

# COLLEGE CHAMPION AWARDS

## 2021

# Burning Bright Award

Recognizing impact on the campus community

## Pedro Suarez

Business Analyst, Information Technology

*“Pedro is extraordinarily collaborative. He analyzes issues and finds effective solutions. He responds quickly and always goes the extra mile to provide assistance and support. He is a skilled professional who is a pleasure to work with. I have heard this from faculty, staff, and other managers. I am very, very thankful to have him as a member of the instruction team. He absolutely deserves this recognition for all he has contributed to the Mt. SAC community.”*

*“Pedro listens to his colleagues, connects needs to the larger college outcomes, and then creates solutions that effectively share information. Pedro's "superpower" is the ability to translate highly technical information with grace and understanding.”*

*“Pedro demonstrates his exceptional ability to foster collaboration with several groups on campus to create a success story. He is a key contributor to Mt. SAC success through a time when many colleges were not able to offer in-person instruction.”*

*“Pedro approaches each project with a positive attitude, applying innovative approaches while maintaining the highest level of professionalism and integrity. He never fails to deliver on time and with a smile. Pedro is a Mt. SAC College Champion.”*

*-Multiple Nominations*



# Torch Bearer Award

Recognizing impact beyond the campus community

## Regina Martinez

Professor of Business Management  
Accounting & Management Co-Chair

*“Mrs. Martinez is devoted with stellar tenacity for our students, college, and our community. She has had a fortitude spirit during this COVID crisis. She has built warmth in various community groups at Mt. San Antonio College. She has revamped the Accounting Finance Management (AFM) club as the primary Advisor that led to a virtual club. The club supports having guest speakers and participates in virtual stock market tournaments. She is the Advisor for the Alpha Gamma Sigma club; and is also actively involved with the National Latina Business Women Association, embracing new horizons in education. She seriously contributes to our Mt. San Antonio College community. Concerning the Faculty Association, Mrs. Martinez takes an active role and is a “voice” to her colleagues and students helping to protect them through the pandemic. Some of her accomplishments in the Accounting and Management departments have been virtual business series, webinars, and tours. Mt. San Antonio College core value is “life-long learning,” and Mrs. Martinez exemplifies this passion through student learning initiatives.”*



-Derek Doter



# Eternal Flame Award

Recognizing lifetime achievement

## The Health Services Team

*“Under the leadership of Director Marti Whitford and Assistant Director, Seth Meyers, the Health Services team has worked tirelessly for the Mt. SAC community throughout the pandemic while the college has been on remote operations. While most college employees have been working from home, the Health Services nurses and staff have been on campus delivering essential services to keep the Mt SAC community safe. The Health Services team has been providing COVID contact tracing, health and wellness appointments for students and staff, mental health services and appointments, and community information forums. In addition, the Health Services staff has been running vaccine clinics for Mt. SAC and the surrounding community since the beginning of the year. The vaccine clinics take a tremendous amount of planning, organization, and staffing in order to successfully provide vaccines to our employees and neighbors. The Health Services staff has worked long hours to provide these essential services and done so with a true spirit of service and care. They are our unsung heroes and are so deserving of recognition.”*

*-Malia Flood*