

Star of the Year 2021



Cindy Brandon, New Student Orientation

Who is the person behind the curtain that quietly works to make coming to New Student Orientation a magical moment for all of our new Hornets? Why that person would be Cindy Brandon! She is AMAZING! During Orientation season, Cindy juggles her numerous projects like an octopus who has eight arms. She schedules student appointments, answers all types of questions, processes fee waivers, orders supplies for the staff, orders lunches for the students, families and staff, pays the bills and turns out the lights at the end of the day! During the absence of a First Year Coordinator, Cindy was so helpful with assisting the oversight of the student staff projects, working collaboratively with campus partners regarding stuffing/ mailing welcome packets, and off-campus partners like our swag vendors. In particular, Cindy has been the go-to regarding communication with the new vendor in charge of our student handbook/planner. Most importantly, when Cindy runs across a student that is struggling, she will stop everything and go out of her way to connect that student with the right person on campus to help. Most days you find Cindy tucked away in the corner office on the first floor of Lassen Hall - doing what she does best - always offering a smile to the new members of our Hornet Family. There are numerous components to planning/operationalizing/executing a high standard orientation program and Cindy has been a fabulous partner as we strive to maintain a high-quality program in a virtual world. I don't know what I would have done without her!

Star of the Year Nominees

- Gwen Adao, Student Service Center
- Kathy Colin, Admissions & Outreach
- Eric Espejo, Student Service Center
- Patsy Jimenez, Multi-Cultural Center
- Susan Kischmischian, Guardian Scholars Program
- Nancy Lopez, ASI Children's Center
- Noelle McCurley, Student Affairs Administration
- Jason Raley, Financial Aid & Scholarships
- Sandhya Rao, Enrollment Management
- Katelyn Sandoval, Student Health & Counseling Services