

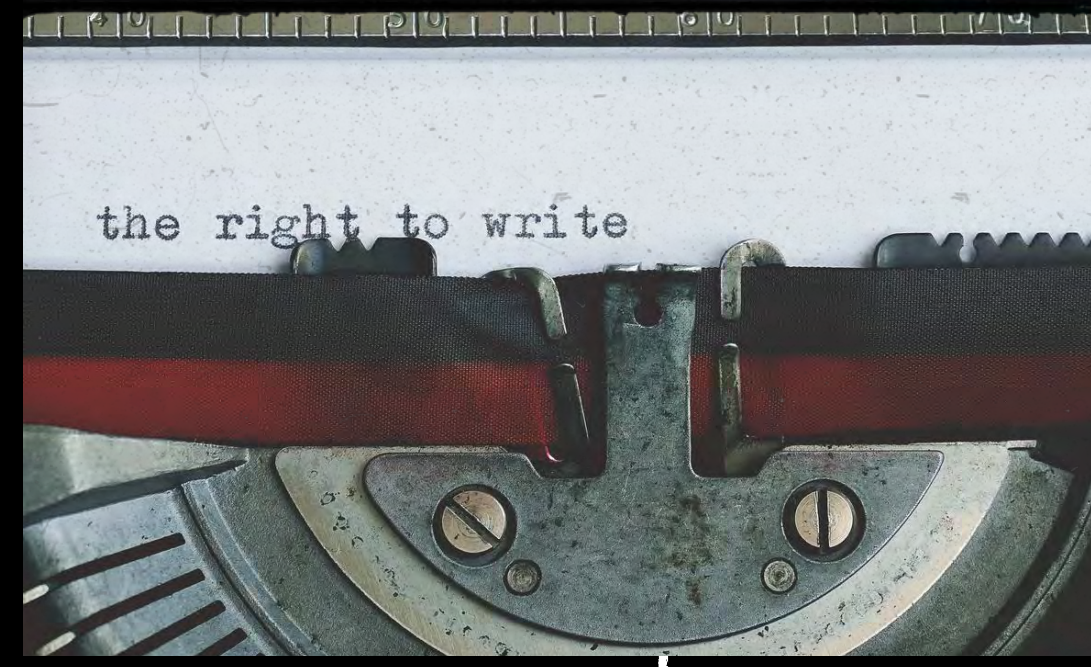
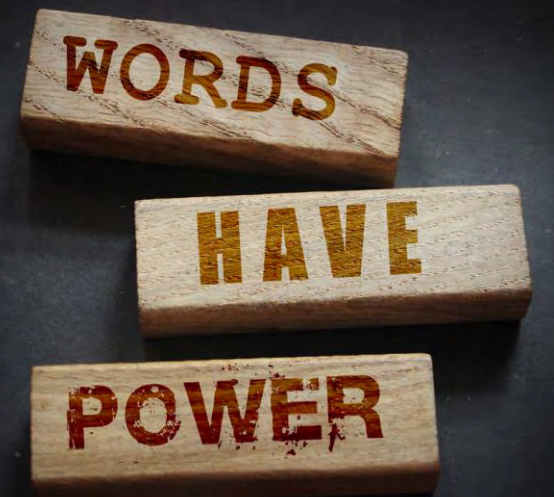
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### MUWEKMA OHLONE TRIBAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR FOOTHILL COLLEGE LOCATED IN LOS ALTOS HILLS, CA WITHIN THE PUICHON THÁMIEN ANCESTRAL MUWEKMA OHLONE TERRITORY

Horše túuxi! (Hor-sheh troo-hee) Foothill College recognizes that it is located on the ethnohistoric territory of the ancestral and traditional land of the Puichon Thámien Ohlonespeaking People, and the successors of the historic sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County, presently identified as the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area. This land was and continues to be of great importance to the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe and other familial descendants of the Verona Band. We recognize that every member of the greater Foothill College/Los Altos Hills community has, and continues to benefit from, the use and occupation of this land, since the institution's founding in 1957. Consistent with our values of community, inclusion, and diversity, we have a responsibility to acknowledge and make known through various enterprises Foothill College's relationship to Native peoples. As members of the Foothill College/Los Altos Hills community, it is vitally important that we not only recognize the history of the land on which we live, work, and learn, but also, we recognize that the previously federally recognized Muwekma Ohlone Tribal People are alive and flourishing members of the Foothill College/Los Altos Hills and broader Bay Area communities today. Aho!



*Valerie Fong*

## **Opening Remarks by our Division Dean**

FOR MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS, WITH GENEROUS SUPPORT FROM BRUCE SWENSON, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE FHDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE LANGUAGE ARTS DIVISION AWARDS HAVE BROUGHT TOGETHER STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, AND ADMINISTRATORS FROM THE DIVISION'S PROGRAMS TO CELEBRATE OUR SHARED CREATIVITY, COURAGE, AND COMMITMENT AS A LEARNING COMMUNITY.

INSTEAD OF BEING BASED SOLELY ON GRADES OR TESTS, THESE AWARDS CELEBRATE THE WORDS, WISDOM, AND ACTIONS OF STUDENTS -- ALL OF WHOM HAVE OVERCOME ENORMOUS OBSTACLES TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN COLLEGE AND HAVE REACHED OUT TO ASSIST AND INSPIRE OTHERS TO SUCCEED AND THRIVE AS WELL. YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS AWARD BECAUSE YOUR PROFESSORS CAREFULLY SELECTED YOU FOR PRAISE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

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- *Japanese*
- *Spanish*
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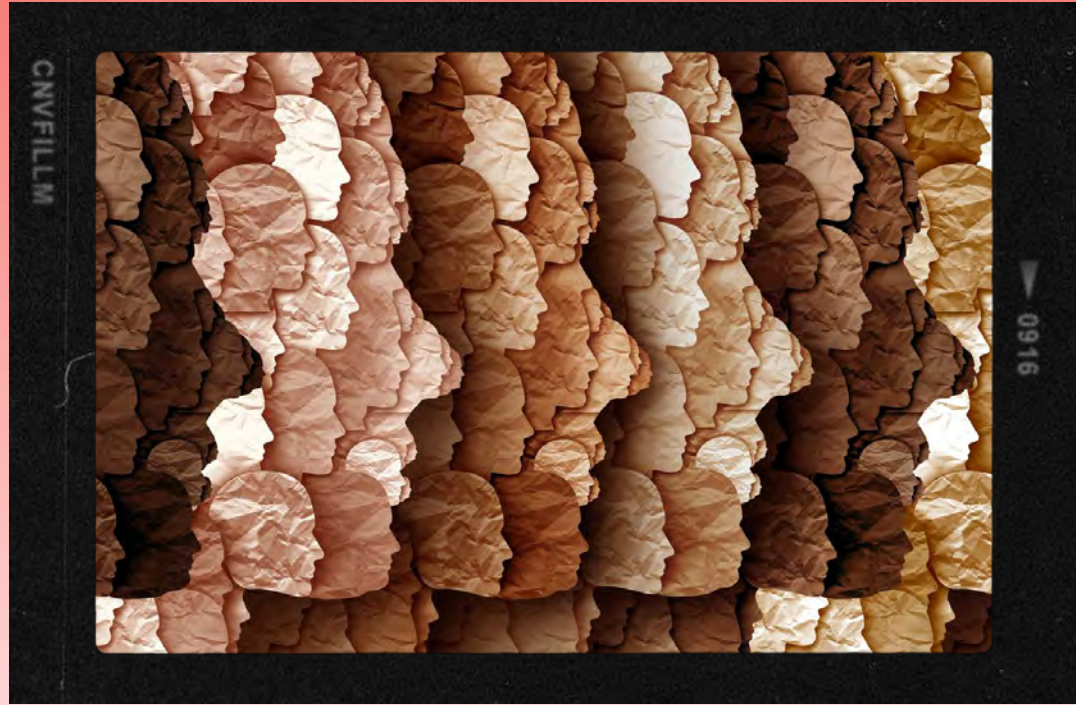


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***Ethnic  
Studies***

*Prof. Ulysses Acevedo*



**Kimberley C. Martinez**

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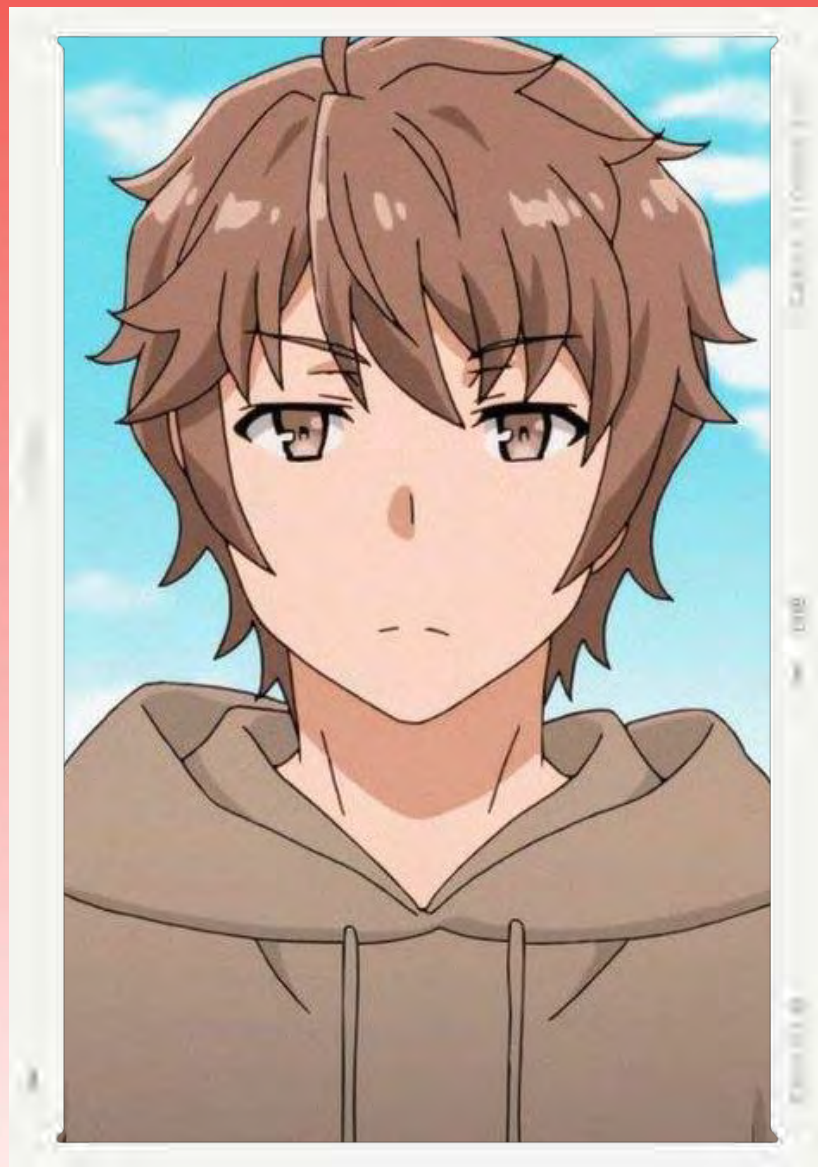
*Outstanding Students*

*from*

***Japanese***



*Prof. Ikuko Rakozu*



## **Jonah Noralahi**

人生って優しくなるためにあるんだと思っています。  
昨日の私よりも今日の私がちょっとだけ優しい人間で  
あればいいなと思いながら生きています。

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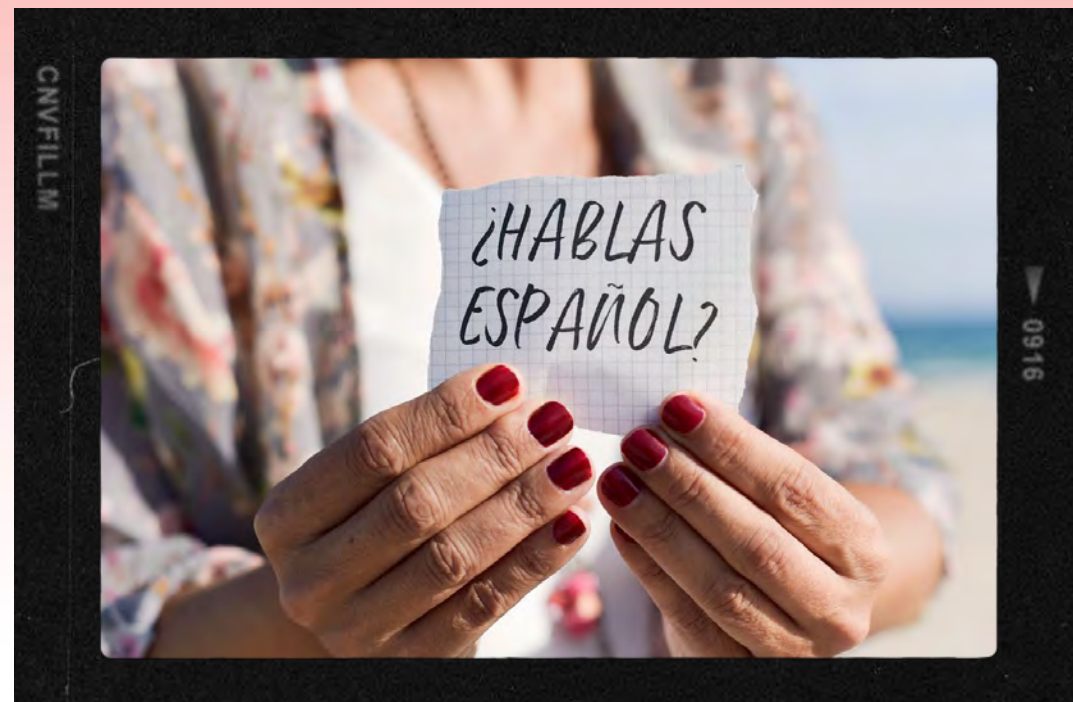
***Spanish***

*Prof. Patricia Crespo-Martin*



## **Cindy Hart**

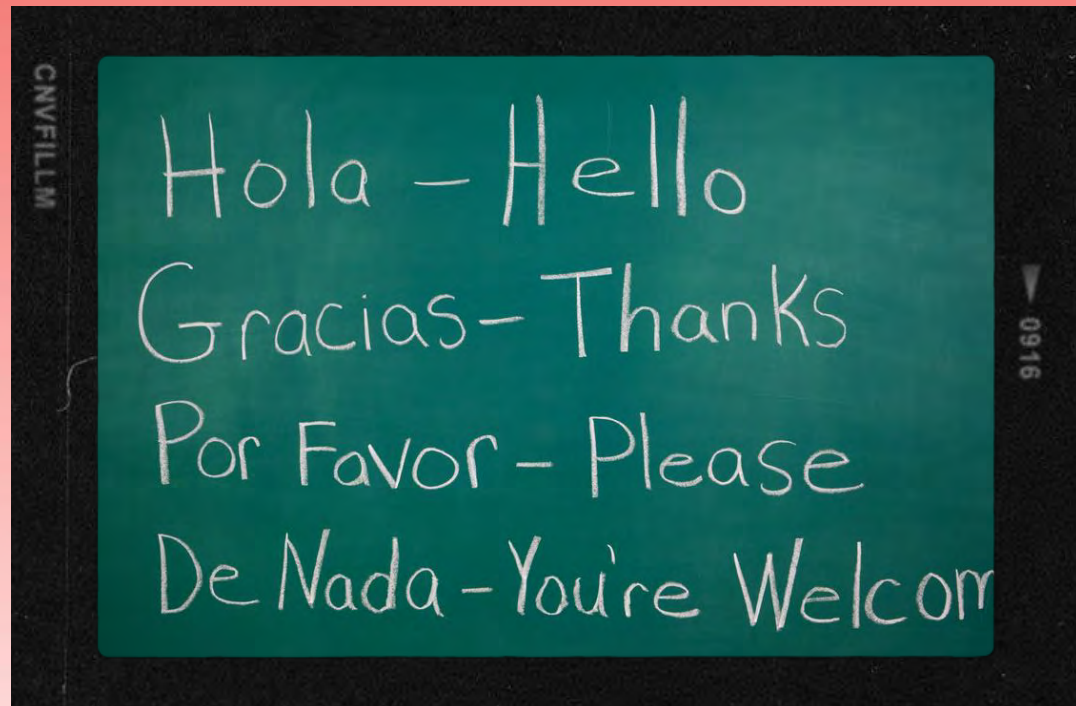
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*Prof. Rocio Giraldez Betrón*



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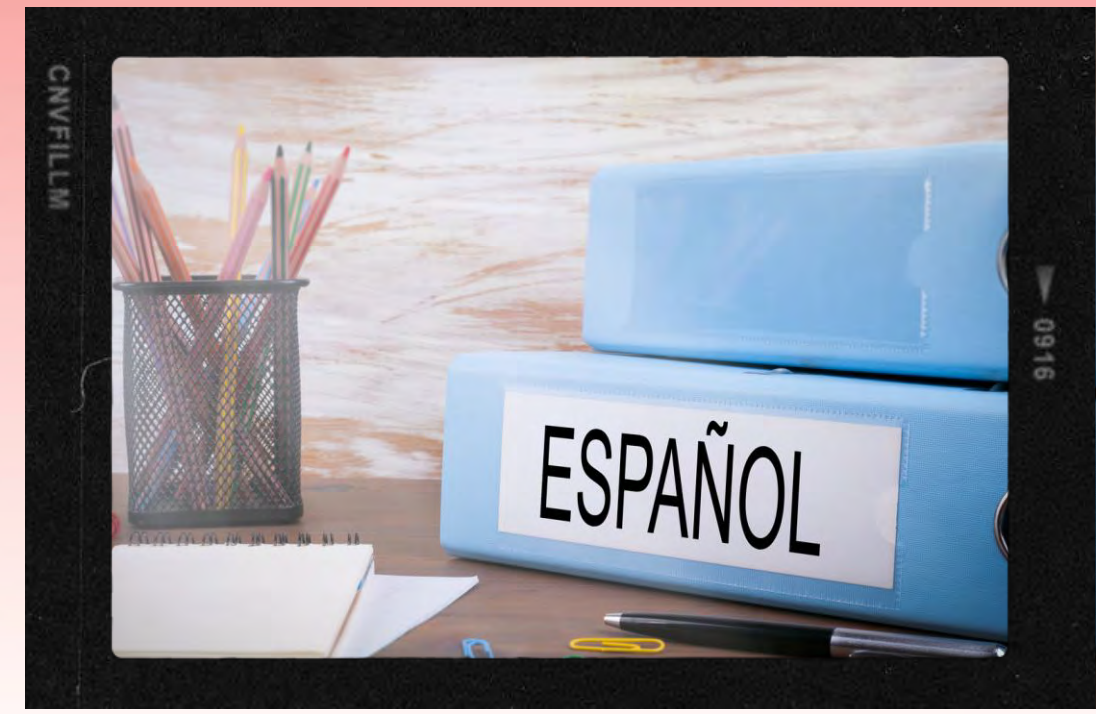
## **Julia Shrivastava**

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## **Shannon Bury**

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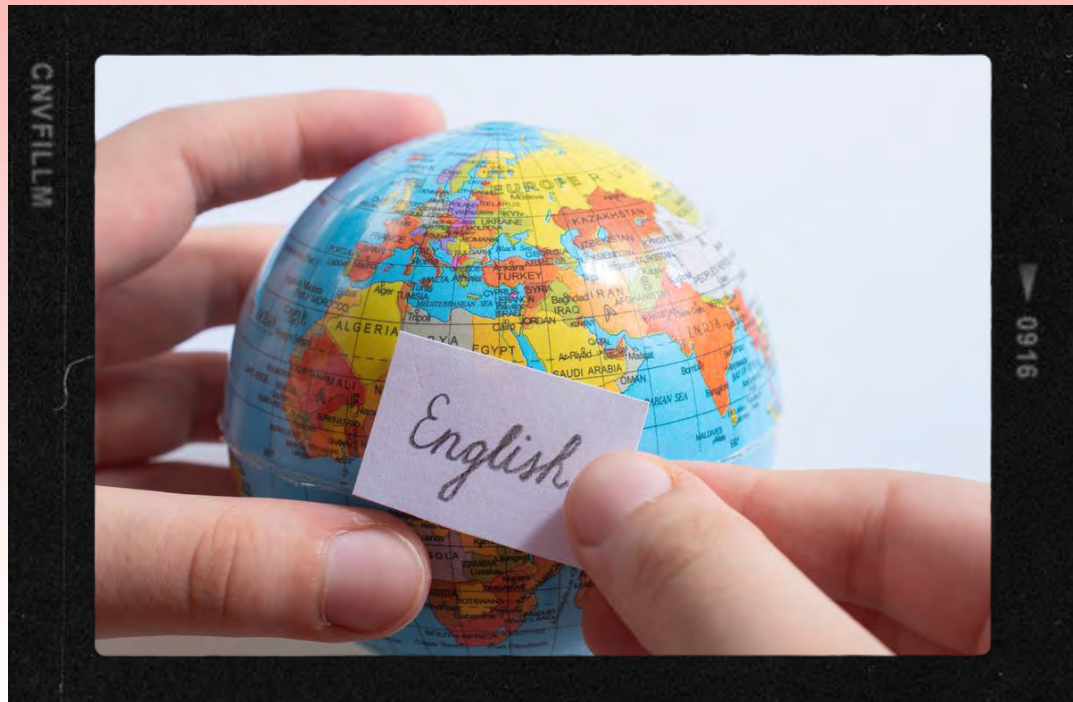
***Language***

*Prof. Katie Ha*



## **Kathleen Celis**

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## **Viktoriya Nossova**

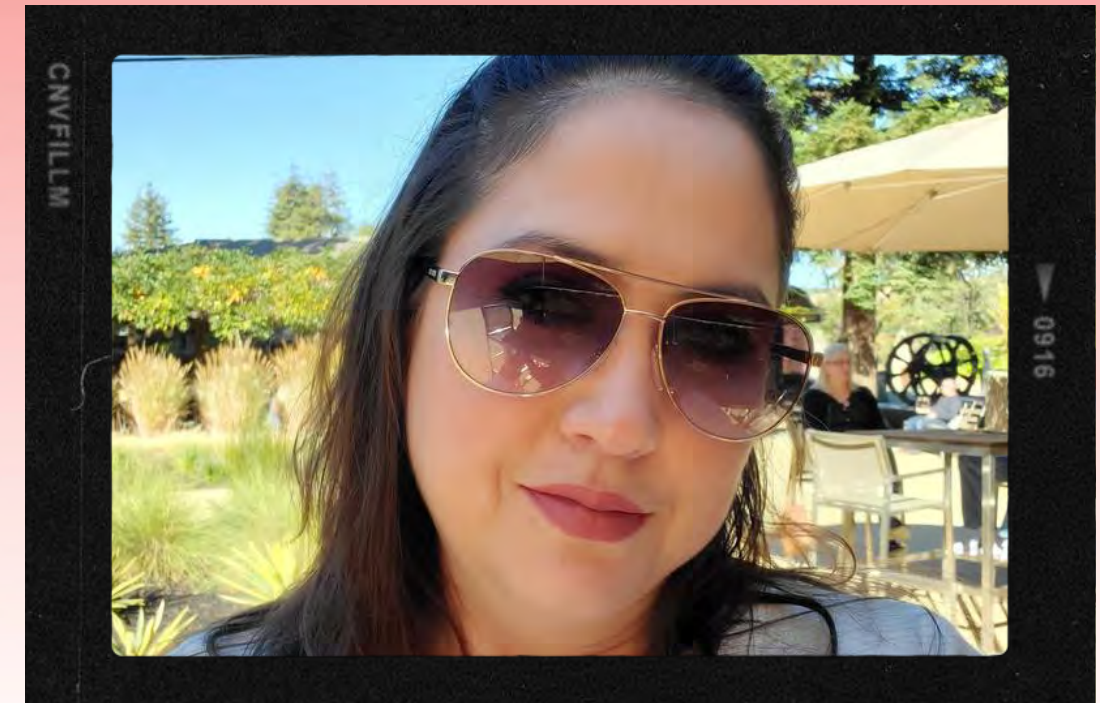
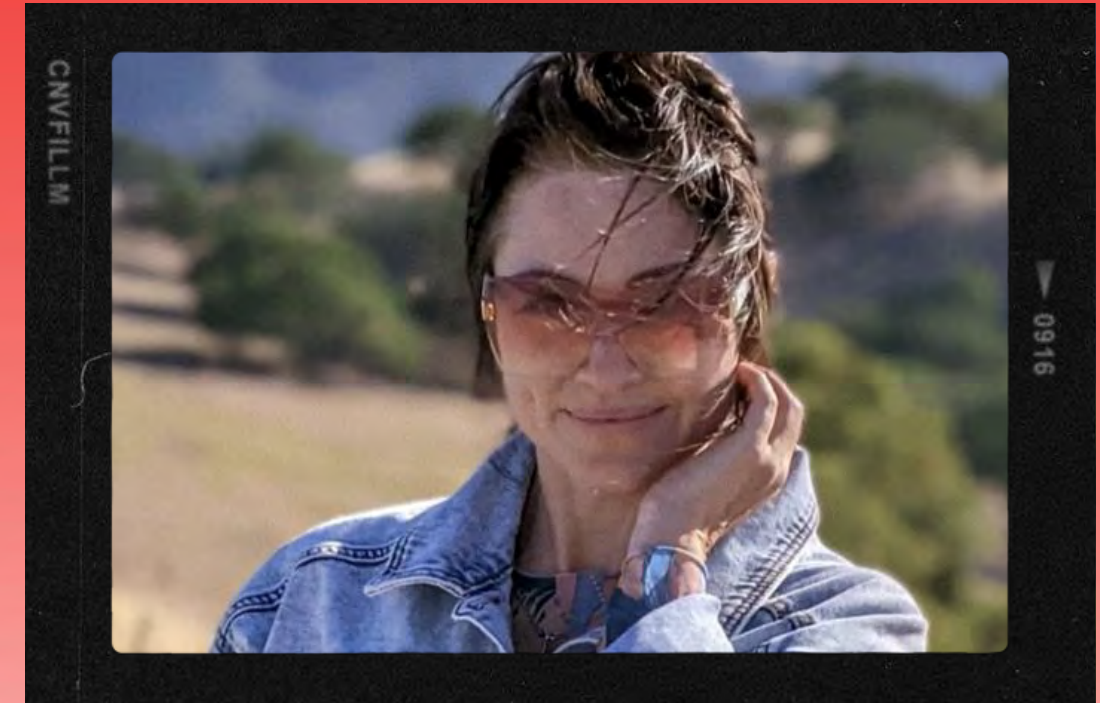
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# Daria Raniushkina

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# Monica Murillo

"So PROUD of myself!"



*Prof. Robert Lanz*



*Prof. Amy Sarver*



## **Anahi Luna**

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## **Marie Moll**

"It is an honor to have been selected to receive a recognition award for my accomplishments in NCEL 426. I'm privileged to have been surrounded by a group of interesting peers, from whom I have learned a lot. Likewise, I would like to extend my appreciation to my dear professor Amy Saver who has been instrumental in my achievements; her dedication, passion and support are invaluable. Amy is a role model Foothill College must be proud of. Last but not least, my sincere appreciation to Foothill College for their commitment to excelling in pedagogy and their tireless efforts to provide us with the best education. Thank you again for this valuable recognition."

## **Socorro Castaneda**

"There is no age limit for learning. If you have the willingness and the correct attitude to learn something, age becomes just a number."

*Outstanding Students*

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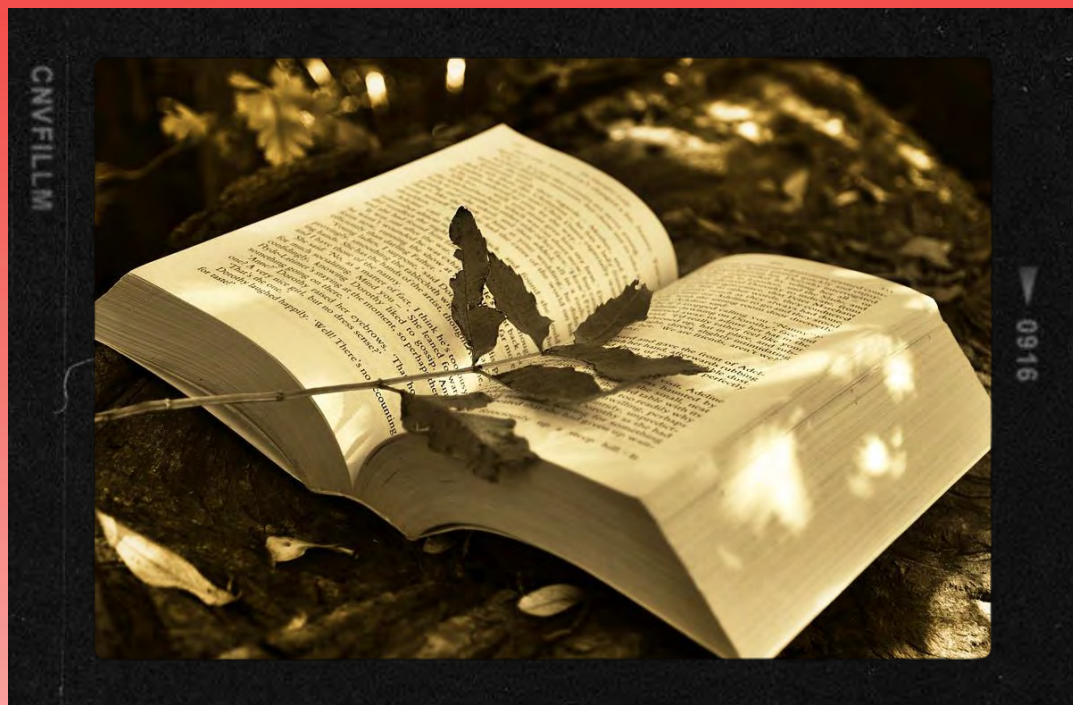
***English***

***Composition,***

***Literature, &***

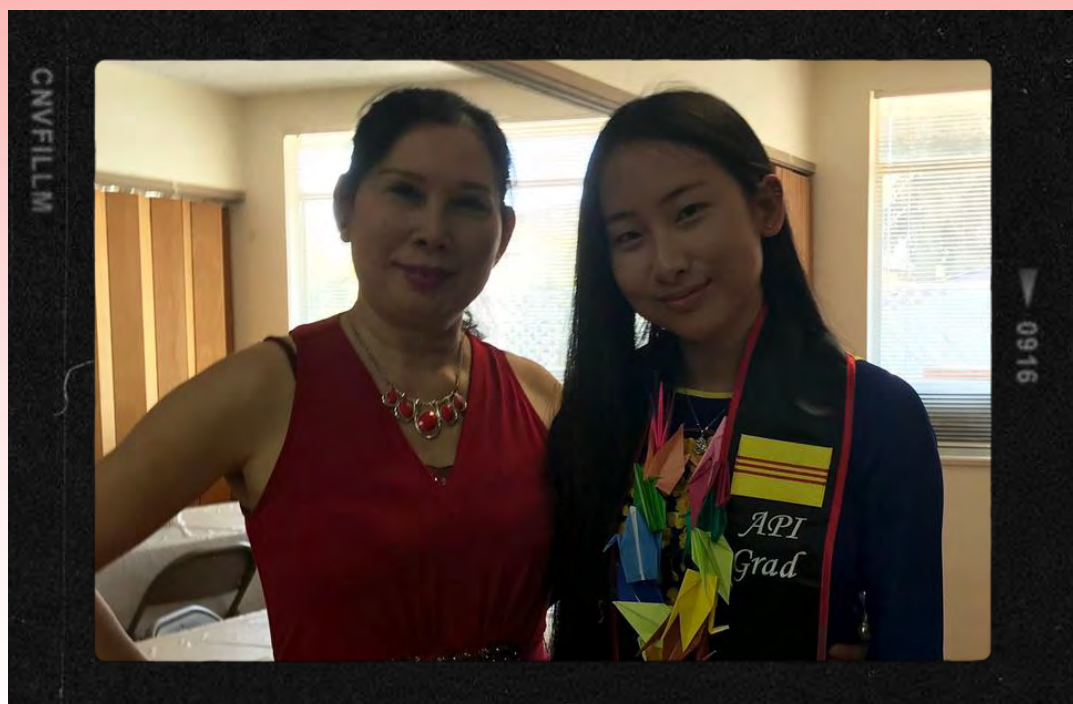
***Creative Writing***

*Prof. Ileana da Silva*



## **Alice de Martel**

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## **Jenny Banh**

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*Prof. Hilda Fernandez*



## **Cristian Vasquez**

Even when you are at your lowest keep striving for greatness - Cristian V.

## **Lucila Espinoza**

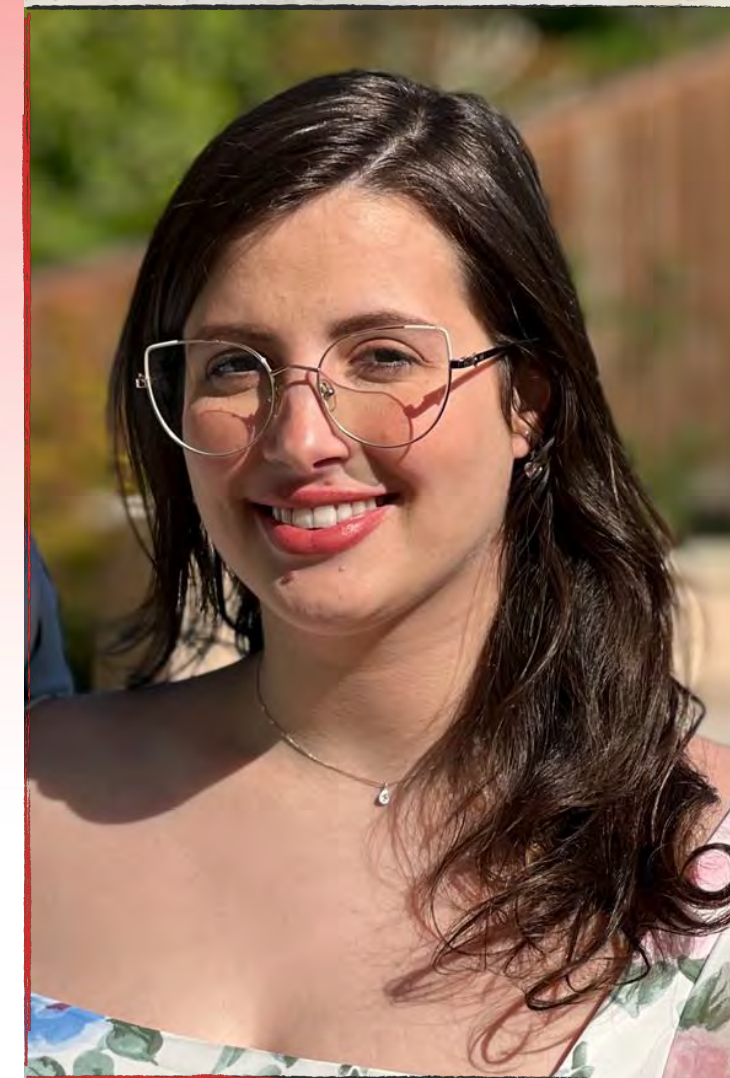
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# Ashley Staggs

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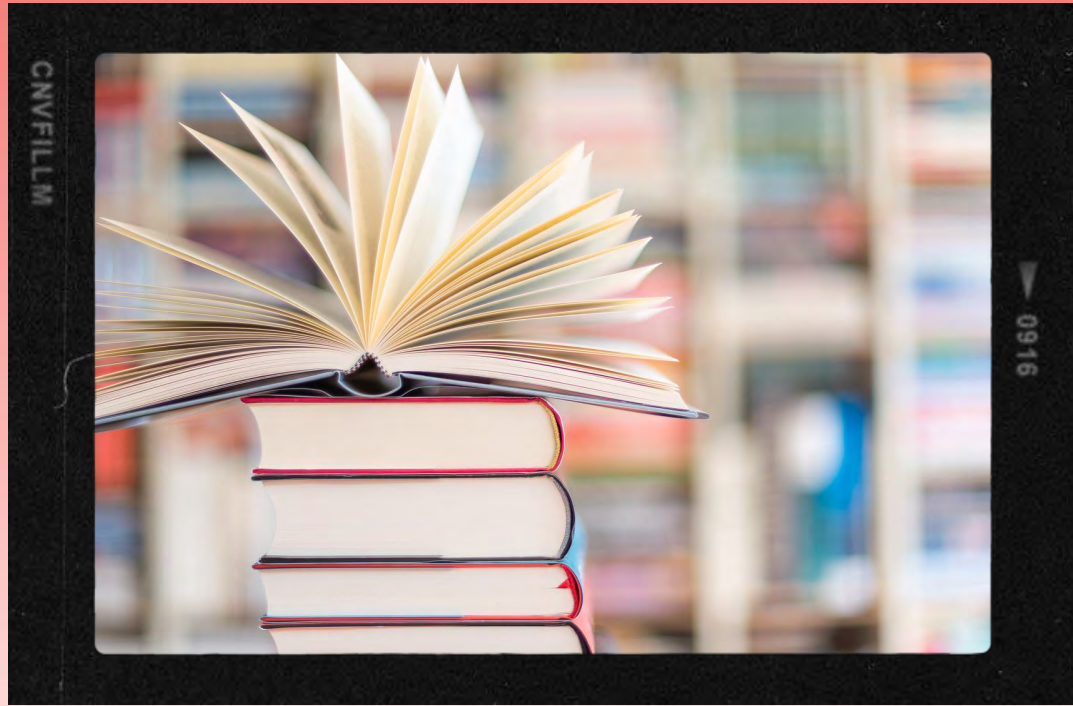
# Juliana Candido Pagani

"I'm very thankful for my journey at Foothill so far, and very excited for what's to come. Education and knowledge are the most powerful weapons to change the world!"



*Prof. Jordana Griffiths*

*Prof. Stephanie King*



## **Jemarie Dumas**

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*Prof. Brian Lewis*



## **Justin Allahyari**

Keep pushing that boulder up the mountain!



## **Orun Altintas**

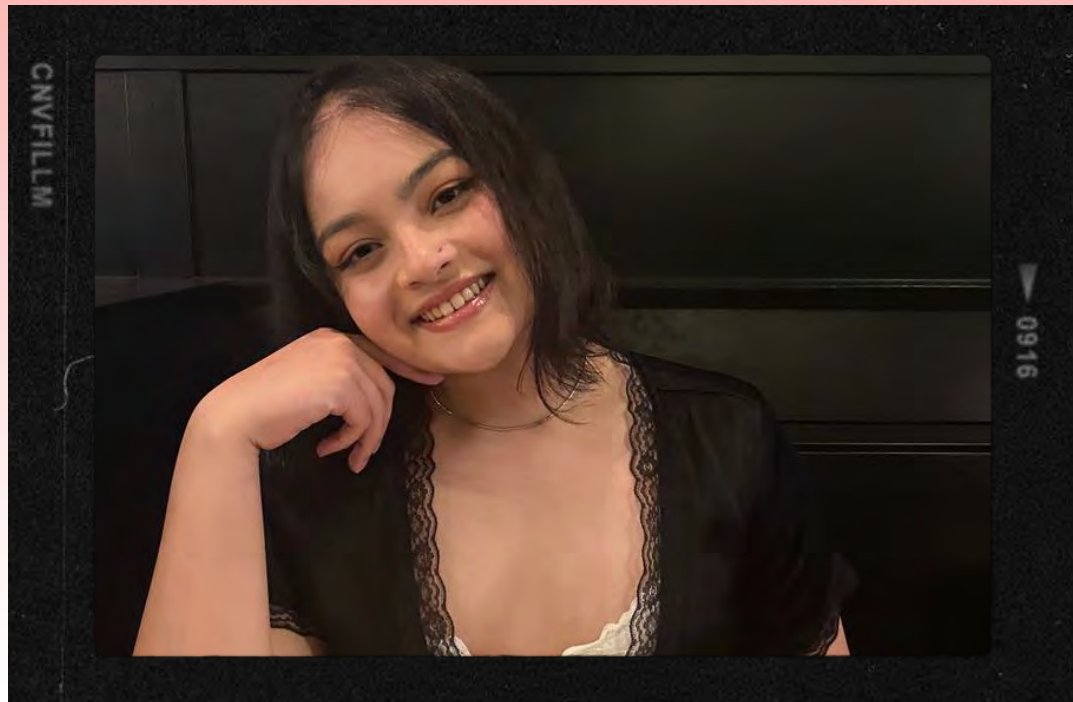
Thank you Professor Brian Lewis for hosting super engaging classes. I seriously loved attending his classes, and working with him in class and at the Writing & Language Center helped me become more confident about my writing.

*Prof. James McDonald*



## **Russell Wong**

"Be the person your dog thinks you are"  
-J.W. Stephens



## **Sumaiya Rahman**

I'm going to Berkeley in the fall to study English. I am honored to be in Professor McDonald's class and to be receiving this award.



# Diego Vasquez

"That is part of the beauty of all literature. You discover that your longings are universal longings, that you're not lonely and isolated from anyone. You belong."

- F. Scott Fitzgerald"

# Elizabeth Huertas

I love my Latin Literature class! I feel like I have found "my space". Each lesson fills me with new knowledge for which I am so grateful. I share everything that I am learning with my daughter and my friends. I am so lucky to be enrolled in this class, it is eye-opening and enlightening!



Prof. **Natalia Menendez**

## **Gloria Dalton-Flores**

"I want to thank Instructor Sperry for this award I really appreciate her and I'm grateful to her. I want to thank my mom for everything she has done for me and supporting me through my academic career, she always fights for me and I love her for that. I want to thank my sister even though sometimes we fight cuz she protected me when I was younger. And I wanted to thank my niece and nephew for bringing a smile to my face in dark days when I couldn't get out of bed and do school. I'm determined to work hard and succeed in school and life. Thank you for this award it means so much!"

## **Peter Carini**

I am not too old to learn...yet.



*Prof. Isabel Sperry*

*Congratulations*

**2023**

***Recognition***

***Award Recipients!***

The background is a solid red color with a pattern of small, five-pointed gold stars scattered across it. The stars are more densely packed in the corners and become sparser towards the center.

***Scholarship  
Awards***

*Language Arts Division*

**ANNE PAYE  
AWARD**

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## Anne Paye Award

Over her long career as an English faculty member at Foothill College, Anne Paye evinced a profound appreciation for the novel use of language. This award is given to a Language Arts student who has demonstrated a similar love of language. The student's writing may not have been perfect or free of error, but it showcased language in new, interesting, and/or exciting ways. A student might have marshalled unexpected evidence in support of an argument, or they may have turned a phrase so exactly that the reader was given pause to reflect. The student's writing called attention to itself both for its precision and its insight.

*Nominated by Prof. Stephanie Chan*



# ***William Nguyen***

Thank you!





# Anne Paye Award

PRESENTED TO

**William Nguyen**

FOR A STUDENT WHO DEMONSTRATED FACILITY WITH LANGUAGE  
IN THE LANGUAGE ARTS DIVISION AT FOOTHILL COLLEGE



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***Nancy G. Schrier  
Award***

## Nancy Schrier Award

Nancy G. Schrier was an enthusiastic teacher at Foothill College for 25 years and enjoyed sharing her passion for poetry and fiction with students. The purpose of this fund is to provide annual award(s) to Foothill student(s) nominated and chosen by Foothill Language Arts faculty. Specifically, the award is for a student who has taken at least one English class in the current academic year and has demonstrated a passion for creative writing and/or poetry. Special consideration is given to those students who have persevered in the face of challenges to pursue their education.

*Nominated by Prof. Stephanie Chan  
and Prof. Kimberly Escamilla*

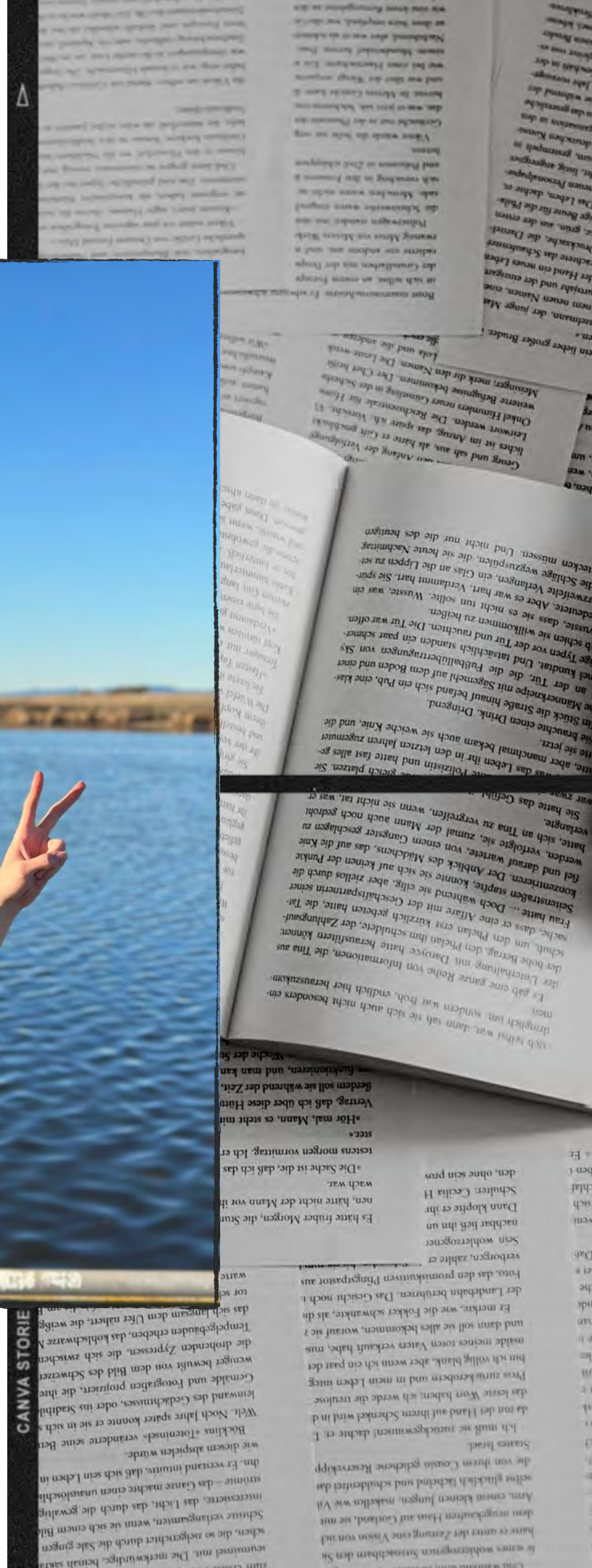


# Ryan Young

Attending Foothill College has been one of the best decisions I have made for myself. The language arts department here is nothing short of incredible, with some of the best professors who truly care about my academic and personal success.

I also want to thank Stephanie Chan for helping me find my strengths as a writer and my passion for creative writing, expression, and poetry. I hope to take the skills I have learned here and bring them into my future academic and career pursuits.

Thank you!





# *Nancy G. Schrier Award*

PRESENTED TO

**Ryan Young**

FOR A STUDENT WITH A DEMONSTRATED PASSION FOR CREATIVE WRITING  
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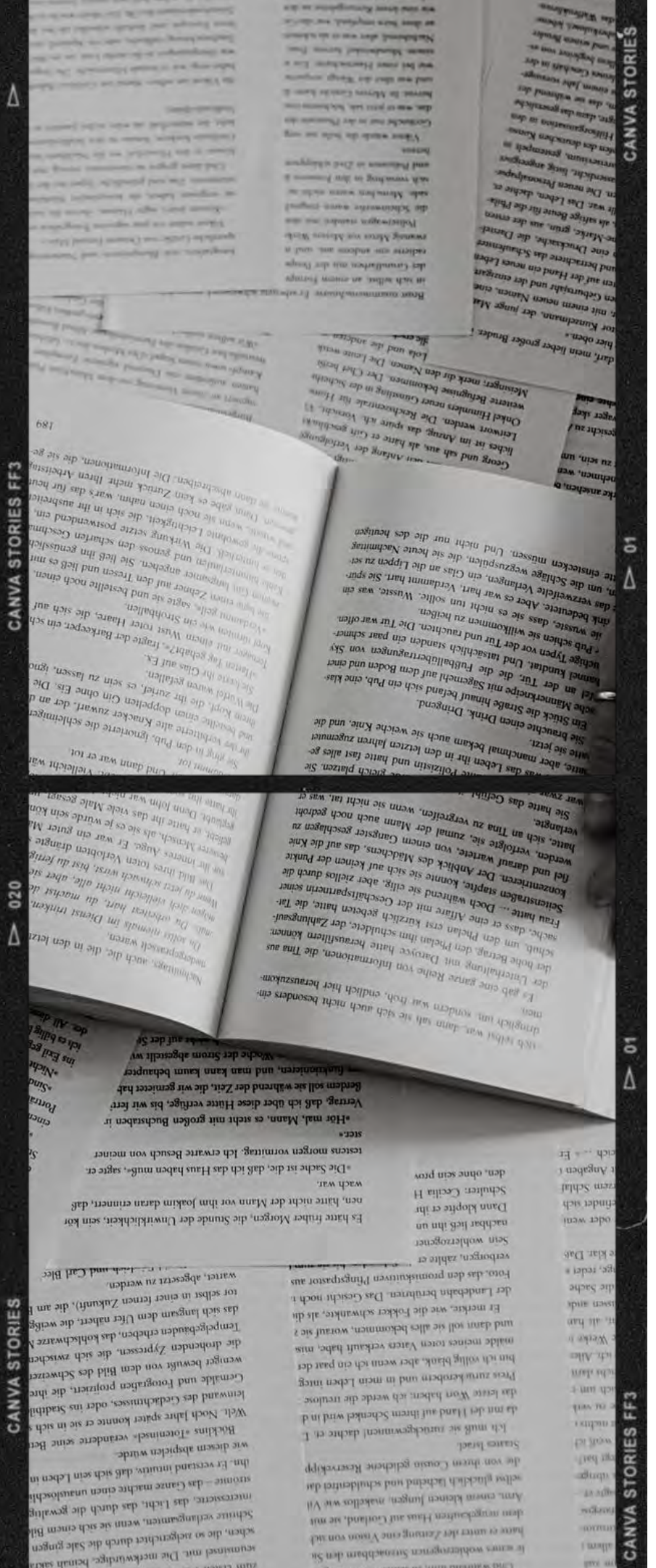
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# G. McDowell

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# *Nancy G. Schrier Award*

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**G McDowell**

FOR A STUDENT WITH A DEMONSTRATED PASSION FOR CREATIVE WRITING  
AND/OR POETRY IN THE LANGUAGE ARTS DIVISION



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***Jason Whitten  
Award***

## The Jason Whitten Award

This award honors a student who has taken at least one English class in the current academic year, has persevered in the face of challenges to pursue their education, and who has become an outstanding student in English as demonstrated through their writing. The student should have a passion for reading and writing, and also be someone who has overcome adversity to succeed at Foothill.

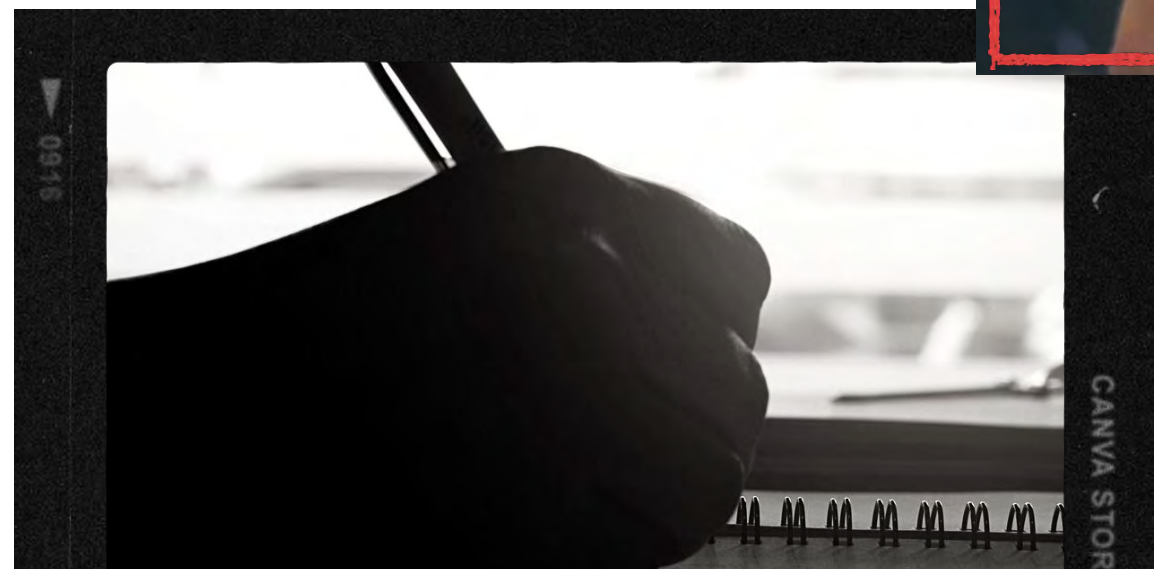
*Nominated by Prof. Kimberly Escamilla and  
Prof. Sam Fleischer*





# ***Ioane Taloa Vete***

Special recognition for the  
Jason Whitten Award in Language Arts  
at Foothill College





# *Jason Whitten Award*

PRESENTED TO

**Ioane Taloa Vete**

FOR A STUDENT WHO HAS PERSEVERED TO BECOME AN OUTSTANDING  
STUDENT IN ENGLISH AS DEMONSTRATED THROUGH THEIR WRITING



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# Lydia Calkum

Writing has never felt like my strong suit because every essay has felt painstakingly brutal to write. Early-childhood abuse caused me to have a language delay which impacted my reading and writing. Every day, I overcome the challenging process of finding words that correctly articulate my thoughts. This scholarship means so much to me because having my efforts recognized in my most challenging subject is so inspiring. On that note, I would like to thank Sam Fleischer for all of the work he has done to help me improve my writing and gain confidence in my writing!





# *Jason Whitten Award*

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**Lydia Calkum**

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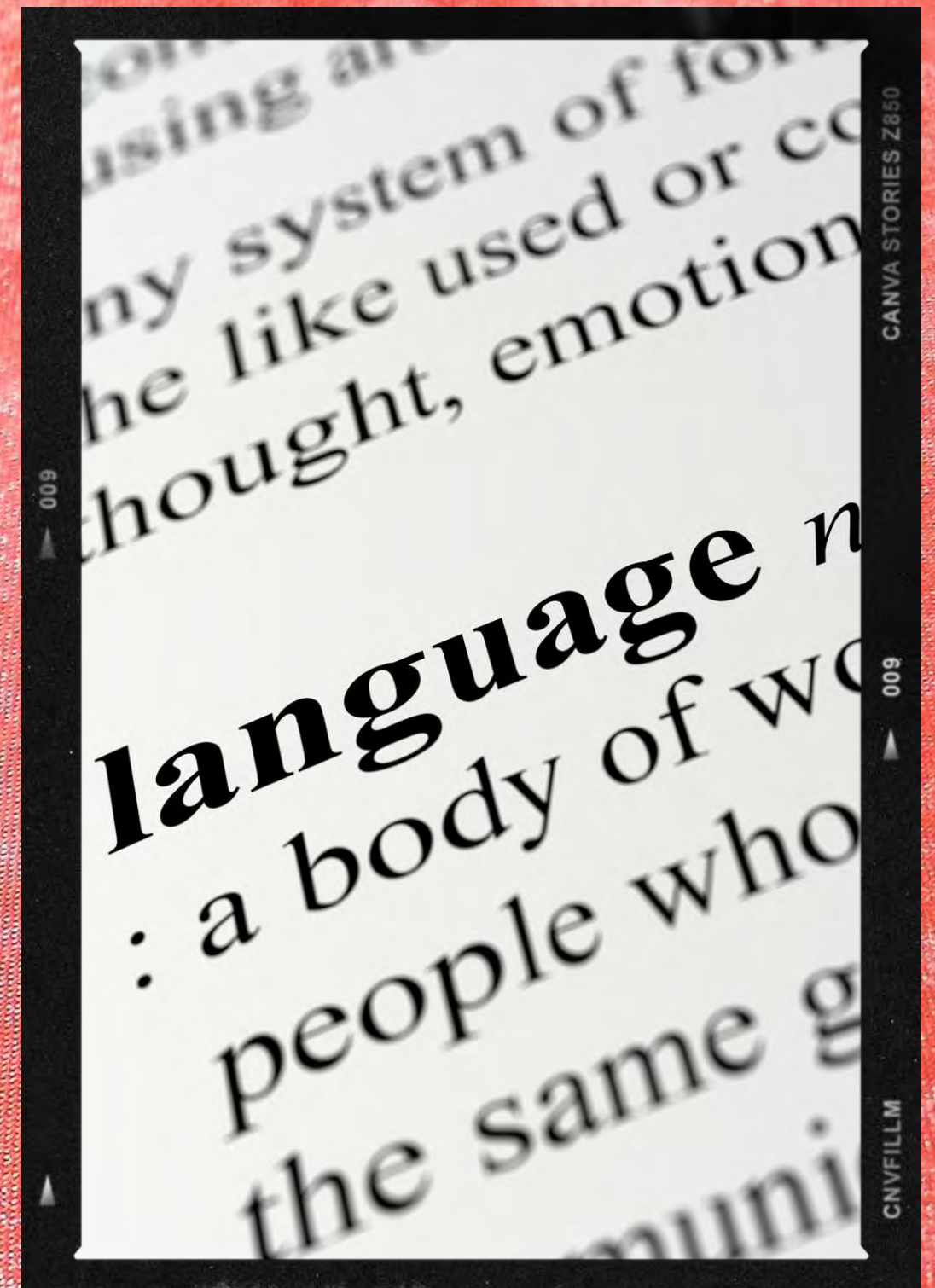
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**FRED H. MCCLURE  
AWARD**

## **Fred H. McClure Award**

This award is for non-native English speakers who have distinguished themselves in an ESLL or English class. This recognition goes to exemplary students whose work and work ethic demonstrated a commitment to learning and excelling. The students may not necessarily have been "A" students, but have demonstrated through class work and participation an above average engagement in the learning process. The award recognizes the student's determination to learn and grow, highlighting their persistence, perseverance, and eagerness to reach beyond the standard outcomes of a course.

*Nominated by Prof. Amy Sarver*





***Maria Concepcion***

***Perez Ramirez***

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# *Fred H. McClure Award*

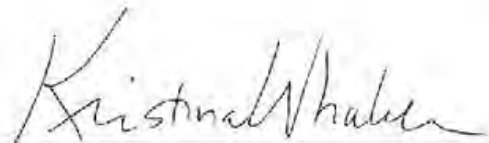
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**Maria Concepcion Perez Ramirez**

FOR NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS DISTINGUISHED IN AN ESLL OR  
ENGLISH CLASS IN THE LANGUAGE ARTS DIVISION



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# ***Karen Rojas***

Sometimes as an international student financial challenges can pop up and it is an honor to receive the Fred H. McClure Scholarship Award to help me out during those times. Thanks, Amy, for your positive personality, passion and dedication to the ESLL 226 class. Thanks for using creative materials and fun ideas to encourage students like me to learn and stay motivated to achieve my goals.

Thanks for your support and for choosing me.





# *Fred H. McClure Award*

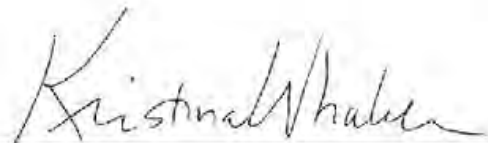
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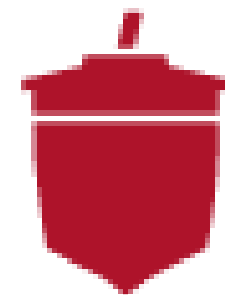
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