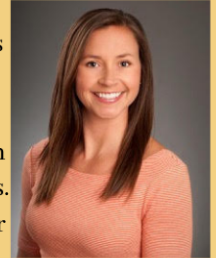


Civic Engagement Projects That Work at SJSU

Tuesday, April 27th, 2021 5:00pm-7:00pm

Tobruk Blaine, Coordinator, Beyond Football

Tobruk Blaine earned her Bachelor's from Oregon State University in health promotion and education and has master's degrees in health education from Oregon State and educational leadership from the University of Idaho. She holds certifications from the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). As cheerleading coach, she led two high school teams to the Idaho 5A state cheerleading championships and Boise State to the national championships. She was named the 2006 state of Idaho Cheerleading Coach of the Year. She was also an effective fundraiser for the Boise State spirit squad program, annually raising more than double the program's annual operating budget. As a high school health sciences teacher, her teaching style and philosophy was geared to students better understanding and aligning their approach to state and national health education standards. In 2012, she was one of 18 teachers from the state of Idaho honored at Boise State University's annual Barbara Morgan Mentor of the Year Awards program. <https://sjsuspartans.com/sports/sjsubeyondfb>



Imelda Rodriguez, Community Director, CommUniverCity San Jose

Imelda Rodriguez oversees projects and programs to deepen resident engagement, and plays a key role in connecting San José State University faculty and students to the larger central San José community. She has established strong community relations with key community-based organizations, schools, and resident leaders. As a social justice advocate, she has helped bring funding to implement neighborhood programs dealing with access to food, safety, responsible development, transportation, neighborhood environment, and education. <https://cucs.org>



Diana Pondivilla Victa, Department Manager, César E. Chávez Community Action Center

Diana Victa earned a B.A. in Sociology from SJSU and received a M.A. in Organization and Leadership with an emphasis in Higher Education and Student Affairs at the University of San Francisco. With over ten years of experience in education working with both K-12 youth and college students, Diana is committed to using her work to advocate and highlight the issues in education that directly impacts marginalized, underserved populations. Her scholarship and expertise is specifically focused on community tragedy, critiquing and analyzing highly diverse institutions, utilizing social media as a tool for assessment, and the importance of wellness and self-care in advocacy work. She has published at various regional and national professional organizations such as: National Association for Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), American College Personnel Association (ACPA), Association of College Unions Incorporated (ACUI), National Conference of Race and Ethnicity (NCORE), California Council of Cultural Centers in Higher Education (CaCCCHE) and TedX San Jose. <https://www.sjsu.edu/as/departments/cesar-chavez-center/index.php>



Dr. Mary Currin-Percival, Director, IPACE

Mary Currin-Percival also serves as the Director of SJSU Votes! and is an Associate Professor of Political Science. She is co-author of California Politics and Government: A Practical Approach, 15th ed. with Larry Gerston, Garrick Percival, and Terry Christensen. Her work has also appeared in several journals including PS: Political Science and Politics and Journal of Political Science Education. She teaches courses in research methods, political participation, the presidency, and American and California government and politics.

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