

2018 Dream Award Recipients

2018 Student Dream Award- Diana Sheila Algomedavillada



Diana Sheila Algomedavillada is a Junior at the University of Washington Tacoma. She is majoring in Ethnic, Gender, and Labor Studies, minoring in education and is a member of the Global Honors program at UW Tacoma. She works diligently to foster the success of first-

generation students through the First Gen Fellows program while giving attention to those who may fear that they do not have a voice or the right to a voice; Dreamers.

In September when the lives of many were thrown into turmoil, Diana quietly started the process of getting as much information out into the hands of all those who could be a resource. She challenged administrators in Student Engagement to learn and do more. She tirelessly signed up herself and other student ambassadors to attend all information sessions available so that they were all better equipped to help. She pushed others to find resources that would help the UWT community. More importantly, she focused on making all aware that they lacked some basic knowledge, and that they needed to make our spaces feel safe for those who may be feeling their most unsafe.

Diana's experiences as a Latina have influenced her actions. She aspires to empower people of color and educate those in solidarity. Diana does this by being involved on campus and ensuring that student's voices are heard. She is also a recipient of the Bamford Fellowship in which she has focused her research on migrant farmworkers as they are often refused fundamental human rights. Diana's drive and values are linked to the many sacrifices that her parents have made, without their hard work her successes would not be possible.

2018 Legacy Dream Award- Anne Hawkins



Anne Hawkins modestly describes herself as a National Board Certified teacher who teaches AVID and language arts at Jason Lee Middle School. This is her 19th year of teaching and she loves her job. She believes white people need to step up and work their damndest to eliminate racial bigotry.

The person who nominated Hawkins went on to describe her as passionate, dedicated teacher who has proven that once her students step foot into her class they know they are accounted for, that they are seen by her, and that they will succeed. She is not only dedicated to teaching 7th and 8th grade AVID students college preparatory skills, but she is focused on making sure these students begin to take steps in understanding their own identities. How social inequity throughout U.S. history has plagued and benefited different populations of people through systemic means. Promoting dialogue during Black History Month of 2017, she had each student create a detailed timeline showcasing Black History in the United States, beginning with the enslavement of African peoples, through the protest of the National Anthem in 2016. Spotlighting overlooked characters and events in history, it increased the student's ability to critically think as well as their understanding of the history of racism in the U.S. She has consistently brought

community members into her classroom to shed light on their perspectives and life stories, and is dedicated to her student's success by letting them know how important it is to listen to others and to truly understand them. This year she is focused on having her AVID students (who are also apart of school leadership) facilitate discussions surrounding micro-aggressions and racially charged bullying in their school. She has intentionally involved other teachers, as well as students outside of AVID. Ms. Hawkins and her student's work is actively changing the culture at Jason Lee Middle School, and is moving towards a more aware and more equitable space for all students to thrive.

2018 Legacy Dream Award- Ebony Nurse



Ebony Nurses is an organization that has been in existence since 1971, and they have been integral in assisting RN's, LPN's, and students in nursing in various ways, including providing scholarships for nursing students, assisting with promoting recruitment of Black nurses into leadership roles in Tacoma hospitals and in the health care industry, and providing support for professional development of nurses. They are very active in the community through serving on multiple boards and collaborating with multiple organizations to serve the community, educate others, and fight injustices in the health care field and in the community. You would be challenged to find a person in the vast

communities including surrounding communities in Puget Sound who has not been impacted by the Ebony Nurses in Tacoma. Their actions continue to bring positive changes and allow opportunities for not just students and nurses, but the whole community as a whole.

2018 Legacy Dream Awards- Rebuilding Hope



Our Legacy Dream Award winner is Rebuilding Hope, The Sexual Assault Center for Pierce County. This organization has been serving victims-survivors of sexual assault since 1972. Rebuilding Hope provides three services to our community, Advocacy to recent or past victims, Therapy to victims and their family members and Prevention Education, age appropriate, to middle school and high school students. They also provide professional training in Basic Sexual Assault Awareness that is state certified and open to human services providers, law enforcement, medical professionals, legal professionals, school personnel, daycare providers, counselors, advocates, concerned parents/grandparents, Human Resource managers, religious leaders, and others who provide services throughout the

community. They understand that it takes a whole community to work together to address the issues around sexual assault and abuse. What I feel sets them apart is their efforts in educating men about sexual assault and abuse as well as having them participate in supporting the cause. For example, Walk a Mile in Her Shoes®, is the annual fundraiser for Rebuilding Hope. This fun opportunity is for men to educate the community about a very serious subject and to rally the community to take action to prevent sexualized violence. Men walk the mile trek in downtown Tacoma, beginning at the Washington State History Museum, in high heels to raise donations to support this worthwhile cause.