your dedication to doing great work shows through all you do.

Thanks for those long days of going above and beyond the call of duty to engineer grants and amazing programs. Congratulations on your doctorate and incredible way of impacting the Sacramento State community.

-Dr. Marcellene Watson-Derbigny

Michelle Okada,

Michelle is an outstanding employee and makes a positive impact on our team and on the campus. She is a hard worker who always goes beyond the goals set for our department and programs and she shines the light on our team! She inspires a wonderful spirit of cooperation and collaboration bringing together the team and others across campus. She cares about our students, alumni, faculty, staff and community partners and models collaboration and leadership by example. She does not shy away from tough challenges and takes on the most difficult cases with an ethic of care, equity and professionalism.

Thank you Michelle, we appreciate and honor your leadership, humility and care!

-Melissa Repa

SASEEP Equity & Affinity Center & Program Coordinators

Thanks for your work to assure the success of educational equity students on campus. Your work and leadership mean so much and have been instrumental in the lives of so many equity scholars. We salute you for all your hard work this year and for your commitment to the success of the communities we serve.

-Dr. Marcellene Watson-Derbigny

Kevin Nguyen,

Kevin is a well sought after resource in the SASEEP Unit. He is diligent, professional, supportive and a great leader. He can be counted on to go above the call of duty to help out others and to perform high level functions with excellence.

-Dr. Marcellene Watson-Derbigny

SASEEP Counselors, Advisors, Mentors, and Peer Coaches,

Thank you for breathing life into the hopes and dreams of our students. Your tireless efforts mean so much and enable our students to thrive. We are grateful for your work, tenacity, determination, and commitment. You are to be commended for counseling countless students on their road to success and degree attainment.

-Dr. Marcellene Watson-Derbigny

Admissions & Outreach Team,

Shoutout to the entire A&O team for putting in all the good work to help our university meet enrollment!!! Every school visited counts, and every student counts!!!

-Stephanie Alcalá

The Scholarships Office,

The Scholarships Office has worked diligently for the 2023-2024 Academic Year to not only increase their utilization rate to award more scholarship dollars to students in collaboration with their campus partners, but to also promote scholarship awareness campus-wide. This office is consistently working to stay ahead of the curve, whether it be data collection, scholarship displacement, or streamlining the awarding process which has resulted in an upward trend of awarding more scholarships every year! All of the members of the scholarships team deserve a big kudos for their work and dedication to the student population, helping aide future scholars reach their full potential on their educational journey by way of easing tuition costs through scholarship awards.

-Grace Hall

Courtney Hughes - CAPS Counselor and Diversity Coordinator,

As the Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) team's first diversity and inclusion coordinator, Courtney has helped organize a monthly series of transformative and culturally-affirming trainings and staff development meetings. Due to her coordination with Sac State's Office of Cultural Transformation, CAPS developed a new mission statement and goals over the past year to drive our commitment to culturally-responsive mental health services! Courtney has provided consistent leadership for the CAPS team all while compassionately caring for and providing meaningful therapy for a full case load of students. Kudos to Courtney!

-Zachary Stahl

Hollie Buchanan

Hollie - Thank you for being a wonderful new addition to our team! We appreciate your sunny disposition and eagerness to help students. We are so glad you came back to Sac State!

Stingers up!

-Jocelyn Holdbrook

Joshua Keyawa - BSE University Housing Services,

You are a unit of one working so hard to meet the needs of our students for heating and air-condition along with the many other items you have to service in the Courtyard Market and Dining Commons. It has been a hard semester for your area and I am so appreciative of your positive attitude and long hours you put in in order to catch up on work orders and putting students first.

-Samuel Jones

The Career Center Team,

The Career Center leadership team wants to take a moment to recognize our amazing team that helps our students and alumni prepare for meaningful careers day after day. Our employer relations team actively works with employers daily to promote jobs, prepare collaborative employer-led student workshops, develop internship opportunities in collaboration with employers and the State of California, and put on numerous career fairs and programs each year. Our College Corps team is actively outreaching and engaging over 100 student fellows for an academic year to prepare for some of the most in-demand careers to ameliorate job shortages in California. Our career development team who is meeting students daily to help them explore majors and careers based on their interests, values and skills, prepare for internships and careers, as well as present to classes across the campus and participate in many campus events to meet students where they are at each week. Lastly, we want to express gratitude for our student assistants and interns who expand our reach every day in serving students, marketing our services, supporting career technology, and more. You all are the MVPs, bringing passion, dedication, collaboration across campus, and increasing equity for our students in reaching their goals and aspirations. Thank you for all you do!

-Michelle Okada