

**San Joaquin Delta College**  
**Student Recognition**

**May 9, 2011**

**Our Quality Shows...**





## Spring 2011 Academic Senate Outstanding Students

### Criteria:

1. Academic, technical, athletic or artistic performance.
2. Special talents in subjects or sports in the division.
3. Unusual accomplishments in subjects or sports in the division.
4. Leadership among peers in the division.
5. Any other characteristics that the instructors in the division feel worthy of recognition.

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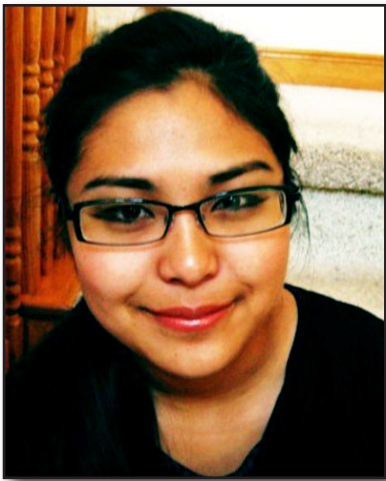
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**Amanda Aikawa**

**Arts & Communication  
Nominating Faculty -- Petersen, Terry**

I would like to recommend Amanda Aikawa for the outstanding student award. I believe that she is an exceptional candidate for this award based on her academic achievements, career goals, and coaching experience.

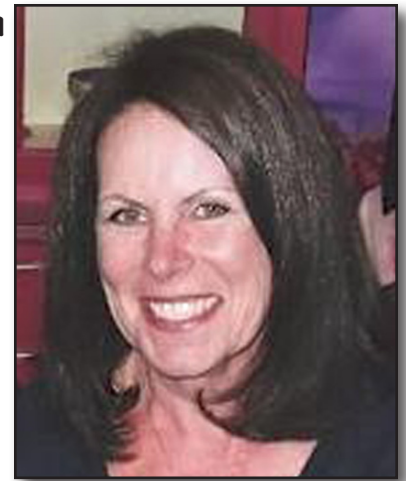
Last semester Amanda was enrolled in my public speaking course and easily earned an A in that class. Amanda has a near perfect 3.92 GPA which illustrates her commitment to academic excellence. She will be receiving her AA degree in Teacher Preparation in May and has also applied for a second degree in Natural Sciences.

Amanda is currently working as a Clerical Aide at the Delta College Mountain House campus. Her career goal is to be a registered nurse. She had originally planned to transfer to a four-year university this fall, but is now planning to continue at Delta College to get an Associate's degree in Nursing before transferring to a university.

Amanda also has extensive coaching experience working as a violin coach. She was concertmaster of the Central Valley Youth Symphony in middle school and high school. Amanda started working as the symphony's violin coach after she graduated from high school in 2009. Her coaching responsibilities include attending rehearsals, playing in concerts, and assisting the conductors and students. I believe Amanda is a perfect candidate for the outstanding student award based on her academic success, career goals, and coaching experience. Her impressive work ethic makes Amanda a great role model for other students. In addition to her exemplary academic achievements Amanda is very intelligent, always has a positive attitude and a smile on her face.

**Phyllis Anderson**

**Arts &  
Communication  
Nominating  
Faculty --  
Petersen, Terry**



I would like to recommend Phyllis Anderson for the outstanding student award. I believe that she is an exceptional student based on her educational achievements, her career goals, and volunteer experience. Phyllis shared with me that her greatest accomplishment has been raising her four sons and being married to her husband for 34 years. She chose to put her educational goals on hold while raising her family. She has now returned to school and is an exemplary student. Phyllis has taken two of my communication studies courses (public speaking and intercultural communication) and easily earned an A in both classes. Phyllis was always quick to offer support and encouragement to other students in class. She also contributed significantly to classroom discussions by providing great insight and leadership.

Phyllis taught Lamaze classes two evenings a week at two hospitals in the San Francisco Bay area for thirteen years. She told me she had the privilege of assisting in more than eighty deliveries. She also worked with special needs children as a Paraprofessional for four years in the Alameda Unified School District. With the support of her family, she decided to go back to school and fulfill a life-long dream to pursue a nursing degree. After she graduates, she hopes to work in one of three areas. She'd like to work in obstetrics, hospice, or as a private nurse to special needs children.

Phyllis and her family are also actively involved in their local church, volunteering in a children's ministry and outreach programs, as well as facilitating adult bible studies. She completed a course in a Lay Counseling Program in hopes of offering a counseling ministry to families in need. In addition to her coursework at Delta College she is simultaneously pursuing a diploma in Biblical Counseling through Light University in Virginia.

Phyllis Anderson is an obvious choice for the outstanding student award due to her educational accomplishments, career goals, and volunteer experience. In addition to her exceptional academic achievements she is hardworking, intelligent, and always has a positive attitude.



**Daryl Bunao**

***Arts & Communication  
Nominating Faculty --  
Cuslidge-Staiano, Tara***

Daryl has served as editor-in-chief of The Collegian student newspaper and has demonstrated great leadership in his role. Not only does he serve as a sounding board for his peers, allowing them to come to him to flush out ideas or serve as a final editor for stories, he also understands that a newspaper sometimes requires extra work to get done. That means long hours in the newsroom and time spent acting as a pseudo-adviser when the part-time newspaper adviser isn't around. He also serves as a teaching assistant to an MCOM1 instructor, encouraging students to continue their study of journalism by moving on to the newspaper staff. Daryl is diligent in his work as editor, encouraging those around him to be diligent too. His work will leave an impact on The Collegian, even after he leaves. His leadership is invaluable.



**Amanda Cariati**

***Arts & Communication  
Nominating Faculty -- Holton, Art***

Amanda is a 1st year music major. She has been an outstanding member of the Stockton Concert Band before, her arrival at Delta. She is one of our most outstanding 1st year music majors'. Amanda is a current member of the symphonic band, wind ensemble, brass ensemble, and Stockton Concert Band. Amanda was also 1st Chair in this year's Nor-Cal Community College Honor Band.





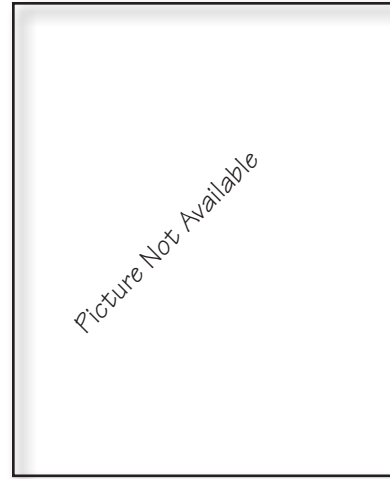
**Arnold Cruz**

***Arts & Communication  
Nominating Faculty -- Aguilar, German***

Charismatic stage presence and a powerful baritone voice mature beyond his years. In the past year, his progress as a vocalist and his technical musicianship have both vastly improved. Additionally, Arnold maintains full-time student status and has earned a GPA above 3.50. He is making great strides towards achieving his goal of transferring to a four-year college and majoring in vocal performance.

This semester, Arnold was one of six students from Delta College selected by audition for a spot in the National Honor Choirs, sponsored by the American Choral Directors Association. The event brought together 600 singers from high school, college, university, and community choirs from all fifty states. Auditions were highly competitive but Arnold was one of our strongest candidates. This coveted honor was well deserved by this young man. I know that representing Delta on the national stage was of utmost importance to him, and he prepared thoroughly and with much enthusiasm.

It is because of his talent, skill, and dedication to the musical arts that Arnold is one of Delta's best! He is most deserving of this honor!



**Jordan Garcia**

***Arts & Communication  
Nominating Faculty -- Graham, Steve***

I have been Jordan Garcia's professor and speech team coach last fall semester. Since I have known her I have yet to see Jordan without a smile on her face. I have never experienced an unpleasant relationship. Jordan is a special young lady with a special talent for bringing warmth and thoughtfulness to any school activity. Jordan is the kind of student that makes teaching so rewarding and enjoyable. She believes any undertaking is to be given her utmost in seriousness, energy, and accountability. In addition to her determination to excel, Jordan has a gentle and kind manner with people she interacts with in school, home, and the public. She is of the quality Delta College is proud to claim as a student.



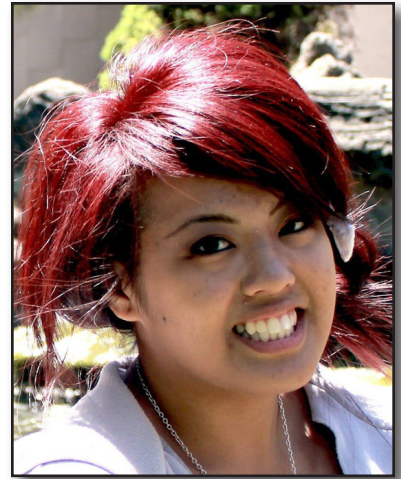
**Kirstie Haruta**

**Arts & Communication  
Nominating Faculty --  
Cuslidge-Staiano, Tara**

It's one thing to be a fine writer and strong reporter. It's another to be a compassionate leader who earns respect easily from peers. Kirstie Haruta, though, is all of those things. As the two-semester entertainment editor for The Collegian student newspaper, Kirstie is consistently the first to file her stories, first to ask the tough questions of her writers and, more times than not, first to finish her two-page spread. Her talents aren't limited to her own page, however. This semester, Kirstie patiently answered questions and provided guidance to newer page editors. Her knowledge was an invaluable part of the learning process in MCOM11 and MCOM12. In addition to all those amazing skills, Kirstie brings a positive, solution-based attitude to the newsroom setting. These skills are an invaluable part of journalism, but also serve well in preparing Kirstie for her life outside of Delta. All of these traits make her not only a strong student at Delta, but also a strong citizen in our community.

**Carla-Angela  
Jara**

**Arts &  
Communication  
Nominating  
Faculty --  
Story, William**



CARLA-ANGELA JARA, otherwise known as – Carla Jay, is a name to remember. Carla is a very talented aspiring filmmaker. She is an award winning writer, producer and director of short feature movies. Recently, a movie she created with fellow Radio-TV & Film (RTV&F) student Alex Baezah, was featured in the Delta Day portion of the San Joaquin International Film Festival. For the past couple years, while a faithful member of the Delta College Radio-Television program, Carla has served and assisted her fellow RTV&F students in a variety of different ways. She has been a RTV&F Club officer and has been a cast/crew member in many fellow student productions. As well as being gifted with the writing, directing and producing of movies, Carla is a talented video editor and multimedia artist. Carla utilizes her excellent knowledge of digital multimedia to serve as a mentor and tutor to many of the programs up-and-coming students. The years of experience Carla has accumulated while a member of the Delta RTV&F program, as well as her ongoing dedication to helping her fellow Delta RTV&F students, has more than made her worthy of receiving Outstanding Student acknowledgment and accolades. Due to Carla's outstanding character, enthusiastic dedication, and passionate commitment to producing outstanding movie & multimedia productions, these are some of the main reasons why Carla has the potential to be a very successful professional movie/multimedia producer.

As an RTV&F student, Carla's positive and thoughtful manner, has endured her to the people that makeup the RTV&F program. Now, as well as in the future, I feel Carla will continue to produce professional level movie/multimedia/video production work. I predict that Carla Jara (Carla Jay) is someone that Delta College will always be proud to claim as a graduate. Congratulations, Carla, for being acknowledged as the outstanding student that you are and thank you for helping to make the Delta College RTV&F program a special place to work and learn.

## Juanda L. Jones

### **Arts & Communication Nominating Faculty -- Story, William**

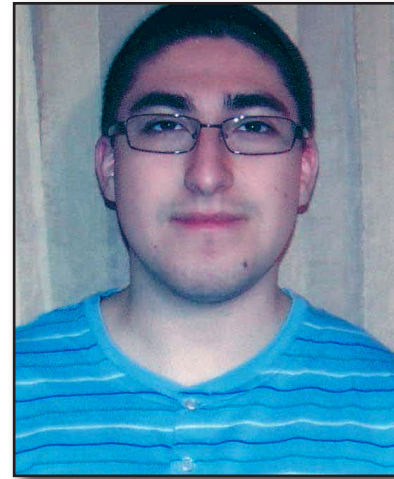


Juanda L. Jones is nearing completion of an A. A. Degree in Radio-Television. While a Delta College Radio-Television student, Juanda eagerly accepted the monumental task of bringing the audio/recording/radio students and the video/TV/film students together by serving as the RTV and Film Club President. For the past school year, Juanda has led the club as they developed and executed several major media production projects. Besides working on CD-compilations and movie projects, the most significant project the club has been working on is the annual Delta College RTV & F Club MediaFest. This year, Juanda has done a tremendous job of preparing for MediaFest 2011.

For the past couple years, while a member of the Delta College Radio-Television (RTV) program, Juanda has received awards and recognition for her outstanding radio, video and leadership work. The award winning Juanda, utilizes her exceptional on-air and behind the scenes production knowledge to serve as a mentor and tutor to many up-and-coming RTV students. As well, she tutors and mentors RTV Club members that need help honing their MediaFest skills.

The years of experience Juanda has accumulated while a member of the Delta RTV program, as well as her ongoing dedication to helping her fellow Delta RTV students, has more than made her worthy of receiving Outstanding Student acknowledgment and accolades.

Due to Juanda's outstanding character, enthusiastic dedication, and passionate commitment to producing outstanding RTV productions, as well as organizing and presenting quality RTV & F club events and activities, these are some of the main reasons why Juanda has the potential to be a very successful media professional. As an RTV student, Juanda's positive and thoughtful manner, has endured her to the people that makeup the RTV program. Now, as well as in the future, I feel Juanda will continue to do quality professional media work, as well as she will continue to be a fantastic person and leader. I predict that Juanda Jones is someone that Delta College will always be proud to claim as a Delta College graduate. Congratulations, Juanda, for being acknowledged as the outstanding student that you are and thank you for helping to make the Delta College RTV program a special place to work and learn.



## Rafael Luna

### **Arts & Communication Nominating Faculty -- Holton, Art**

Rafael Luna is a music major and flute specialist. He is an outstanding flutist and musician. He has been in jazz band, jazz combo, symphonic band, wind ensemble, wood wind ensemble, flute choir, Stockton Concert Band, and more. Rafael was also 1st chair flute in this year's Nor-Cal Community College Honor Band.





**Marcus McConico**

***Arts & Communication***

***Nominating Faculty -- Story, William***

MARCUS A. MCCONICO, otherwise known as – Marcus the Man, is a very talented radio broadcaster. Currently, his Marcus the Man Show is one of the featured programs appearing on Delta College Radio – Power FM 89.5. Besides being an Internet radio show star, he is the Station Manager of Delta's student radio station (<http://www.deltacollegeradio.com/iDCRadio.html>). As the Radio Station Manager he is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operation of the station.

Marcus, utilizes his excellent on-air talent, production skills, and management knowledge to serve as a mentor and tutor to many up-and-coming Internet radio station broadcasters. The experience Marcus has accumulated while a member of the Delta RTV program, as well as his ongoing dedication to helping his fellow Delta RTV students, has more than made him worthy of receiving Outstanding Student acknowledgment and accolades. Due to Marcus's outstanding character, enthusiastic dedication, and passionate commitment to producing outstanding radio programs and running an outstanding student radio station; these are some of the main reasons why Marcus has the potential to be a very successful professional broadcaster. As an RTV student, Marcus's positive and thoughtful manner, has endured him to the people that makeup the RTV program. Now, as well as in the future, I feel Marcus will continue to do brilliant professional level radio programming/production work. Congratulations,

Marcus, you richly deserve to be selected as one of Delta's outstanding students. Also, thank you for helping to make the Delta College RTV program a special place to work and learn.



**James McIntyre**

***Arts & Communication***

***Nominating Faculty --***

***Scott, Bonnie Ruth***

James McIntyre was born in Tahlequah, Oklahoma with half of his ancestry from the Cherokee tribe of Native Americans. James graduated from Stagg High in the Stockton Unified School District. He has a large number of attributes and demonstrates his abilities in all the activities in which he engages. James is a professional photographer. His extensive knowledge in this field is evident in his pursuit of graphic art studies. Not only does James show a high standard in his personal work, but he demonstrates a remarkable attitude, influence and support with his student peers. James is an outstanding, extraordinary student.

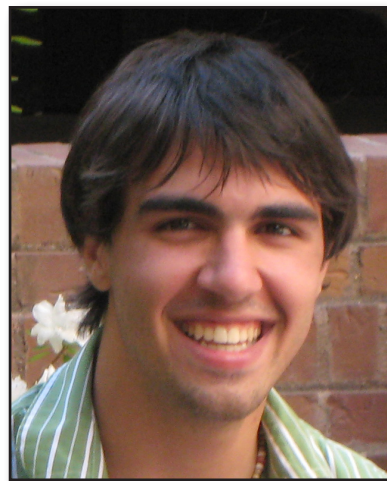




**Eliseo Paniagua Jr.**

***Arts & Communication  
Nominating Faculty -- Holton, Art***

Eliseo is a music major and tuba specialist. He has made wonderful progress on his tuba and has done well academically. Eliseo is a member of symphonic band, wind ensemble, and brass ensemble. Eliseo was also 1st Chair in this year's Nor-Cal Community College Honor Band.



**Philip Plott**

***Arts & Communication  
Nominating Faculty -- Holton, Art***

Philip Plott is a music major and saxophone specialist. He is in his first year, but has distinguished himself already as an outstanding musician. Philip is currently a member of symphonic band, wind ensemble, saxophone ensemble, and jazz band. Philip was also 1st chair in this year's Nor-Cal Community College Honor Band.

**Stephenie  
Stebbins**

**Arts &  
Communication  
Nominating  
Faculty --  
Petersen, Terry**



I would like to recommend Stephenie Stebbins for the outstanding student award. I believe that she is an exceptional student based on her forensics achievements, career goals, and volunteer experience last semester Stephenie was enrolled in my public speaking and forensics courses and easily earned an A in both classes. Stephenie was also a member of the Delta College speech/forensics team last semester. She participated in five separate speech tournaments and made it to the final round every time which is a remarkable achievement. She took first place at her very first tournament competing in dramatic interpretation of literature. This accomplishment was even more impressive because she was competing with an original literature selection she had written specifically for competition. Stephenie garnered a total of five first place awards, two second place awards, three third place awards, and three finalist awards competing in persuasion, informative speaking, and oral interpretation of literature. She competed in tournaments at Ohlone College, San Francisco State University, Diablo Valley College, Delta College, and UOP. Stephenie is one of the hardest working students I've had the pleasure to coach in my twenty years of coaching forensics.

Stephenie is currently working full-time as a pharmacy clerk at Kaiser Permanente and also taking classes at Delta College full-time. She has a double major of Communications and Public Relations. Her career goal is to work as a media relations specialist or a communications specialist.

Stephenie also has extensive experience with volunteering. She participated in Relay for Life 2009/2010/2011; assists with charity events for Muscular Dystrophy Association; assisted with the International Association of Firefighter Union 2010/2011 Annual Crab Feed; a charity event for the City of Tracy citizens; and helps garner donations for The Emily Jerry Foundation (a foundation dedicated to the efforts of preventing medication errors in the U.S).

Clearly Stephenie is an exceptional candidate for the outstanding student award based on her forensics accomplishments, career goals, and volunteer experience. Above and beyond her exemplary academic achievements she is the type of student we all want in our classes... dedicated, hardworking, and likable.



**Bernadette A. Wallace**

**Arts & Communication  
Nominating Faculty -- Holton, Art**

Bernadette is a 2nd year music major and bassoon specialist. She is an outstanding bassoonist and excellent student. One of the finest bassoonist Delta has. Bernadette is currently a member of the symphonic band, wind ensemble, woodwind ensemble, and clarinet quartet. Bernadette was also 1st Chair in this year's Nor-Cal Community College Honor Band.



**Benjamin Warheit**

***Arts & Communication  
Nominating Faculty -- Graham, Steve***

Benjamin has participated in Speech and Debate for two years and has been a successful member of the team. He and his partner ended up winning the national championship in parliamentary debate at the 2-year college national tournament in April 2010. His ability to grasp concepts in short amounts of time has helped him succeed in many areas of his life. When it comes to solving a problem, Benjamin is always dedicated to finding an effective, efficient solution. Even in the worst circumstances, his drive to be the best perseveres. He has not only learned a lot about current events, but he's made valuable friendships with members and coaches from Delta, as well as other schools. Now that he has completed his community college level eligibility, Benjamin makes himself available as a peer coach to assist current team members in studying areas such as communication, economics, and politics. Since he also competed in oral interpretation of literature, he is able to help coach students who are interested in these events. Benjamin exemplifies the best of what Delta College represents and is an Outstanding Student.



**Hannah Wisner**

***Arts & Communication  
Nominating Faculty -- Graham, Steve***

I take great pleasure in nominating Hannah for the Outstanding Student award. I believe that Hannah's commitment to Delta College make her an excellent candidate for this distinguished award.

I have been her coach and professor for the past two semesters at Delta College. During this time I have come to know Hannah in the role of a student and of an individual. Her transcripts reveal a 3.7 GPA. This is quite an accomplishment when one considers the time restraints involved in speech and debate---both as a pupil and as a performer. Her smile and warmth radiate compassion and concern for others. Hannah symbolizes what the total education system seeks in its students--wisdom and virtue. Most faculty members want students to be active in extracurricular activities. Most want students to "share" their special talents with others and all professors want their students to succeed in life as a positive force in society-----Hannah Wisner measures up to these lofty expectations.



**Michael R. Zuniga**

***Arts & Communication  
Nominating Faculty -- Holton, Art***

Michael Zuniga is a 2nd year music major and clarinet specialist. He is very hard working and talented clarinetist. Michael is currently a member of the symphonic band, wind ensemble, woodwind ensemble, and clarinet quartet. Michael was also 1st Chair in this year's Nor-Cal Community College Honor Band.



**Tracey Adams**

***Health Sciences  
Nominating Faculty -- Meza, Richard***

Tracey Adams is being honored as an Outstanding Student for her dedication of personal achievement. she is a student in the LVN program and while in the clinical setting has demonstrated academic success. She is self directed, always willing to assist her fellow students and demonstrates leadership qualities. Despite difficulties at with her assignments she is always willing to make her best effort and does it with a great attitude. She accepts challenges without question and in the end always feels that she has learned something new.

As an instructor, she makes teaching enjoyable. When she graduates I know that she will be an excellent LVN and also a great representative from San Joaquin Delta College.





**Elizabeth Rodriguez**

*Health Sciences*

**Nominating Faculty -- Meza, Richard**

Elizabeth Rodriguez is honored as an outstanding nursing student for her devotion to education, not only for herself, but also for assisting others who are in the clinical setting. She is participating in her last semester with San Joaquin Delta College ADN program and is able to take the time to assist, educate and present a positive attitude to other students who are just entering the Health Care Field. She is a positive role model, selfless with a great attitude. She demonstrates behaviors that are essential to a future Registered Nurse.

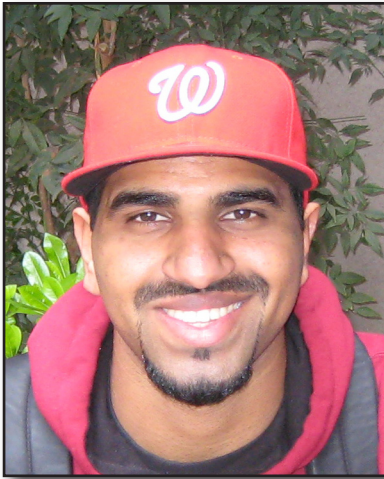


**Nathaniel Watkins**

*Health Sciences*

**Nominating Faculty -- Neville, Mary**

Nate is an outstanding student and an outstanding person. He is skilled, professional and caring. He is an intelligent young man who has not forgotten his core values. He truly is worthy of the "Outstanding Student" award.



**Naveed Ahmed**

***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty -- Ramirez, Pedro***

Naveed Ahmed, who has been a student of mine in the Puente Project, is a natural born leader. Naveed is by far one of the most outstanding students I have ever met. I first encountered him at a clubs meeting, and he enrolled in the Puente Project at Delta College. Naveed is hard working, determined, and dedicated.

During the Spring 2010 semester, I nominated him to the 3rd annual eight day UC Riverside/Puente California State Leadership Conference, and he was accepted. At the conference he was exposed to nationally known leaders. Naveed is the founder and President of a club on campus named STRIVE or Students Together Reaching Into Community Experiences which also has non-profit. Recently, he spearheaded the STRIVE Crab Feed which promoted higher education.

In his studies Naveed always strives to do his best, and his 3.2 GPA reflects this. I had Naveed in my English 79 and 1A Puente Project. He performed outstanding and received top grades in both courses.

Naveed has participated in the Day of the Dead or Dia de los Muertos installation in the Goleman Library at Delta College and also organized a superintendent forum on campus.

Naveed has aspirations of attending USC, UC Berkeley, UOP or Fresno State.



**Sharon Butler**

***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty -- Pan, Pamela***

Sharon is a role model in whatever class she takes. The younger students in my class admire and benefit from her work and insightful comments she makes in class discussions. Not only does she do all her assigned work with utmost care, she will also go extra miles in helping others. She has high expectations for herself and works hard to reach her goals. She will be successful in whatever she decides to pursue in the future.

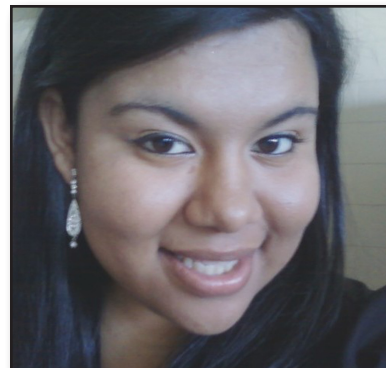
## Maximiliano Canales

**Languages, Library,  
& Learning  
Resources  
Nominating  
Faculty --  
Sheil, Paula**



Maximiliano Canales is an inspirational student and a wonderful human being. When he was a boy his mother was murdered, politically assassinated in Mexico. He has been raised by relatives and in high school joined his uncle and aunt's family in Stockton. He began Delta College the summer of 2008 and has completed all but 2-3 classes to transfer to a UC or CSU with his 3.92 GPA. This spring his education was derailed by his immigration status. Mere paper in an office keeps him from being deported. Max is a DREAM student, one who could qualify for scholarships to attend college if the US Legislature could recognize the contribution students like him have to make to this country and to the world. When he first walked into my Eng. 1A class, I told him his immigrant English would make it difficult to pass the class. He spent the semester proving me wrong and then conquered Eng 1B with equal effort, insight, and graceful writing. He labored over his writing until he could fashion in English his brilliant Spanish thoughts. Though most of his course work is in math and science, I hope to read him one day.

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## Edith Cortez

**Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty -- Ramirez, Pedro**

Edith Cortez is one of the most intelligent students at Delta College. She exhibits great maturity, intellectual ability, leadership, and motivation for a community college sophomore student. At an early age Edith's mother suffered a horrific accident where she lost her leg, and this has inspired Edith to continue her academic dream of becoming a doctor.

Edith is an exceptional role model for underachieving young women on campus. She is a student in the Puente Project Phase III. In Puente Phase I and II, she had achieved "A" grades.

Presently, she is planning to transfer to a four year university where she will fulfill her educational goal in medicine. Edith is maintaining a 3.5 GPA and has total dedication to her studies.

She has participated in an altar for Dia de Los Muertos and the Puente Nor-Cal Motivational Conference. She has volunteered for El Concilio's Tamale Fundraiser. Last year she helped organize STRIVE, Students Reaching Into Volunteering Experiences Club on campus. She also volunteered for the Bilingual University of the Pacific FASFA financial aid day to UOP and Astronaut Jose Hernandez's UOP Space Blast.

Edith was awarded the 2010 "Puentista of the Year", a yearly award presented by the Puente Project staff.



**Jaclyn Cross**

***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty -- Rocha, Peggy***

Jaclyn has been an inspiring student since she started with me four semesters ago in French 1. Her enthusiasm, commitment and curiosity for learning has never waned, and she has been an amazing student and a true delight for me, as her teacher, and for her fellow classmates. She has always been eager to share her knowledge of French with those students having difficulties and has been an integral part of the group of tutors we are so fortunate to have at Delta. Jaclyn has many talents, but her writing stands out among the best that I've seen in my 22 years at Delta. As her instructor, to see her creativity and imaginative spirit shine through in French is remarkable. It is certainly students like Jaclyn that remind me of how fortunate I am to be a teacher and I will forever be grateful for the opportunity to have had her in my classes.

***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty -- Sheil, Paula***

Jaclyn Cross is a 4.0 student with creativity to spare. This semester she is enrolled in Eng 45: Reading Shakespeare, and her engagement with the plays makes teaching truly the co-creative act that too often turns lopsided. She motivates me to bring my best every class period. In a forum discussion on Julius Caesar, she began her thoughts where other left off, noticing the explicit feminization of Caesar by Calphurnia's dream and Antony's eulogy, but she further connected this to the "birth of a nation, infantile and new in its lack of stable government." She makes good use of the nonfiction history text we are reading in the background with the plays, noting, as she puts it, "the political climate of Shakespeare's time, which granted me access to all of the passing social commentaries he included in his play." The midterm in this course is a soliloquy presentation in cultural context. Using her French language skills she performed both Katherine and her maid, Alice, using a puppet for the lady in waiting in the comic scene from Henry V. Jaclyn is a motivated writer, a student of languages and literature, a role model, and a delight to be around.





**Andrew Curry**

***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty -- Rocha, Peggy***

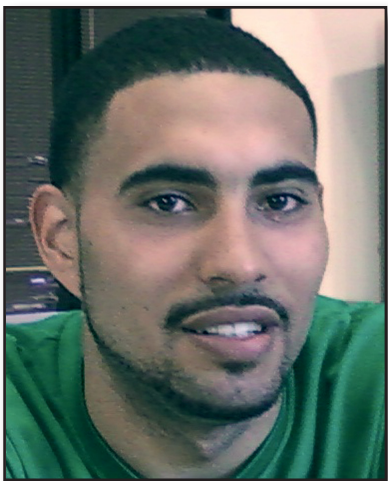
Andrew is simply one of the best students of French that I have ever encountered as a teacher. He has such a natural talent and ease with language learning (unlike any I have seen), but is so pleasant and humble and willing to share his knowledge with his peers. He has shown only excellent classroom performance since he started with me four semesters ago, but also spends countless hours on his own, delving further into the French language and culture. His spoken French closely matches that of a native speaker which is rarely seen after just two years of study. Andrew is a true “polyglot” – studying other languages with much success, as well. I am so proud of his language accomplishments, knowing that he will succeed with any linguistic pursuits and feel honored to have been his teacher.



**Mario Delucchi**

***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty -- Rocha, Peggy***

Mario has been my student for the past four semesters, amazing me with his inquisitive nature and inspirational comments, even pushing me to be the best teacher I can be. He has been able to show continued excellence in my French classroom all the while working many hours per week at a job off-campus. Since beginning his French studies, he has shown his commitment to the language and culture through constant personal research on numerous related topics and has shared his knowledge in our classroom. Most recently, he performed a most impressive (memorized) poem recitation in class which was far beyond the level of a second year language student. I will never forget his heartfelt interpretation of that poem and the pride I felt, as his teacher. There is no doubt in my mind that Mario will be successful in all academic pursuits and I feel so privileged to have had him as a student.



**Sean F. Fenner Jr.**

***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty -- Oren, Diane***

Sean's ability to communicate in language impresses all who read his papers. He exhibits maturity and language command in his work and in his class participation. He combines a rigorous academic schedule with a challenging athletic regime; Sean is an important member of the men's basketball team and is the epitome of the scholar/athlete.



**Erin Guetzloff**

***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty --  
Schwartz, Elizabeth***

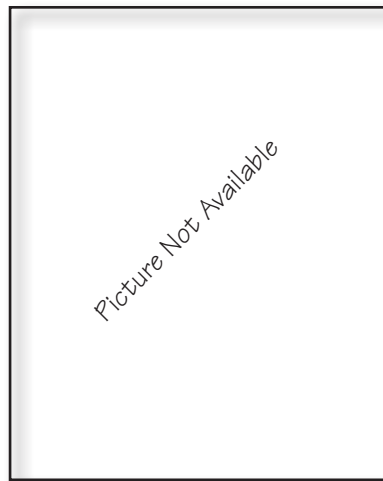
Erin has proven herself an outstanding student over three semesters in Spanish 2, 3 and 4 (through the end of second year Spanish). She will earn her AA degree in Spanish, and she is applying her Spanish now as a substitute teacher. Her dedication and perseverance with mastering advanced grammar topics has been remarkable. Further, she has worked incredibly hard towards her goal of being bilingual, all while maintaining a sense of humor. Her wit and humor made grading her essays and presentations a pleasure. She has taken what she has learned at Delta and applied it to a promising career, and her future students can look forward to an outstanding bilingual teacher.



### **Shantoy Jackson**

***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty --  
Schwartz, Elizabeth***

Shantoy has brought a wonderful, joyful energy to class each of the three semesters I had the pleasure of having her as a student. Her intelligence and vivacity stood out in Spanish 2, 3 and 4 (through the end of second year Spanish). One of the few students who requested to do MORE class presentations, her attitude towards learning Spanish is unparalleled. She frequently remarked how much she loved Spanish, and her excellent presentations about culture, travel, and health show her deep interest in understanding Spanish-speaking cultures and in communicating in Spanish. Not only is she bright and hard-working, she is caring, kind and supportive of her classmates, and a great pleasure to have in class.



### **Mark Johnson**

***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty --  
Schwartz, Elizabeth***

Mark is one of those students whom every professor loves to have in class. Retired from a science & technology career, Mark came to Delta to learn Spanish. He completed the sequence of Spanish 2, 3 and 4 (through the end of second year Spanish). Mark's writing in Spanish stands out the most. His witty, thoughtful stories and essays were filled with humor, brilliant cultural references, precise vocabulary and thoughtful ideas. He greatly expanded his skills in Spanish far beyond the typical student. In Spanish 2, 3, and 4 he demonstrated his talents for creative writing, and making in-depth presentations about cultural figures and topics in the news, and even occasional cartoon sketching!



**Sergio Juarez Jr.**

***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty -- Ramirez, Pedro***

Sergio Juarez is an outstanding student. He is responsible and cares for his classmates exhibits this by helping them in their studies as he always leads his groups in learning circles. He is a literal "team player." Sergio is also in the Puente Project phase 111 transfer, and in Phase 1 and 11, he earned an "A" in English 79 and in my English 1A. Sergio is strong in the sciences as well.

Sergio has learned thru his parent's work ethic, to be responsible in his studies. Sergio, in my courses, has proven to be one of the most outstanding writers in the Puente Project. He learned exceptional research skills in my English 1A. He comes from a family that values excellence and hard work.

Sergio is active on campus although recently he has reduced his activity due to demanding science course work, but he is a club member in the STRIVE Club and was the Vice President in spring 2010. He has proven, thus far, to be an outstanding leader. He participated and helped plan a Public School Superintendent Panel Presentation at Delta College in Spring 2010, an Ed Venture Children's Expo at Pixie Woods, and the 2010 UOP/Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Financial Aid Workshop.



**Gigi Kemalyan**

***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty -- Wang, Jun***

Gurdrun (also known as Gigi in my LIBRY 1 class) is an outstanding student from the Electron Microscopy Program. I have had the pleasure of having her in my Library and Information Literacy class this semester, witnessing her infectious delight and enthusiasm in learning to use various research tools available to her through the college library. Her precision and diligent work, her excellence in time-management, her enthusiasm in information empowerment, and her outstanding academic performance deserve to be recognized!





**David Leyva**

***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty -- Oren, Diane***

David is an exceptional student because he applies his intelligence and thinks critically when responding to assignments. He has a perception and maturity that are refreshing in an English 1A, Freshman Exposition, class. He expresses himself with elegance and sophistication that would merit high marks at some of the best academic institutions.



**Patrick L. Livingston Jr.**

***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty -- Oren, Diane***

If there is one success story in the athletic department it has to be Patrick who, through the work of coaches and teachers, demonstrated his intent to master the mystery of written English. He set his sights on excelling by studying and demanding mastery of himself this semester in the pre-collegiate English class. He has impressed his teacher and his classmates with his determination and maturity. He applied all the strategies he had heard about and he saw that they worked. He is an inspiration to this instructor and to other students.



**Jose Mota**

***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty --  
Dr. Contreras, Marcos***

ESL student Jose Mota has made remarkable progress in his reading and writing English skills. He is a dedicated student and is eager to learn. He always arrives on time and comes well prepared to participate in class discussions. He turns in his assignments on time, he is organized, and meets the demands of his full time job and excels in all his English classes. Mr. Mota plans to transfer to get a university degree after he completes his studies at San Joaquin Delta College.



**Clarissa Perkins**

***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty -- Oren, Diane***

Clarissa is a student who genuinely cares about her education. She is a scholar and performer. Her passion is her music but she exhibits the same passion and dedication for her academic studies. In English, she clearly demonstrates her skills and her perception in the work she presents in class. She is thoughtful and skilled in her ability to communicate her ideas.



**Katya Petrova**

***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty --  
Dr. Contreras, Marcos***

ESL student Katya Petrova is a quick learner, inquisitive, intelligent, and a hard working student. She is determined to master reading and writing English skills to succeed in validating her teaching credentials from her native country Bulgaria and continue her teaching career in the United States. Her love for learning and teaching is demonstrated in every assignment and class activity she participates. Ms. Petrova is congenial, energetic, resourceful, and supportive of other students. She is imaginative and excels in every class assignment. She has great motivation for learning and is ready for greater challenge.

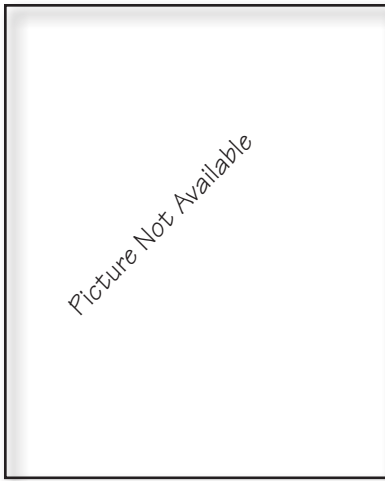


**David Rippey**

***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty -- Wang, Jun***

David Rippey is an honest and polite student who is determined to complete my LIBRY 1 class which he had attempted to take previously. I am impressed by his consistent hard work throughout the semester and touched by his dedication to make a difference in his life and educational pursuit. He is the first to complete the self-paced library class successfully and is eager to apply his library and information literacy skills to practice in his study and work.

Continue with your excellent work, David!



**Linda Roybal**

***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty -- Wang, Jun***

Linda is an exceptional student who is not only self-motivated and goal-oriented but also intelligent and hardworking. I had the pleasure of working with this straight-A student in my LIBRY 1 class last fall. Her quick grasp of information on library research and precision in her information literacy application struck me deeply and made me feel so proud of the student with a great potential of making great contributions to the society upon completing her college and graduate education. Best wishes, Linda!



**Elsa M. Sanchez**

***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty --  
Dr. Contreras, Marcos***

ESL student Elsa Sanchez is an intelligent, dedicated, and responsible student. She is hard working young mother who comes always on time to class and is well prepared to participate and help others. Ms. Sanchez has a creative imagination and great writing skills. Her outstanding student performance is an inspiration to her fellow students and she is a great role model to them. She has tremendous talent and potential to succeed in achieving her career goals.

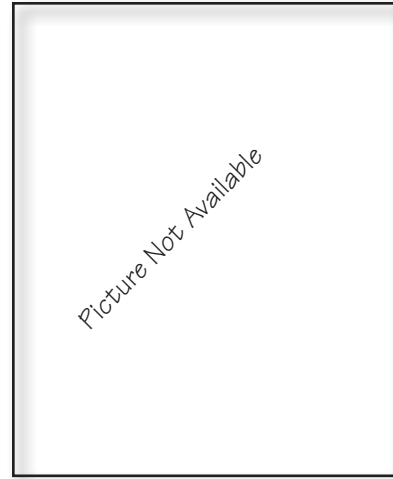




**Lucia Sanchez**

***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty -- Pan, Pamela***

Lucia has taken several courses from me, and in each class, she is an exemplary student. She is respectful, intelligent, and hard working. Being an ESL student, reading and writing are not easy for her. Yet, within each semester, her positive attitude, insatiable appetite for learning, and firm determination to do her best and never give up have always enabled her to overcome all the barriers and be successful. Lucia will have a beautiful future in front of her, and I wish her the best!



**Darin Jay Smith**

***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty -- Oren, William***

Bright, inquisitive, conscientious, persistent, interested and interesting are adjectives that describe Darin Jay Smith. He never missed a session of English 79 nor was he ever tardy to class. His efforts, aptitudes, and abilities resulted in his earning a score of 5, the highest grade possible that only a very few achieve, on the English 79 Mastery test. As a result of this accomplishment, Darin's essay was chosen to be included in the next edition of Delta Winds.

Darin Jay Smith is the kind of student that all instructors would want in their classes.



**Steven Stewart**

***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty --  
Schwartz, Elizabeth***

Steven "Esteban" continues to shine in Delta's Spanish courses. He earned outstanding marks in Spanish 3 and 4 (completing second-year Spanish). Over the course of a year, his speaking and writing skills went from good to outstanding, in everything from presentations, to informal conversations with classmates, to email messages. He went on to Spanish 5, and this year he applied and was accepted into a program of the government of Spain to work as a classroom assistant in Spain for a year, with a paid stipend. After earning his AA degree, he will go to Spain this fall. Steven has been a remarkable student to have in class. He is truly engaged with the material, and is an expert at mastering idiomatic expressions. His presentations and essays showed creativity and a willingness to take on difficult topics, which he handled with grace and ease.



**Rebecca Taylor**

***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty -- Rocha, Peggy***

Rebecca has consistently shown excellent performance in my French classes the past four semesters.

Additionally, though, she has spent countless hours in the Tutor Center, working with a native speaker to perfect her accent, comprehension and reading ability. She always strives to do well, going beyond what is asked of her, and all of her hard work has paid off, as she is one of the top students in my advanced class. Rebecca may be soft-spoken, but it has been such a pleasure to witness her strong, assertive voice through quality writing assignments, which have shown such creative talent. I have thoroughly enjoyed witnessing her language learning, will always remember her kind and generous nature and have loved every minute of her being in my classes.



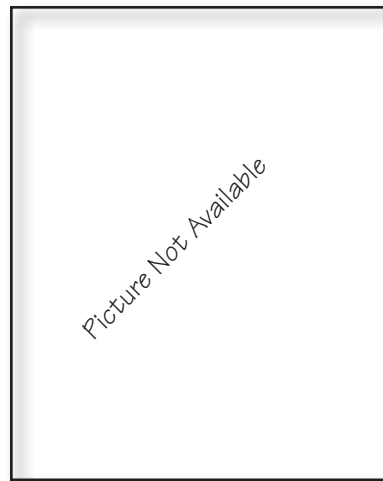
### **Obdulio Villalpando**

#### ***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources Nominating Faculty -- Ramirez, Pedro***

Mr. Obdulio Villalpando, a student who completed my Puente Project English 79 and 1A courses, is an example of a young student from rural San Joaquin County who is achieving his educational goals. "Obie", as he is warmly called by his friends, possesses the tenacity and attributes needed to fulfill his educational goals and meet the challenges of all his academic course work. Therefore, he deserves to be recognized by the Academic Senate. I first met Obie Fall 09 semester as he enrolled in the Puente Project English 79 college composition course. He is student who an instructor remembers because of his friendly smile, his humble yet assertive personality, and his hard work ethic. I believe he is a gifted and talented individual who challenges himself by taking difficult and cumbersome courses. He never takes the easy way out. Obie received a final grade of an A in both my English 1A and 79 courses. He took English 1D and earned an outstanding grade. Obie is an outstanding student, and his classmates hold him in high esteem. He has always socialized well with his classmates. Obie has a 3.81 GPA. Some of Obie's recent accomplishments and achievements are the following:

- \*Honor Roll at Delta College
- \*Member of MESA, Delta College.
- \* Puente Project Participant

I know Obie is worthy of being recognized. He is goal oriented and will achieve his academic endeavors.



### **Jonathan Voeun I**

#### ***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources Nominating Faculty -- Wang, Jun***

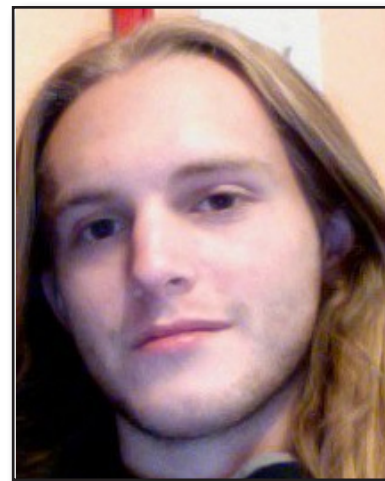
Jonathan is a goal-oriented student with a determination of becoming a pre-med student upon graduation from Delta College. I have had the pleasure of working with him in both my LIBRY 1 and LIBRY 2 classes. He is intelligent, hardworking, and extremely self-motivated in his pursuit of education. Continue with your efforts and great work, Jonathan!



**David Waldon**

***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty -- Sheil, Paula***

In 2008, David Waldon received a Humanities Associate in Arts with High Honors; a Liberal Arts and Sciences Associate in Arts with High Honors; and a Social Sciences Associate in Arts with High Honors. He's a husband, father, and a reentry student who decided when his wife and daughters were tackling college was time for him to crack the books, too. CSU Stanislaus peeks over the horizon, but work and health prevent him from full-time student status. Instead, he's stretching his acquired interest in Shakespeare and currently enrolled in Eng 50H, a special studies course in the Bard's tragedies, where the issues plaguing Lear are all too familiar. ("Who is it that can tell me who I am?" - King Lear, 1.4.230.) In middle age, there's much to consider about the roads not taken, but David is forever pondering the road to take next. He publishes regularly in Delta's Artifact magazine (a master of the sonnet) and writes frequent social commentary. He's won The Record's Halloween writing contest and columnist Michael Fitzgerald's 55-Word contest. Check his poetry out at [www.madlibpoet.com](http://www.madlibpoet.com)



**Timothy Weatherwax**

***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty -- Oren, Diane***

Tim has a perception and wisdom that exceeds his chronological years. He demonstrated a sophistication of ideas and of methods to communicate those ideas during his semester in English 1A, Freshman Exposition. He exhibits a maturity of skills that demands one's attention.





**Adrienne Williams**

***Languages, Library, & Learning Resources  
Nominating Faculty -- Wang, Jun***

Returning to school after her retirement, Adrienne has a lot of hurdles to overcome in her pursuit of college education, but she has a determination to tackle her problems one at a time with tremendous efforts and extra hours of persistent hard work. From my LIBRY 1 and LIBRY 2 classes, I have witnessed her transformation from one who does not know how to use a computer and the library to a student who is able to use various research tools to find multiple types and formats of information available from the library and the World Wide Web and to be able to critically evaluate the information. Her hard work in life-long learning inspires not only her children and grandchildren but also her classmates and professors. Please keep up with your good work, Adrienne!



**Joseph Hodges III**

***Physical Education, Recreation & Athletics  
Nominating Faculty -- Barlow, Gary***

Joseph Hodges is a sophomore starting wide receiver for Delta College Mustang Football.

Joseph was a solid contributor and part of a high octane scoring offense. Joseph has a 3.23 GPA and will transfer to a four-year university to continue his academic and athletic endeavors.

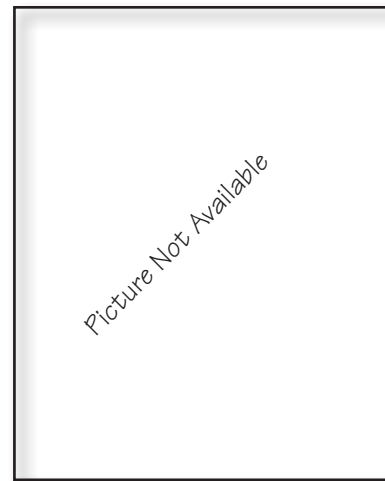


**Samuel Houston**

***Physical Education, Recreation & Athletics  
Nominating Faculty -- Barlow, Gary***

Sam Houston is a sophomore starting defensive end for the Delta College Mustang Football team. Sam was voted first team all valley conference this year and had 6.5 quarterback sacks.

He was also a team captain. Sam has a 3.10 GPA and has accepted a full ride scholarship to Texas College in Tyler, Texas.



**Adam Kennedy**

***Physical Education, Recreation & Athletics  
Nominating Faculty -- Barlow, Gary***

Adam Kennedy is a sophomore starting quarterback for the Delta College Mustang Football team. Adam was voted first team all valley conference this year. He was also a team captain.

Adam completed 64.8% of his passes and was responsible for 19 touchdowns (15 passing & 4 rushing). Adam has a 3.04 GPA and has accepted a full ride scholarship to Utah State University in Logan, Utah.



**Kimberly Manlangit**

***Physical Education, Recreation & Athletics  
Nominating Faculty -- Johnson, Gina***

Kim Manlangit is a strong student-athlete as a freshman at Delta College. As a freshman she has started her academic career with a 4.00 GPA. Kim is a natural leader with a strong work ethic on and off the basketball court. There is no doubt that she will continue her success in the classroom and continue to shine as an athlete on the basketball court.



**Luke McCurdy**

***Physical Education, Recreation & Athletics  
Nominating Faculty -- Barlow, Gary***

Luke McCurdy is a second year quarterback from Tokay High School. Luke redshirted last season and he split time this season. When the starting quarterback got injured, Luke stepped in and guided the Mustangs to a conference championship. Luke has a 3.75 GPA and he will be returning to Delta next season.



**Gabriell Munsch**

***Physical Education, Recreation & Athletics  
Nominating Faculty -- Johnson, Gina***

Gabby Munsch is a two-time Big 8 All-Conference player who has maintained a 3.6 Delta College GPA in her two years at SJDC. She is an outstanding student who graduated from Lodi High School in 2009 with a 4.15 GPA. Gabby maintains high expectations for herself on the basketball court and in the classroom. In addition to earning a number of All-Tournament awards, Gabby was named to the California State 2nd Team for her achievements on the basketball court. She will be graduating in May and will transfer on a basketball scholarship to a four-year university. Gabby is an outstanding example of the scholar/athlete at the college level.

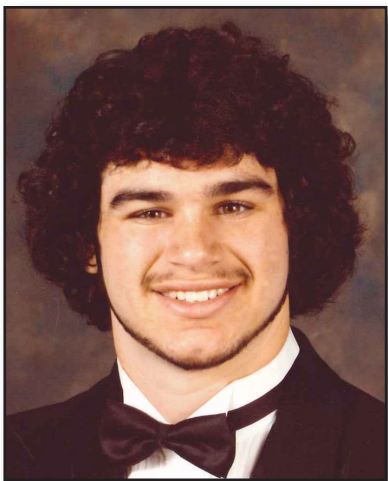


**Anna T. Nguyen**

***Physical Education, Recreation & Athletics  
Nominating Faculty -- Johnson, Gina***

Anna Nguyen has made an impact as a freshman student-athlete at Delta College. She has a 3.64 GPA as a freshman and was a starting guard on the Women's Basketball team. Anna is an extremely hard worker on and off the basketball court. Her determination as a young person to be successful is outstanding.





**Stephen Perriera Jr.**

***Physical Education, Recreation & Athletics  
Nominating Faculty -- Barlow, Gary***

Stephen Perriera is a sophomore starting defensive end for Delta College Mustang Football.

Stephen was a big part of the second leading defense in the state of California. In addition, Stephen was named team captain. Stephen has a 3.11 GPA and will transfer to a four-year university to continue his academic and athletic endeavors.



**Chezla Self**

***Physical Education, Recreation & Athletics  
Nominating Faculty -- Johnson, Gina***

Chezla Self is a freshman on the Women's Basketball team at Delta College. She currently has a 3.28 GPA as a student-athlete in the Women's Basketball program. Chezla is a very focused on her goals for the future. She is determined to do well as a college athlete on the basketball court as well as being a solid student and transfer to a four-year university. Chezla will undoubtedly find success in her future because she expects so much from herself and her peers.



## **Charisse Williams**

### ***Physical Education, Recreation & Athletics Nominating Faculty -- Johnson, Gina***

Charisse is a sophomore Point Guard on the Delta College Women's Basketball team. Her positive attitude and energy are contagious within the team on and off the basketball court. Charisse has maintained a 3.36 GPA and will graduate in May with her AA degree. She was a Big 8 All-Conference player this year and was a key factor to the success the Lady Mustangs experience this season. Charisse's hard work, dedication, and focus are only a few of the qualities she brings to her studies and her Delta College team.

She will graduate this spring and transfer to continue as a student-athlete at a four-year university. Charisse is another example of the scholar/athlete at the college level.