



# EOP&S CARE

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EOP&S/CARE student Gabriela De Leon holding her Dean's Award that was presented to her by Life Sciences Vice Chair Stephen Brown, PhD., at the April 17, 2015 LAMC Honors Ceremony. Ms. De Leon also earned the President's Award for Spring 2015. She graduated Spring 2015 from LAMC and plans to pursue her bachelor's in nursing (BSN degree).  
Photo by Carlos Gonzalez.

## *Congratulations to Outstanding EOP&S/CARE Students*

**Spring 2015 EOP&S/CARE students who have earned President's and Dean's Awards are listed here and on page two.**

### President's List – Spring 2015

Students who have achieved outstanding scholastic achievement for the Spring 2015 semester will be acknowledged at the Los Angeles Mission College Fall Honors Ceremony, which will be held on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in the Campus Center. Letters inviting students to attend the ceremony will be mailed in early November.



Congratulations to Lorena Aguilar, EOP&S/CARE student (chemistry major), holding her Dean's Award that was presented to her by Dr. Stephen Brown at the April 17, 2015 Honors Ceremony. Former ASO Treasurer and former EOP&S/CARE student Sara Sanchez congratulated students with red roses. Current ASO President Jackie Ambridge spoke at the ceremony and can be seen here seated on stage.

Photo by Carlos Gonzalez.

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| Nanehjan Badal                 | Fernando Iniguez      |
| Juan Carlos Banda              | Julieann M. Johnson   |
| Zoha Bitar                     | Veronica Jones        |
| Cathrine Dalirian              | Angelica Lopez        |
| Gabriela S. De Leon            | Candy J. Macias       |
| Socorro B. Elizondo            | Teresita D. Mata-Razo |
| Leila Esmaili                  | Robert J. Mauricio    |
| Helen Fuentes                  | Leslie S. Melendez    |
| Miryam Gibbons                 | Elizabeth Mendoza     |
| Stephanie Gonzalez             | Juan M Ramirez        |
| Jasmine Y. Gosen               | Gredin Reyes          |
| Elizabeth Gutierrez            | David Soto            |
| Maria M. Gutierrez-Alcaraz     | Carlos Trujillo       |
| Ulysses Hermosillo             | Maria I. Vilchez      |
| Viridiana N. Hernandez Navarro | Margot Waithe         |

Visit the News and Events website to read about the Spring 2015 LAMC Honors Ceremony:

<http://www.lamission.edu/news/default.aspx#202>

Video slideshow:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b8v3z8EGr4g&feature=youtu.be>



## Dean's List – Spring 2015

Iliana R. Acosta	Shawna R. Lopez
Brenda Aguirre	Alondria E. Marshall
Amani Al Sheikh Aleais	Ana M. Martinez
Nidhal Al Sheikh Aleais	Elvis Martinez
Rafik Alexander	Georgina Martinez
Kevin J. Alfonso	Nancy Martinez
Berelyan Anviah	Maria D. Menchaca
Ivymarie L. Aranas	Jenifer E. Mendez Ponce
Ivan Z. Babajanyan	Rogina Mikhael
Sidra Billoo	Dulce Montes
Marya E. Carlos	Glenda M. Morales
Luis Castro	Maria A. Moreno
Yanci O. Castro	Persepheny C. Munguia
Zoila Catalan	Tram H. Nguyen
Julia Coreas	Trinh N. Nguyen
Leslie D. De Luna Velasco	Ayeda Noaman
Paula A. Deflores	Edgar I. Olvera
Salam Diab	Rachel Pena-Escobar
Juan C. Diaz	Haygoohi Petrossian
Sonia G. Diaz	Daisy R. Pinedo
Stephanie C. Donis	Alfredo J. Quezada
Bessy P. Duran	Melissa C. Reyes
Rafael Espinoza	Juliet Robles
Maria A. Falla	Ana L Rodriguez
Crystal Flores	Jesus Rodriguez
Alejandra V. Garcia	Maria Rodriguez
Alexander Gasparian	Rogelio Rodriguez
Nicky Geragosian	Karina Ruiz
Sara W. Ghosn	Maria P. Sabogal
Alicia L. Gomez	Frank S. Salas
Antonio Gonzalez	Garineh Sarkis Ordukhanian
Jenny Gonzalez	Brenda L. Serrano
Catalina Hernandez	Yazmin Sotelo
Miriam V. Hernandez	Sandra Tavares
Lizeth J. Huamanlazo Vila	Elvina Termkrthian
Hanan J. Ibraheem	Alfonso G. Valdez
Sune Isayan	Rosalba L. Vargas
Vicky M. Lezama	Maria S. Ward
Deanna R. Lopez	Shenelle Y. Willis
Paola N. Lopez	Hilda A. Zaldana



The Dean's Honor Award presented to EOP&S/CARE Student Dung Kim by Mathematics Professor Bamdad Samii. Mr. Kim graduated with his AA Degree from Mission College in Spring 2015 and transferred to Cal Poly Pomona this fall as a mechanical engineering major. Academic Senate President Leslie Milke, who emceed the Spring 2015 Honors Ceremony in her usual warm and entertaining way, can be seen in the background. Photo by Carlos Gonzalez.

### **Qualification for the Dean's and President's Lists**

The College recognizes outstanding scholars each semester by publishing a list of students who have appeared on the Dean's List and the President's List.

The criteria for the Dean's List is completion of 12 or more cumulative graded units with a 3.5 or better grade point average.

The President's List requires the student to have been on the Dean's List for three consecutive semesters.

For more information regarding the criteria for honors, please see **page 45** of the LAMC College 2015-16 Catalog:

<http://www.lamission.edu/schedules/1516Catalog/LAMCcatalog15-16.pdf>



## *Counselor Extraordinaire Linda Marie Avalos-Njie*

Linda Marie Avalos-Njie has a keen understanding of our student population in EOP&S/CARE because she was an EOP&S student herself and also an ESL student at Mission College. In the beginning of her educational journey, she realized her desire to become an academic counselor and her ultimate dream of counseling students at Mission. Through hard work and sheer determination, she realized her dream of counseling students at Mission College and counseling students in the same caring way that her counselor at Mission had assisted her. Ms. Avalos-Njie has worked in the EOP&S/CARE Program at Mission College for nine years, first as a part-time counselor, and for the last several years as a full-time faculty member.



Counselor Linda Marie Avalos-Njie speaking at the 2014 EOP&S/CARE Recognition Luncheon at the Sheraton Universal.  
Photo by Rafael Rodriguez III.

Ms. Avalos-Njie received her AA Degree at Mission and her bachelor's and master's degrees from California State University, Northridge. She also has worked as a full-time staff member in the Admissions Office both at Mission and Valley Colleges when she pursued her master's degree and later when she worked as an adjunct counselor at colleges within the LACCD.

Ms. Avalos-Njie is a top-notch counselor who values her students' well being and inspires them to pursue their dreams. Her student-friendly office has a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Students greatly benefit from the focus she gives to each one of them and have commended her at college events such as the EOP&S Recognition Luncheon and also to college staff about her devotion to students. Students are especially impressed when she goes out of her way to assist them with their concerns, which is often. One could clearly surmise that part of her compassion stems from her memories from when she was an EOP&S student at Mission: positive memories that compel her to give back to the community college student. Indeed we are privileged in EOP&S/CARE to have such an excellent counselor as Ms. Linda Marie Avalos-Njie.

*The EOP&S/CARE Program is privileged to have Counselor Linda Marie Avalos-Njie. Students counseled by Ms. Avalos-Njie have affirmed that she is truly dedicated with the utmost compassion for students and their success.*

### **Important EOP&S/CARE Reminders and Information**

- **Priority Registration** – One of the outstanding benefits of this program is your opportunity to enroll early in your classes. You may enroll as soon as the LAMC Schedule of Classes is available and posted to the college website. Be ready to enroll by reviewing your comprehensive Student Educational Plan and knowing the classes you will need to take for the upcoming semester.
- **Counseling appointments** – Attending the required three EOPS&S/CARE counseling appointments during the semester may assist you with your book voucher for the next semester. Remember the book vouchers are first come, first served. You may schedule as many counseling appointments as you like and for any reason. If you cannot keep your appointment, you must notify us by telephoning the EOP&S/CARE Office at 818.364.5645. Please be mindful of other students who may benefit from your cancellation.
- **Workshops** – We are planning some exciting workshops on mental health that will cover topics such as stress reduction. Flyers will be posted notifying students of the workshops on the EOP&S/CARE bulletin boards located outside the office.

*You Can Grow Your Intelligence*

*New Research Shows the Brain can be Developed like a Muscle:*

[www.mindsetworks.com/websitemedia/youcangrowyourintelligence.pdf](http://www.mindsetworks.com/websitemedia/youcangrowyourintelligence.pdf)

EOP&S/CARE Website  
[www.lamission.edu/eops/](http://www.lamission.edu/eops/)

Telephone - 818.364.7645



## Applying to the CSU?

If the thought of applying to a university seems stressful to you and even scary and intimidating . . .

We will help to ease your fears about the application process to the California State University campuses by breaking down the process into easy steps.

We encourage you to envision the application process as an exciting part of your continuing success in achieving your ultimate educational goals.

- The first step is to schedule an appointment with your counselor to assess if you are ready to complete an application to the University based on your comprehensive Student Educational Plan. Do not delay in making your counseling appointment, as applying to the university is time sensitive. Your counselor will determine the best time for you to apply to the CSU. Typically if you complete the required transferable units by the end of the spring semester, you would apply to the CSU during the fall semester with regard to the filing period.
- You can easily complete the CSU application online, which is the preferred CSU application method. If you do not have computer access, you can submit a paper application to the campus to which you are applying.
- The CSU campus will notify you within a few weeks that your application has been received and is being processed. If the campus is unable to process your application, you will be notified as soon as possible.
- The CSU campus will let you know when to send your official college transcripts that must be received in sealed envelopes directly from the colleges you have attended.
- Notification of your acceptance could take weeks or months since each CSU campus has its own timeline for notifying students of admission.

For further clarification of the information presented here, please call 818.364.7645 or visit the EOP&S/CARE Office to make an appointment with your counselor. In addition, please review the links listed in the column to the right and especially the Frequently Asked Questions. Be prepared with your own written questions so that your time is utilized wisely at your counseling appointment.



Happy Halloween from the very scary EOP&S/CARE student workers here with masked cat woman Director Ludi Villegas-Vidal. Student Services staff member Deborah Manning wearing star glasses.

Photo by Jesus Salas.

## CSU Application Links

- 1 Visit this site to determine when to apply:  
[https://secure.csumentor.edu/Filing\\_Status/](https://secure.csumentor.edu/Filing_Status/)
- 2 Apply online for 2016/2017 at this site:  
[https://secure.csumentor.edu/AdmissionApp/undergrad\\_apply.asp](https://secure.csumentor.edu/AdmissionApp/undergrad_apply.asp)
- 3 If you miss the initial filing period, check the Application status page:  
[https://secure.csumentor.edu/Filing\\_Status/](https://secure.csumentor.edu/Filing_Status/)
- 4 To determine if your college coursework will transfer, visit this website:  
[www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)
- 5 Very helpful FAQ:  
<https://secure.csumentor.edu/faq/transfer.asp#4>

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