

Excellence in Student Service (Individual)



Andrew Yang, APIDA Center

Operate in Excellence describes Andrew Yang. I am excited to nominate him for this award and have witnessed his professional career and his service to the Sacramento community.

As the APIDA Center Coordinator/Student Academic Success Counselor, he is a collaborator and team builder to address the unique and diverse needs of over 7,000 APIDA students and issues impacting these communities. He serves as co-chair of APIDA College Day, the University community wide K-14 outreach event that brings college and career information to APIDA students and families. This also includes his service as Club Advisor to the Hmong club on campus. Going above and beyond only strengthened his commitment to becoming a leader and making a positive impact on other individuals.

His keen awareness of program planning and direct student services is commendable. From planning cultural celebrations that are inclusive of all APIDA subgroups to meeting with students and working with faculty, Andrew is always asking “why” or “what else should we consider”. This is further evidence of his maturity, professionalism, and values he brings to the campus. He continues to reach across divisions and programs to ensure people feel welcomed and included. Most recently, in planning the Fall welcome, over 700 students came through the APIDA Center, many for the first time. This was due to his careful consideration of how to best reach students. Lastly, I am

impressed with his ability to explore areas of research, assessment, and tracking student success. His work was featured in a chapter book entitled Hmong in Student Affairs that was published this year.

I am pleased to nominate Andrew for this prestigious award in recognition of his outstanding commitment to enhancing the student experience at Sacramento State. Andrew consistently goes above and beyond in his role, demonstrating a remarkable willingness to be a support system for students. He prioritizes their holistic well-being, ensuring that their educational needs are met while fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment.

Andrew is known for his exceptional professionalism and approachability. Students often comment on his genuine interest in their success, as he takes the time to listen and understand their unique challenges. Whether through one-on-one interactions, organizing workshops, or collaborating with various departments, Andrew actively seeks ways to empower students and enhance their overall experience.

His proactive initiatives, such as creating mentorship programs and facilitating resources tailored to diverse student needs, exemplify his dedication to building a positive learning community. Andrew's ability to balance educational demands with exemplary customer service not only enriches the lives of students but also contributes significantly to the mission of Sacramento State. His passion for student success makes him a deserving candidate for this award, and I wholeheartedly endorse his nomination.

Excellence in Student Service (Individual) Nominees

Jaclyn Crouch, Students Organizations & Leadership

Bethany Crouch, Student Athlete Resource Center

Kipcia Gonzalez, Students Organizations & Leadership

Lawren Lutrin, Academic Advising Center

Michelle Okada, Career Center

Gabe Rendon, The WELL

Dr. Steve Uzelac, Student Health, Counseling & Wellness Services