



MPA Alumni Update

Where are They Now?



Vanessa Chicaiza, MPA 2021 Chosen Outstanding CSUB Graduate by President Zelezny

What an accomplishment! Ms. Vanessa Chicaiza was in 2021 chosen as MPA Outstanding Graduate as well as for the School of Business & Public Administration. She was then chosen by President Zelezny as the CSUB Outstanding Graduate student. By-

the-way, she was also CSUB's 2020-2021 President, Associated Students, Inc.

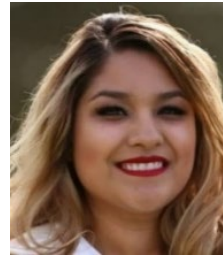
Vanessa had a truly outstanding CSUB career as she was also our 2020 BPA and PPA Outstanding Undergraduate Graduate in 2021 with a 4.0 GPA. She arrived to the MPA with a near perfect undergraduate GPA throughout her CSUB-PPA undergrad and community college careers. As our Outstanding MPA and Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society Member, she was invited by NASPAA, our accrediting body, to participate in their 2021 Pi Alpha Alpha Summit.

Of note, Vanessa was a Maddy Institute Intern, serving the people of the 32nd Assembly District, she used that position to encourage and assist other CSUB and MPA students to apply to and receive similar intern positions. She also participated in the prestigious statewide 2021 Panetta Leadership Seminar, Panetta Institute for Public Policy Her leadership and commitment to assist and serve others has long been well on display.

Upon hearing of her selection, Vanessa responded:

"WOW! This is such an incredible honor, In 2007, my mom earned her MPA as a single mother... I remember how proud she was to graduate with distinction. Education is the one thing that nobody can take away from us. My mom was and forever will be my guiding star. When she passed away in 2018, I knew I had to continue our legacy... for me, my community, and future generations."

We look forward to hearing of her future accomplishments, leadership, and contributions to the public service. Please join us in congratulating Vanessa.



Guadalupe Herrera, MPA 2017

State of California, Employment Development Department (EDD), announces and congratulates her on appointment to Employment Development Specialist I for the Bakersfield Cluster, Lupe began her civil service career with the EDD

Workforce Services Branch (WSB) in 2019 at the Bakersfield America's Job Center of California (AJCC). She began as an Employment Program Representative (EPR) in the Migrant Seasonal Farm Worker (MSFW) Outreach Program, she then worked as an MSFW Outreach Program Representative from the Delano AJCC. Shortly after, she was selected as a Delano EPR Mainstream Staff.

Lupe is a MSFW Outreach Program Subject Matter Expert (SME). Has been recognized and has developed materials, presentations on various best practices and processes. She holds a Master of Public Administration (MPA) from CSUB. She is known as a "Go Getter" and a "Model the Way" for others. She acknowledges many mentors in her journey and thanks each for their contribution towards her success.

Lupe's analytical skills, constant communication, going the extra mile, and professionalism will be an asset.

She values family, hard work, learning and educating. She looks forward to this new chapter with optimism and gratitude.

It's Almost Time for a MPA Spring Social



Pandemic permitting, 2021-2022 CSUB Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society President Brigiett Guzman is planning a Spring Social. This will be a much-needed opportunity for students to meet and greet in an informal outdoor patio setting. Stay tuned for more information.

Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society

Pi Alpha Alpha is our national honor society, as initiative of NASPPA, our accrediting body. In March 2022 we will announce the list of graduate and undergraduate students eligible for membership based on their outstanding academic performance. An induction ceremony will follow in May. This is a genuine honor, stay tuned for announcements.

MPA Internships

Reminder of the MPA Internship Requirement, students without significant public or nonprofit sector administrative work experience are required to complete an internship. Some AY 2021-2022 MPA internship experiences include:

LILLIANA REYES, The Maddy Institute, Legislative Leadership Program, Office of Governor Newsom, External Affairs, Central Valley Regional Coordinator, community engagement and outreach; policy research.

NATALIE VELASCO, The Maddy Institute, Legislative Leadership Program, 32nd Assembly District, Assemblyman Rudy Salas, field office, constituent services, representative at meetings and events, policy research.

DONNA GARCIA, County of Kern, Human Resources Division, professional development experience, learn and implement Civil Service System policy and practices.

BRADLEY FERGON, Kegley Institute of Ethics, CSUB, Professional Development Fellowship, build connections with campus and community leaders, develop high school student after-school program and projects.

TAYLOR JACKSON, Mountain Communities Family Resource Center (MCFRC), capacity building projects and research.

ANDREW VELASCO, Habitat for Humanity, community & legislative outreach, volunteer coordination, management, and procurement.

ADDYSON PETERS, MARE Riding Center, assist with research and grant-writing, fundraising, non-profit administration; literacy program.

VANESSA BARRON, Edwards AFB, Human Resource, Civilian Personnel Section, Administrative Assistant, review financial printouts, process Freedom of Information Act Requests.

If you have not yet met the MPA internship requirement, contact MPA Director, Dr. Thomas Martinez.

Hey Undergrads, Become Part of the Action!

Undergrads, if you are not already, you can become part of the PPA action. Here are some options:

- **BA PA** - Bachelor of Arts, Public Administration;
- **BS PA** - Public Administration Concentration in the B.S. in Business;
- **Minor** in Public Administration; or,
- **"FAST TRACK" to the MPA**, take up to 2 MPA Foundation courses as a senior

To learn more: PPA: 661-654-2197 <https://bpa.csub.edu/>

Guest Speakers, Bringing Community Leaders into the Classroom

Bringing top community leaders into the classroom is a major opportunity for students to meet, interact, network and discuss real world policy and administrative issues. In **Fall 2021** a few Special Guest Speakers included:



Ms. Leticia Perez
5th District Supervisor, County of Kern



Mr. Gabriel A. Gonzalez
City Manager, City of Shafter

Some community leaders scheduled for **Spring 2022** include:



Mr. Andrae Gonzales
Ward 2 City Councilman, City of Bakersfield, scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2022.



Mr. Louis Gill
Executive Director (ret.), Bakersfield Homeless Center, scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

You will soon be invited to sit-in on discussions via Zoom.

MPA Application Deadline Dates

- If interested in the MPA for **Fall '22 admission**, apply by: June 03, 2022.
- **Spring '23 application period** is: Aug. 1, 2022 - Nov. 03, 2022

Apply to the CSU online at Cal State Apply: <https://www2.calstate.edu/Apply>

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