## Excellence in Student Service (7eam)



## **Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)**

Each member of the EOP team has selflessly dedicated their career to continue the legacy of the program to increase the access, academic excellence and retention of students who have been historically underserved through its ongoing tradition of changing lives through continuous innovation. In 1968, Sacramento State was one the first campuses in the CSU system to pilot the EOP program. Celebrating 55 years of educational equity this year, Sac State's EOP has graduated thousands of students leading the way for the access and success of first-generation and low-income scholars, deriving from educationally disadvantaged and historically underrepresented backgrounds.

One of EOP primer initiatives is Summer Bridge which is one of the largest in the CSU serving first year students, sophomores, juniors/transfers and seniors. An intensive summer academic program, Summer Bridge is possible through the dedication of the staff. Each with a goal to provide every student with coursework and co-curricular experiences that promote a timely graduation.

Whether it is outreaching to K-16 students, advising and mentoring current students, or providing a home away from home for all, the EOP team showcases the best of what Sac State and Student Affairs have to offer and is a point of pride for many. Each of them contributes to the very fabric of what makes us a diverse and inclusive campus community and they should all be proud of their background work; good work that often goes unseen.

## **Excellence in Student Service (Team) Nominees**

Academic Advising Center Career Center Student Organizations & Leadership Alan Dixon-Hurd & Michael Smith (Testing Center) Union WELL Inc.