

American Ethnic Studies

Student Selected: Shayna Mairo

Submitted by: Melinda Gandara

It is with great pleasure that the American Ethnic Studies Department supports the nomination of SHAYNA MARIO as the 2020 outstanding student in Ethnic Studies. Shayna is a high-achieving student who is civically engaged in our community. She is extraordinary to work with as she has a keen understanding of the educational, socioeconomic and political issues affecting underrepresented students and their families in their pursuit of education. In addition, she volunteers with the disaster relief organization, All Hand and Hearts where she worked with communities that were devastated by hurricane Maria during her academic breaks these past two years. Shayna Mario is a scholar activist who participates in the broadest array of extracurricular activities, she is worthy of this recognition. She is completing her AA for transfer in history and Chicano studies and will transfer to a UC campus FALL 2020.

Shayna's Words of Gratitude:

It is with great honor, humility and gratitude that I accept this award from The American Ethnic Studies Department. I want to first thank my professors and mentors, Melinda Gandara and Dr. Thomas Carrasco. Both Professor Gandara and Dr. Carrasco have shaped my experience as a student of Ethnic Studies. They go above and beyond in their teachings and in their support for their students. I am also very thankful to SBCC in its entirety. The education I have received has put me on an educational path that I didn't know was possible. I plan to take all I have learned from SBCC and from my incredible mentors and use it to be the best possible teacher I can. Thank you.