

Alexa R. Evans
Agriculture, Science & Mathematics
Dr. Gina Frost

Alexa is recognized for her dedication, not only to her own studies, but also for helping other students as a tutor at the Math Science Learning Center. She is working to initiate a Geology Club at San Joaquin Delta College, and comes to classes, when she can fit it into her schedule, to help current students during their laboratory section for geology. Her dedication and generosity with her time are much appreciated by many students. Alexa has completed GEOL 001A Physical Geology w/Lab (Spring 2013) and has served as tutor for geology and mathematics since Fall 2013. She has set her goal to transfer to U.C. Santa Cruz, where she plans to earn a degree from the Department of Earth & Planetary Sciences. She is an avid hiker and plays drums both professionally and for fun.

Angela D`Valentine
Agriculture, Science & Mathematics
Dr. Stephen K. Itaya

Angela was in my Human Anatomy class in the Spring 2013 and she is currently in my Human Physiology class. She is one of the most conscientious students I have ever had, working to excel in every aspect of the class, setting an example for her classmates, and, in the process, helping to further learning for all around her. Angela is a returning student, after having tried college earlier, served in the Army, worked in business, and being the mother of three, so her current success as a student is all the more remarkable for her adaptability and willingness to completely change careers, with all of the unknown challenges that new situations entail and the psychological challenge of starting from scratch. Her new goal is becoming a nurse, and Angela will bring a wealth of experience and accumulated wisdom to her profession.

Megan A. Devencenzi
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Dr. Stephen K. Itaya

Megan was in my Human Physiology course in Fall 2012 and earned one of the top A's, while working as a waitress and caring for a four year old daughter. I was continually amazed by her discipline and her efficient use of every minute. She would set daily, weekly, and long term goals for herself and always achieve them, without being sidetracked by other students who didn't have her work ethic; in fact, she was always helping her classmates by explaining lessons and labs they didn't understand. She was so good at this that I hired her as a physiology tutor for Spring 2013. Megan is not just a bookworm either; she is a dancer and also has extended family that combines Italian and Cambodian cultures, both of which she embraces wholeheartedly. Megan is outstanding in many ways, and it is a joy to count her as a dear friend.

George Steve Leyva
Agriculture, Science & Mathematics
Dr. Stephen K. Itaya

George was the top student in my Human Anatomy class during the summer of 2013. It was fun to have him as a student because he accepted the challenge of a difficult course taught over a short summer term, and steadily improved his performance on each exam, even though the difficulty kept increasing with the accumulation of more and more information. He was actively engaged in both the lab and the didactic material, and he had thoughtful questions throughout the term. What makes him outstanding is his commitment to excellence, backed up by hard work.

Andrew L. Luera
Agriculture, Science & Mathematics
Dr. Stephen K. Itaya

I've known Andrew for over two years and from two classes, Human Anatomy and Human Physiology. Andrew was the come-back kid in physiology, with an uneven semester until he did the impossible and aced the final exam, surprising his classmates and me as well. I should have known he had it in him, however, because Andrew has always been a hard worker, both in class and supporting himself by working at Panda Express. Andrew also turned his life around by attending Delta and setting his goal to become a nurse. He has nearly achieved his dream, having started in Delta's nursing program this fall. Along the way, Andrew's exemplary behavior and achievements earned him the honor and recognition to be a tutor to other students in all of the difficult prenursing science classes. Being awarded recognition as an Outstanding Student by Delta College is a well-deserved. Andrew's positive attitude and always cheerful demeanor makes it a pleasure to nominate him.

Lucia Sanchez
Agriculture, Science & Mathematics
Dr. Stephen K. Itaya

Lucia is a remarkable young lady who has achieved a rare level of excellence while overcoming daunting obstacles and also keeping a warm and caring personality and a wonderful optimism for life's possibilities. She was in my Human Physiology class in Fall 2012, and we first met when she worried that her English second language skills would deter her from earning an A. I promised to help her with her writing if she would teach me Spanish. She succeeded in physiology but I wasn't so good at Spanish. Lucia told me that she looked over the class syllabus before the course began and when she saw that a computer was needed, she picked cherries to earn the money for a computer. She put in a tremendous amount of studying and earned one of the top grades in the class, as she does in every class she takes. Lucia has had to deal with denied opportunities we all take for granted because her parents brought her from Mexico when she was 11. Nevertheless, she has fought for her education and has achieved a remarkable level of success. It is a joy to know Lucia and to watch her triumph and improve herself and her prospects for a bright future.

Eliseo Paniagua
Arts & Communication
Professor Germán Aguilar

Eliseo is one of Delta's outstanding musicians. In his years at our college, he has performed with the Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Concert Choir and Delta Singers. His abilities as an instrumentalist and vocalist have sharpened, and his diligence, friendliness, and demeanor have made him one of our most reliable leaders.

Jessica Spencer
Arts & Communication
Professor Germán Aguilar

Jessica is a shining star in the Music Department. She has brought down the house with her incredible jazz vocals at many venues around town, has starred in college musicals in leading roles, and has been an outstanding member in every one of our Delta choral ensembles. Her leadership is indispensable, and she has demonstrated incredible growth as a vocalist. Jessica's future as a performer is bright!

Maira E. Verdoza
Arts & Communication
Professor Germán Aguilar

Maira is the most dedicated student I have encountered in two years of teaching a general education music course at Delta College. What struck me most about her was her sincere dedication. It was clear from the beginning that hard work was not just about getting an "A"... it was very much about the desire to learn and understand the material. Maira was an exemplary student from start to finish.

Cory Lee Chapman
Arts & Communication
Professor Monica Ambalal

I have had the pleasure of knowing Cory for about three years. He has taken both of my music courses here at Delta College, and passed with excellent and well-deserved marks in both. He exemplifies respect, attentiveness, and general interest in the classroom, and remains a model student to his peers. During his time here, Cory has been employed as a TA for various history instructors. He is dependable, trustworthy, and works hard to help out in any way. He also maintains a decent list of extracurricular activities, and the Delta History Club is a primary focus for Cory where he currently serves as president. Soon, Cory will be transferring to CSU Fresno to continue his studies in history, and he later plans on attending graduate school. With such dedication, Cory will surely achieve success in academia, and we will surely miss him as part of our Delta family.

Karina Calderon
Arts & Communication
Professor Leslie Asfour

Karina is one of the hardest working students in the Fashion Program, leading the Fashion Club as Club President, leading the program events and the Event Production Class in their annual fashion shows, Nearly New Sales and Art & Gift Fairs. She works equally hard in her classes and hopes to obtain her certificate in Fashion Merchandising and her Associates Degree in Fashion Merchandising by next fall. Karina's career aspirations are to get into event production in the fashion industry, working on events and fashion shows. She possesses the talent and motivation to be exceptionally successful in whatever path she takes.

Alyssa-Ann M. Gibson
Arts & Communication
Professor Leslie Asfour

Alyssa is in the process of completing her AAs and Certificates in both Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design. She has pushed herself, overcoming many challenges, and has never lost sight of her goal. She is currently working on her design collection, which she will show in May at Delta's Fashion Program's show, A Story of Fashion. Alyssa is dedicated and focused and has grown in the Fashion Program, involved in Fashion Club and Event Production, working in many different areas, developing a range of skills which will serve her well in her future.

Daniel Gonzalez
Arts & Communication
Professor Leslie Asfour

Daniel is being honored, not for being an outstanding student "academically" but for working really hard at his education and overcoming the many challenges standing in his way. Daniel has served as President of the Fashion Club and the Club's ICC representative. He is in his second semester in the Event Production Class, taking the lead in every aspect of the events of the Club and the Program. He is known within the community as the student representative of the club and has developed a reputation for being reliable, friendly and incredibly supportive of the industry relationship to the program.

Thuytien Nguyen
Arts & Communication
Professor Leslie Asfour

Thuytien (Tien) Nguyen came to the Fashion Program from Vietnam, after being in the U.S. for only a few years. She had many obstacles to overcome and did so gracefully, growing more and more into an amazing fashion designer. She took advantage of all of the opportunities to learn and challenge herself and has become one of the shining stars of the Fashion Program. She was featured in San Joaquin Magazine after showing her first fashion collection last year in the Program's A Story of Fashion.

Kasey L. Sneed
Arts & Communication
Professor Leslie Asfour

Kasey Sneed is motivated and passionate about a career in fashion and is proving it in her Fashion classes. She will complete her AA in Fashion Merchandising and her Fashion Merchandising Certificate this fall and hopes to work in the industry in the area of historical fashion, as a curator for a museum with a fashion collection. She has overcome many obstacles to complete her education and will succeed because of the challenges she's faced with grace and determination.

Kathy Vang
Arts & Communication
Professor Leslie Asfour

Kathy Vang has a passion for fashion and it shows in all she does, from her creative fashion designs to her creative presentations. She's motivated and excited to be a part of the fashion industry, working part-time while pursuing her degrees in both Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design. She's a recipient of the Haute Couture Scholarship, honored for her design talent and academic success. She takes advantage of every opportunity presented to her, showcasing her collections in local fashion shows, as well as ones in Sacramento and around Northern California. She has a true designer's eye and will be very successful as a designer in the industry.

Kenneth Christopher Howze
Arts & Communication
Professor Tara Cuslidge-Staiano

As editor in chief of The Collegian for the 2013-14 school year, Chris Howze has made it a habit to aim for and attain lofty goals. His leadership skills have been invaluable to leading two different staffs over the school year. Chris blends a positive attitude with a hard work ethic. He is firm in his approach to deadline, but remains cordial and fun to work with. The news sense he's developed in his time on staff has made for issues that are a balance of hard news and light-hearted features that portray an accurate portrayal of the campus. He's both a fine example of a student and journalist. Chris is an asset to the Delta College campus and The Collegian.

Justin Tristano
Arts & Communication
Professor Tara Cuslidge-Staiano

As news editor for The Collegian, Justin Tristano is responsible for the planning, development and design of the most important section of the student newspaper. He regularly demonstrates great understanding of journalistic decision-making in his selection of stories for the front page of the newspaper. Justin is a leader among his peers. He is a solid editor who asks for more of his writers, as well as a sound page designer who utilizes strong news design sense. In his tenure at The Collegian, Justin has redefine the quality and content of the student newspaper. His contributions will continue to define The Collegian for semesters to come.

Alejandro Gomez
Arts & Communication
Professor James Gilbreath

Alejandro Gomez is an exceptional student and he is committed to serving his community. I have had the pleasure of having Alejandro in three theatre classes where he achieved top grades in each. Although he is not a theatre major, his academic success in these classes were unmatched, often he achieved the top scores in the class. He also participated as an actor in Twelfth Night, directed by Harvey Jordan, at Delta College. He demonstrates a balance between artistic sensitivity and appreciation of academic rigor.

He is also dedicated to the service of others. Outside of class, I often find Alejandro busy at work with his fellow students in his service as Senator of Legislative Affairs for the Associated Student Body Government. He wants to attend UC Berkeley and after graduation he plans to continue his service to others as part of his career focus. Alejandro has been a valuable member of my classes, a dedicated contributor to the campus community, and his ambition and intelligence will take him far. Alejandro Gomez will be a valuable asset to any community he serves and is worthy of recognition as an outstanding Delta College student.

Kathryn Edom
Arts & Communication
Professor Arthur J. Holton

Kathryn Edom is a graduate of Laguna Creek High in Elk Grove. She is a Music Major and Percussion Specialist. She has strong academics and is getting ready to transfer to a 4 year university. She is a member of the Delta College Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, and Percussion Ensemble.

Evan Rathe
Arts & Communication
Professor Arthur J. Holton

Evan Rathe is a graduate of Lodi High. She is a Music Major with Clarinet as her Major. She is a strong student academically and an outstanding Clarinet Player. She is a member of the Delta College Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Chamber Ensembles and the Stockton Concert Band.

Lidia Rodriguez
Arts & Communication
Professor Arthur J. Holton

Lidia Rodriguez is a graduate of Franklin High. She is a Music Major and Saxophone Specialist. She is a strong academic student preparing to transfer to a 4 year University. She is a member of the Delta College Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, and Saxophone Quartet as well as the Stockton Concert Band.

Elizabeth Aguiñiga Aguirre
Health Sciences
Professor Susan Kidwell

Elizabeth is completing clinical practice and will graduate with a SLPA Associates degree in May of 2014. She will be eligible for a SLPA State license and employment. As a bilingual student who learned English as a second language, Elizabeth will be able to provide therapy activities in both English and Spanish. Ms. Aguiñiga has distinguished herself as an outstanding student due to her persistence and hard work in the Communication Disorders courses. She readily utilizes office hours for help with assignments. She continues to modify her work until she understands the content even when multiple trials are required. Elizabeth does not become discouraged if she does not receive a perfect grade. Rather in this situation she will work harder to improve her skills. She has participated in community service activities through the SLPA Program including teaching parents in PEER reading techniques for oral language development and volunteer work at the Stockton Ports Better Speech and Hearing Night honoring local school children with communication handicaps. She will be the first in her family to graduate college. She is a model to our community of the hard work and dedication needed to succeed at the College level. She intends to transfer to a Bachelor's degree program in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Vanessa Noel Vincent
Humanities, Social Science, Education, Kinesiology & Athletics
Professors Jannae Lambdin, Michael Maroney, and Nathan Varosh

Academically, Vanessa was a student of mine in HED 01 during the Fall 2013 semester. She was prompt to class, sat in front, never missed a class session, turned in all of her assignments on time, was prepared for class and was a consistent contributor to class discussions. She is articulate, confident, gracious, kind, polite, and is a joy to be around. Vanessa is an excellent student; she earned an "A" while scoring the highest points in class.

Athletically, Vanessa is on the Women's Water Polo Team as well as the Women's Swim Team. Vanessa is the team captain of the Women's Water Polo Team and commands respect, discipline and focus in and out of the pool. She is the most dedicated player to the success of her programs and always maintains respect and class towards coaches and peers.

In swimming, Vanessa leads by example with her effort, leadership, and determination. As well as being a stellar teammate, Vanessa is a "jack-of-all-trades" in the pool, and will swim any event that will help the team win. Her strong suit is mid-distance freestyle and will look to place at the conference meet in those events.

Vanessa is an outstanding student athlete, the model for Delta's future students.

We wholeheartedly recommend Vanessa Vincent for the Outstanding Student Award!!

Alex T. Chellsen
Languages, Library & Learning Resources
Professor Julie Artesi

One of the greatest advantageous of teaching former students is the ability to see and read how the student has evolved and progressed in his/her way of thinking, seeing, and writing. Last semester, Alex Chellsen faired quite well, grasping English 1A fundamentals, practicing rhetorical strategies, and perfecting MLA format. However at the start of this semester, Alex surprised me by displaying remarkable artistic writing and research skills, reflective in his first essay drafts, reading responses, and presentation. Alex's level of writing is what I expect from student learning outcome at the end of the semester. Alex reads and researches beyond the required or suggested readings, expanding his understanding and ability to synthesize and contextualize his work. With Alex's permission, I am using his essays and reading responses to model effective student writing. Because of Alex's composed demeanor, peers were unaware of his academic excellence until the writing workshops. Students look to Alex to comment on their drafts. Having students like Alex in the classroom helps challenge other students to unbury their reading and writing potential.

A final note:

While reflecting on an ancient text, Euripides' Medea, Alex comments how "Medea killing King Creon and his daughter epitomizes the rise of the lower class and the fall of the upper class..."—this comment evolved into a powerful class discussion involving Marxist and Feminist theories.

Thank you, Alex.

Ian Francis-Salles
Languages, Library & Learning Resources
Professor Julie Artesi

Ian began the Spring 2014 semester with not only self-doubt in his academic abilities but uncertain of his academic major. Within a few weeks, Ian's writing and in-class discussions evolved, demonstrating in-depth analysis and scholarly synthesis, while offering meaningful evidences. I think of his writing as an artistic performance of self. Ian effectively uses his breadth of knowledge, contextualizing historical, philosophical, and scientific concepts into his argument. Ian's performance during an in-class presentation moved me to shift work groups. Ian's assigned work group tends to gain noticeable insight, reflective in their writing, suggesting there is something to be said for Vygotsky's zone of proximal development. It appears evident; Ian's writing and responses are encouraging, influential, and challenging. Ian's tacit leadership skills results in a safe environment where all peers are inspired by and find value in each other's work. Moreover, as a first generation college student, Ian faces many personal and financial barriers. Yet, he is inspired to persist and overcome all obstacles, for he has made a decision to become an English professor.

I close with a vignette:

When asked, is Marxism dangerous? Ian responds, "It depends on who you're asking..." and ends with "...it is dangerous to 'the uncritical mind.'"

Maria Alvarez
Languages, Library & Learning Resources
Dr. Marcos Contreras

It is my pleasure to nominate student Maria Alvarez for the Outstanding Student Award. She is a mom who returned to school after twenty-two years to pursue her childhood dream of becoming a registered nurse and giving her best to care for others. Maria has a passion for learning, sharing her skills, and helping her fellow students. She is a fast learner, perseverant, and a dedicated student. She says, "Ever since I was a young girl I've been driven towards caring for the elderly. My interest began when I was ten years old. My neighbors were very poor, lonesome people and I felt the need to care for them; therefore, I want apply my skills in making a difference in the elderly community."

Ashley M. Mathis
Languages, Library & Learning Resources
Dr. Marcos Contreras

It is my pleasure to nominate student Ashley Mathis for the Outstanding Student Award. Ashley is a young dedicated mother who after the loss of her father to cancer is working hard to become a certified nurse assistant or a licensed vocational nurse to care for others. She is a hard-working, dedicated student who enjoys learning. She is joyful, full of enthusiasm, and always willing to do more. She says, "We all need to move on and how you choose to is up to you. The way I am moving on is to support my family in a job suited for me. I am a caring, respectful, intelligent lady and I will succeed in a career as a CNA or LVN."

Shikiah Williams
Languages, Library & Learning Resources
Dr. Marcos Contreras

I am pleased to nominate student Shikiah Williams for the Outstanding Student Award. Shikiah is a determined high working young woman who has overcome many obstacles in her life. She completed her GED in 2011, graduated from cosmetology school and went to work. Then, she decided to try her "Plan B" and enrolled in Delta College. She studied hard, stayed focused and never gave up. After two successful years in college, she will be graduating this spring with an A.A. degree and a Certificate as a Radiology Technician. She says, "Well it was more than I bargained for, but hey the journey I set out for came to be something I would gracefully embrace within my attitude of not being able to feel complete. One thing I can say is the phrase 'It is never too late,' will be my number one when it come to difficulties in my life and with others."

Francisco V. Anaya
Languages, Library & Learning Resources
Professor Elizabeth Crane

When I think of Francisco, I think of perseverance. He is the most hard-working student I have known at San Joaquin Delta College. He earned top grades in my Spanish 2 and Spanish 3 courses in Spring and Fall 2013 through his dedication and a willingness to persist in the face of obstacles. Managing a full load of challenging classes, Francisco found time to ask thoughtful questions during office hours, practice Spanish with fellow students and bring up important points of clarification in class. He now tutors his fellow students in Delta's tutor center, and is an example for others of how to succeed in college.

Elsbeth Lara Koffeman
Languages, Library & Learning Resources
Professor Elizabeth Crane

Elsbeth is a truly outstanding student of Spanish, earning nearly 100% over two semesters of Spanish 1 and 2, a rare achievement. Starting as a beginner in Spanish 1, she has excelled over this academic year. Elsbeth asks timely, insightful questions and makes astute observations about complex structures in Spanish. With her genuine desire to learn Spanish, she goes beyond what is asked on any assignment. In addition, Elsbeth is a kind, encouraging and supportive friend to her classmates.

Angel Bañuelos
Languages, Library & Learning Resources
Dr. Ginger Holden

Since Fall 2012, Angel has excelled in the Caterpillar Dealer Service Technician program and will earn his Associate of Science degree this spring. With an overall GPA of 3.92, he represents that unique student who thrives on challenge and seeks excellence in every task he undertakes. This is what I witnessed last fall in English 1A. To enhance his writing abilities, Angel made time on multiple occasions to visit my office hours and never missed a day of class. He worked diligently to compose thoughtful, articulate essays and detailed assignments. He earned an "A" on every essay, the documented research paper, and the final exam in which he convincingly argued his employability. With strong leadership skills, an impeccable work ethic, and an outstanding academic performance in English 1A, Angel Bañuelos is clearly one of Delta's Outstanding Students.

Nyaa Davis
Languages, Library & Learning Resources
Professor Diane Oren

Nyaa's work in Freshman Exposition was always outstanding. She showed a depth of understanding of written communication and of the printed word. Her appreciation of ideas was reflected in her written expression where she showed a command of effective writing and probing ideas. Nyaa excelled in all areas of English 1A. She was a diligent student who showed a work ethic that was unusual for a freshman student; she worked beyond what was expected. Her diligence was reflected in her academic accomplishments; she sets high standards for herself in all aspects of her life. Besides commuting to school each day and never being tardy for an 8 AM class, she could often be found on campus after 6 PM daily because she was a member of the college's women's basketball team. Nyaa is a leader in many areas and this leadership could be seen in her determination to do well in English.

John Delucchi
Languages, Library & Learning Resources
Professor Diane Oren

John's performance in class showed his diligence and determination. In a class that was not conducive to critical thinking, John set the standard of reflection and excellence. He was someone who was willing to rise to the expectations of the college writing course. He applied what was taught and did so with earnestness and performed at a standard that would merit excellence at any college. He was willing to learn and to be taught. He is a perceptive writer whose thoughts are exquisitely presented in written communication.

Summer Caroline Lacey Migliori
Languages, Library & Learning Resources
Professor Diane Oren

Summer is one of the most delightful and outstanding students on our campus. She is an avid reader and gifted writer. She is a scholar and a fine woman of character. I am honored to nominate her.

With a wisdom beyond her years, she knows people and reads them as deftly as she reads her literature. This perception extends to her understanding of the real lives being lived around her where she makes things easier for those who are having difficulties. Her classmates recognize the depth of her wisdom and seek out this delightful person to provide unique perspectives.

Summer is a gifted writer, selecting the precise word, the exact sentence, the scrupulously selected detail to make her writing exciting and alive. She always amazes and delights with her written ideas and her literary perception.

Selina A. Moore
Languages, Library & Learning Resources
Professor Diane Oren

Selina's work in English scored some of the highest marks in the class. She was a dedicated student whose desire to learn all that she could was evident in her preparation and responses in class. She devoted her attention to the important matters and worked diligently in class. She seemed to place an emphasis on learning every detail of the subject and desiring to know all that was involved in a subject. Her quiet reflection provided her work a depth and insight that was unusual for a freshman college student. Selina's work ethic as demonstrated in class was also evident in her performance on the basketball court as a member of the college's outstanding women's basketball team. To balance team practices with academics requires fortitude and determination that Selina showed in her outstanding performance in class.

Donna Pearl Ann Beaudrow
Languages, Library & Learning Resources
Dr. Pamela Pan

Donna is a student who overcame huge obstacles in her life to attend school. Her love of learning and pursuit of a better future made her persist and succeed in college. I admire Donna for her resilience, optimism, courage, and strength. She was dedicated to her study and earned excellent grades in my English 78B class even as she dealt with tremendous uncertainties in her life. I wish Donna the best. May she be always smiling and may she be always hardworking, happy, and outstanding!

Anthony James Ridad
Languages, Library & Learning Resources
Dr. Pamela Pan

Anthony is a delight for any teacher to have. He always comes to school prepared, ready to learn, and is excited about new knowledge. He appreciates teachers who provide him with support and had progressed leaps and bounds within the one semester he was in my English 78B class. Anthony's dedication to learning, thirst for knowledge, commitment to high quality work, and willingness to help others will carry him far in life. I have no doubt that Anthony Ridad will be a success model for all our students.

Jazmina Chavez
Languages, Library & Learning Resources
Professor Peggy Rocha

Jazmina has been taking French with me for 4 semesters now, and has progressed rapidly with her talents as a learner of languages. With her background as a native speaker of Spanish, she has clearly seen and made the comparisons with the French language, and does not hesitate to speak, write and listen to the French language as much as possible. An ideal student in every way, she has made the most of her learning opportunities at Delta...going to the Tutor Center for additional practice, participating in extra morning class sessions, listening to French music, etc. She will graduate from Delta with a major in French, and has recently expressed an interest in pursuing a major in French as she transfers to a 4 year institution. I have no doubt that she will excel in any and all academic pursuits. Jazmina's active class participation and obvious love of learning the French language has been so enjoyable for me to witness. If she does choose a career in teaching, as she has expressed, I know that she will make me very proud and her students will be very fortunate to have her as their mentor and teacher.

Devin Landreth
Languages, Library & Learning Resources
Professor Peggy Rocha

It has been such a pleasure to have Devin in my classes for the past 4 semesters. He is an outstanding student and has been such a fine example to his classmates as he is keenly interested in every aspect of the French language. Not only does he complete assignments and finish exams with near perfection, but he seeks out additional speaking practice on a regular basis, which has helped him toward fluency. His expertise with grammar mechanics, knowledge of vocabulary and writing ability are truly amazing. As I read his essays, written in almost flawless French, I am awestruck by his talent with the language. He will be visiting France for the first time this summer, and I am so happy that he will be able to use the language that he has worked so hard to master. Devin has been such an inspiration to others and a student I will never forget.

Kierra A. Daly
Languages, Library & Learning Resources
Professor Paula Sheil

Kierra Daly is an outstanding slam/performance poet, though she might not think of herself in those terms yet. She admits to loving writing and to using writing to vent life's frustrations, but the truth is, her spoken words skills are dynamite and blow her audience away. She captures and delivers the truth of pain and suffering in a tsunami of words, and her talent is much appreciated by her empathetic peers.

Brandon Lulé
Languages, Library & Learning Resources
Professor Paula Sheil

Brandon Lulé is a writer with a distinct voice who is not afraid to use it. He loves to write, and that's apparent after reading a few words. He muscles words around and makes them do his bidding. He is able to convey a wide range of emotions from abject pity to roiling sarcasm. His writing is praise- and publish-worthy. As we often bemoan this generation's lack of writing skill, it is important that we recognize talent when we discover it. Brandon Lulé has a future in words.

Austin Robinson
Languages, Library & Learning Resources
Professor Paula Sheil

Austin Robinson is a writer with a fine-honed social conscience. His writing is mature and powerful. While he can hit the center of a topic with words, he often explores the circumference, producing deeper and more insightful responses. Austin could use his writing to lead people and forge change. His written communication skills make him a force to be recognized.

Edana On
Languages, Library & Learning Resources
Dr. Patrick Wall

Her first semester at Delta, way back in Spring 2010, Edana enrolled in my Reading 91 class. She immediately demonstrated a love of learning and began investing herself in her studies. Her second semester, she tackled elementary algebra, again earning an "A" grade. In subsequent semesters, she climbed the math ladder, earning an "A" in every math course, straight through Calculus and Architectural Drafting. Having also successfully completed the English curriculum, she's now learning Japanese as she prepares to live and work in a multi-cultural society.

Melissa J. Arizola
Languages, Library & Learning Resources
Dr. Jun Wang

Like a dry sponge, Melissa eager absorbs information from my Library Information Literacy class and makes every effort to successfully accomplish her learning outcomes. Her sincerity, motivation to learn, attention to the details, and striving for academic excellence are great qualities for college success. She is a pleasure to have in my class!

Jessica A. Dake
Languages, Library & Learning Resources
Dr. Jun Wang

Jessica is an outstanding student whose enthusiasm in and dedication to learning is not only evident in her excellent course work and class participation but also in her warm willingness in helping her classmates. It is simply a joy to have her in my LIBRY 1 and LIBRY 2 classes!

Zoë Edington
Languages, Library & Learning Resources
Dr. Jun Wang

Still a Middle College student, Zoe has exhibited her unusual maturity, intelligence, dedication, and self-discipline in my Library and Information Literacy class. She is the youngest student with the highest academic performance in the class, striving to reach her educational and career goals one leap at a time!

Megan A. Golden
Languages, Library & Learning Resources
Dr. Jun Wang

Megan is a quiet, reliable, and hardworking student who strives for academic excellence in her college education. Her determination of making a difference is clearly demonstrated in her persistent pursuit of college education, in her willingness and resolve to work multiple jobs to support her college education, and in her endeavor of doing her best in reaching her potential. She is a hardworking student assistant from Goleman Library, and her strong work ethic has been duly noted by library faculty and staff.

Fabiola Guzman
Languages, Library & Learning Resources
Dr. Jun Wang

Fabiola brings to class her maturity and inspiration to learn in my Library and Information Literacy class. An outstanding student who sets a high standard for herself in her college education, Fabiola is motivated to learn and dedicated in her study for her career advancement while working to support her family as well as her college education. She is one of the most hard-working students I have ever had at Delta College, and I am proud of her efforts and achievements.

Samuel Harvey
Languages, Library & Learning Resources
Dr. Jun Wang

In his preparation for a career expansion, Sam is back to Delta after earning his A.A. degree. He brings in experience, maturity, and wisdom to class discussions and excels in both of my LIBRY 1 and LIBRY 2 classes. His thirst for knowledge and eagerness to apply library and information literacy and research skills to his career research and expansion are clearly reflected in his course work and class discussions.

Jonathon P. Kinnikin
Languages, Library & Learning Resources
Dr. Jun Wang

A first-year Delta student, Jon is adjusting to college life and curriculum and works hard to overcome lots of challenges to reach his intended learning outcomes from each class. I have the pleasure of working with Jon in my LIBRY 1 class, trying to help him enhance his computer literacy skills beyond online gaming and develop his library information literacy skills for academic research and college education. Jon strikes me as an earnest student who makes every effort to develop an understanding of the subject matter discussed in each class session, well utilizing my after-class time, my office hours, and available online communication tools to get extra help so that he would make a solid step forward. I am proud of his tremendous progress and achievements in my class.

Christian E. Lockwood
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I read Christian's powerful story on Sam Quinones' website, Tell Your True Story back in 2012 and had the pleasure of getting to know him in my LIBRY 1 class in Fall 2013. Since then, I have closely worked with this outstanding student through library classes. Christian sets a high standard for himself and treasures every opportunity to empower himself with research and information literacy skills. His passion and enthusiasm to learn are contagious and inspiring to others, and his quality of work make us proud of his continuing success!

Annalisia Sarraraz
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Annalisia is an excellent and goal-oriented student who tries her best to prepare for her chosen career with resolve and determination. She is also a hard-working, dependable student assistant from Goleman Library, diligently putting her library information literacy skills in practice and assisting the library staff in technical processing of library materials. Thank you, Annalisia!

Cynthia M. Wade
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Cynthia became a Delta student last fall to resume her college education, having fulfilled her family, work, and other responsibilities. "It is my time," she declared with firmness, excitement, and enthusiasm "to fulfill my educational and career dreams." As I was getting to know her better through my LIBRY 1 class last semester, I learned that she would like to be a librarian. With some mentoring, I was delighted to watch her working hard toward her educational goal one solid step at a time!

I have had the pleasure of working with her in my LIBRY 1 and LIBRY 2 classes where her quality of work, enthusiasm in learning, and unwavering determination to achieve her educational and career goals have had a very positive influence on her classmates. She is an inspiration and a role model for many.