

Welcome to the Academic Excellence Awards

2019



Isiah PULIDO

“Know your WHY (as in your main purpose and motivation) to get through the WHAT (such as any challenges) to reach your GOALS. You know what you must do so get it done!”



Terri AHLFIELD

"When I am overwhelmed, I talk to my classmates about any problems I am having and they help to calm me down."



Philosophy

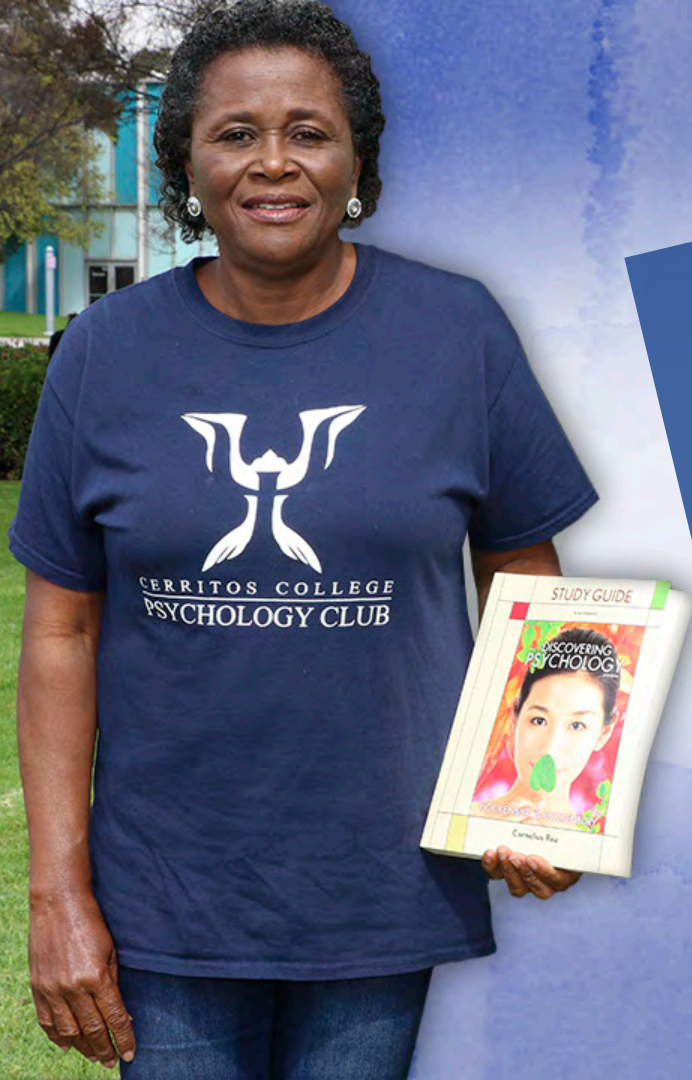
Jacob WISCOVITCH

“Learn to manage time wisely. If you can’t schedule your day appropriately, you won’t be able to complete tasks consistently.”



Theresa ONWUKEME

*"Focus on your goal, set a plan,
and determine to achieve your
goal. Hard work pays."*



Shelby FLOWERS

“As a child, I had a lack of confidence in science and math. After I graduated, I quickly realized the ocean was my passion and that I would have to overcome my fear of science and math if I wanted to pursue my dream job.”



A portrait of Darneanna Fallins-Pryor, a Black woman with long, wavy dark hair, smiling. She is wearing a bright yellow short-sleeved top with a knot at the waist and black pants. She is standing outdoors on a paved path with a grassy area and a blue metal structure in the background.

Darneanna FALLINS-PRYOR

*"Find like minded people to
become your support group, and
always ask for help when you
need it."*

Special Ed Teacher

English

Ricardo CEBALLOS

*"My daughter Aubrey is my
inspiration to work hard and show her
anything is possible."*





Heather
LOPEZ

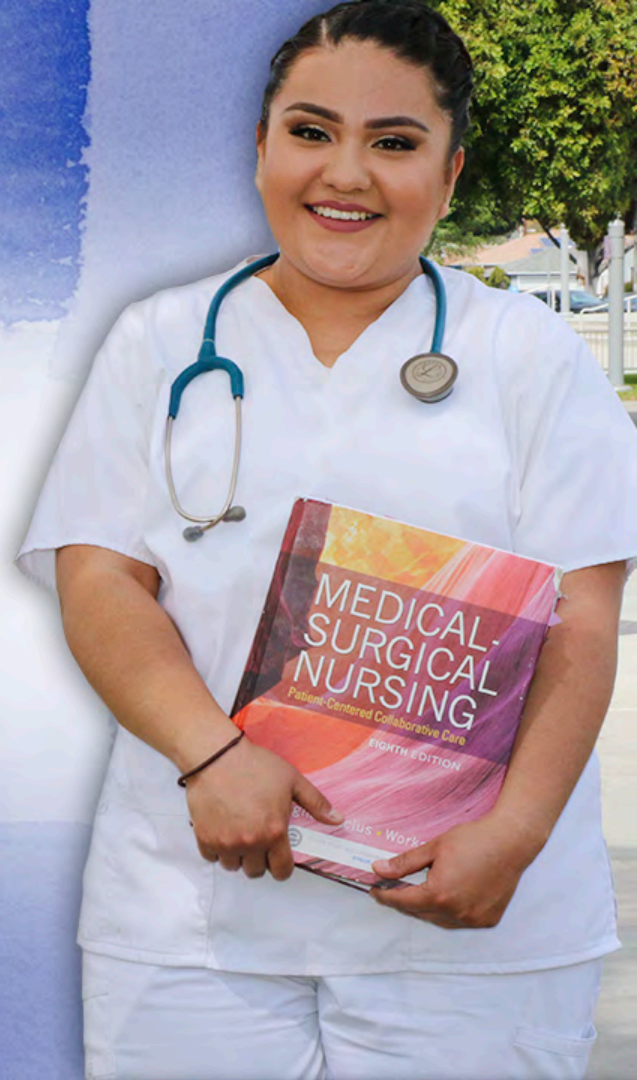
"My best advice to other students would be to keep your mind open to learning from everyone... from classmates to professors."

Child Development

Nursing

Wendy MENDOZA

“Being a Dream Act student pushes me to be the best student that I can be in order to be a role model to other Dream Act students, as well as to show everyone else that no matter your circumstances, if you set your mind to your education, it will be achieved.”



A woman with long dark hair, wearing a black long-sleeved shirt and a necklace with a circular pendant, is holding two wooden mallets with blue heads. She is standing in front of a blue and white watercolor background. The background also features a green vertical bar on the right side.

Silvia CORONA

“Once you find what you truly enjoy doing, pursue it and give it your all.”

Physics

Ian CASTORILLO

"Surround yourself with those who want to succeed and want to see you succeed. Whether it be students or teachers, be sure to seek help and support. There is an old saying, 'To go fast, go alone. To go far, go together.'"



Vanessa AVILVA

"Follow your dreams. Nothing is easy. Do what makes you happy and don't let anyone stop you from your dreams."



Miguel VERA

"If I set a goal and happen to fail while attempting to achieve it- quitting is never an option. My next step is to better myself as an individual, so that I won't commit the same mistake!"



Stephanie GUERRERO

"There are people along the way that will support you. It is important to acknowledge them and thank them. But most importantly is to become like them: angels for those who dream."



Holly NGUYEN

“Dream big and work hard in a smart way. When you have a dream, you will know what you should do. Set a dream big enough to inspire you to take the action!”





Jesus Arriola RESENDIZ

"At Cerritos College, I've been fortunate enough to learn from passionate and caring professors that want me to succeed."

Business Administration

Jose DUMM

"My family inspired me. They struggle because they do not have an education. I want to start a new generation with education and be an example for my cousins and nephews."





Carlos Leonel COTA

Real Estate

*"I am very grateful for earplugs.
Basically, I tune out everything
around me and dive into whatever is
asked of me."*

Adrian HERNANDEZ

"My best advice would be time management. Instead of doing a week's worth of reading in one sitting, students should split that time throughout the week."





Lidia LAVENANT

"Persistence, consistency, and positivity are key to achieve any goal. The more you do whatever it is you are pursuing, the better you will get at it and accomplish more."

Applied Music - Piano

chemistry

Brent LEGASPI

“When I am overwhelmed, I remind myself to take a step back and look at the big picture. I also take time to reflect on what I am grateful for. This usually helps me realize that things aren’t as bad as they initially seemed.”



Christy GEORGE

"My father has always been my biggest inspiration. He worked so hard and taught me to do the same. I know he is watching over me now."



Steven HERNANDEZ

"Work hard and never forget about your goal. No matter how hard it may seem. Anything is possible."





Alberto PELAYO

Pre-Pharmacy

"Take advantage of your time in class and on campus breaks. The more you get done on campus, the less you have to worry about at home."

Pre-Medical

Kevin
NGUYEN

"Do not let failures in your past define who or what you can be in the future. Define yourself today."





MOD
LINDSTRÖM

"My advice is to prioritize your studies. Put in the time and work it takes to reach success."

Administration of Justice

TiNa
VEJAR

"Teaching is the best learning method."



Derek WASKO

*"Study! Put your mind to the work
and test your skills as best as you
can."*



Randy DAVILA

"Classes at Cerritos College have given me time management skills that help me balance school, work and family."





Natalie NGUYEN

"Don't fear failure or making mistakes. Learn from them, ask yourself how you can do better next time, and genuinely apply yourself to that task. Perfection doesn't exist; strive to be a conscientious life-long learner."

Speech Language Pathology Assistant

Aaron Mora SEE

"Study and work towards what you are passionate about and the motivation will come naturally."



Micah PRATT

"I set reminders constantly, and I never take for granted how easily I forget things."



Pre-Veterinary

Kimberly RAMOS

"My advice to other students is to keep pushing themselves to succeed. Even the toughest of times will be worth it in the end, and there is no better feeling than that."

