**In the News…**

**Nursing Student Awards, Spring 2020**

*The CSUSM School of Nursing Faculty is pleased to announce the following distinguished Nursing Student Award winners for the graduating Cohorts TBSN 13 and ABSN 31, Spring 2020. These awards are determined by the faculty, and in some categories, there is a tie amongst deserving students. Congratulations to our students for their fine accomplishments!*

**TBSN 13**

**Service: Ma Denise Prejusa** - Denise has been actively involved in School of Nursing activities, including serving as a president intern of Phi Theta Chapter of Sigma, the national honor society of nursing.

**Service: Natalie Adame** - Natalie has demonstrated great commitment to the welfare of the students as well as patients. She has served her fellow students tirelessly and with great enthusiasm as the president of the Student Nurses Association this past year. She has demonstrated leadership in guiding the board through the challenging times of the spring term and been an advocate for students.

**Leadership: Alyson Messick** - “Alyson is one of the finest students I have taught. She has been involved with student affairs as a member of SNA and has taken time out to assist her fellow students.” “Alyson organized a 2 part- student mental health session for SNA members as the student affairs director and was always a leader among fellow students.”

**Spirit: Sophia Gewarges** - “Sophia is a fine example of what a nurse represents. She has always been compassionate and caring of anyone she is with. This award was made for her.” “Sophia both had a wonderful attitude and wants to be a nurse for all the right reasons. I have had the pleasure of having her multiple times during her nursing education. She embodies the spirit of nursing - they work hard and genuinely care about people. She wants to be a good nurse and improve the lives of others.

**ABSN 31**

**Service: Leslie LoBaugh** - “His record speaks for itself. All of his contributions to medical and agricultural research makes him an excellent candidate for this award.” “I watched this young man support all of his colleagues as he himself has overcome so much in his own life. He puts others before himself.”

**Leadership: Julie Carranza** - “Julie is one of the most loving and compassionate students I have taught. She was a leader in the class.” “Julie demonstrated leadership among classmates with a compassionate attitude towards all.”

**Spirit: Jacob Couture** - “Jacob is always asking what he can do to help others...is thoughtful and always seeking volunteer opportunities.”

**Spirit: Shawnda McCaskill** - “Shawnda puts her whole heart into nursing. She is caring, compassionate and hard working. Her caring attitude with her positive spirit shines through. She is enthusiastic about learning and serving the community.”

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