

January 2025 Star Awards



Ashley Torres-Gibson

Ashley is a dedicated and often underappreciated force within Student Affairs, serving as the Assistant Director in Student Organizations and Leadership (SO&L). Until recently, she was the sole staff member overseeing Greek Life and now manages half of it while also dedicating her time to the Leadership area of SO&L. In this capacity, she plays an instrumental role in organizing leadership conferences that serve hundreds of students. For the past three years, Ashley has been a key player in the planning of the Women of Influence Ceremony, and now serves as one of its tri-chairs.

Ashley's impact on our Greek community is particularly noteworthy, especially in her work with our Divine 9 (historically African American) Greek organizations. These organizations have faced unique challenges, and Ashley has consistently been intentional in her support, organizing regular meetings with advisors and alumni, and assisting with event planning. As Assistant Director, Ashley also serves as a mentor to other staff in SO&L, earning the respect of her colleagues.

In Greek Life, Ashley has fostered positive and collaborative relationships with numerous departments, including the Office of Equal Opportunity, Inclusive Excellence, WEAVE, and Student Health Counseling and Wellness Services, among others. Above all, Ashley's

commitment to student development is evident in her constant drive to help students grow as leaders. Her passion for creating new curriculum and designing impactful programs reflects her deep care for the students she serves.

January 2025 Nominees

Elijah Martin, Black Honors College

Doing what is right; integrity is synonymous with Elijah Martin. I am elated to submit this month's awards to Mr. Martin for his unwavered and unparalleled commitment to the Black Honors College. His collegiality, demeanor, and ability to garner respect from students, faculty, and staff is commendable. Most significantly, he works tirelessly to foster relations with K-14 stakeholders to create pathways for these students as future Hornets by attending, presenting, and recruiting at school sites. Boots on the ground is his motto, one that supports the enrollment goals of the university and to increase the number of African/Black students selecting the campus as their first choice, furthering advancing our University as a Black Serving Institution. For instance, it is common to see Elijah talking and meeting with students and their families and in spaces, sharing the points of pride of the campus to the community. Gracious and respectful beyond his age, Elijah showcases the best of Sacramento State and our division. It is in that spirit and without any reservation, long overdue recognition is Mr. Martin.

Jasmeen Bangar, SASEEP

Jasmeen is an incredible administrative support leader. She exhibits excellence in her planning and execution of meetings, initiatives, events, and strategic activities. She can be counted on to help anyone who asks and she is always poised to place students first. She is dedicated to the goals of student success and coordinates all the major program planning facets of the Cultural Academic Resource Centers. She strives for excellence in her work through detailed planned, collaborative meetings with faculty and staff, and with community partners. Jasmeen has been instrumental in leveraging work associated with APIDA College Day, the CARC Open Houses, CARC events occurring on a weekly basis, the CARC Strategic Planning calendar, system-wide equity meetings, and major events associated with our heritage months. Her keen attention to detail and devoted style makes her a shining star. She always embraces her work with a positive attitude and never hesitates to go above the call of duty.