



## Spring 2013 Academic Senate Outstanding Students

### Criteria:

1. Academic, technical, athletic or artistic performance.
2. Special talents in subjects or sports in the division.
3. Unusual accomplishments in subjects or sports in the division.
4. Leadership among peers in the division.
5. Any other characteristics that the instructors in the division feel worthy of recognition.

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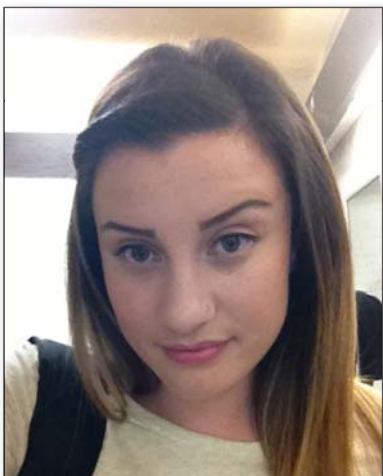
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## Valerie Smith

**Faculty Nominator — Tara Cuslidge-Staiano**  
**Arts & Communication**

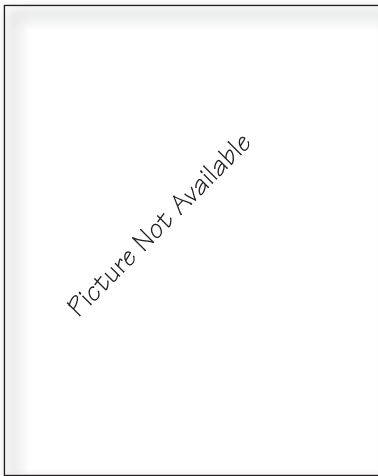
In two semesters on The Collegian staff, Valerie has demonstrated over and over again that she's not only a strong writer; but, she's also an excellent reporter. Valerie is not afraid to take on big stories, where she has to dig deeper to find answers. She's keen, but tough in her questioning. She has the ability to make her subject's feel at ease. All these traits led her to being named co-editor of the feature page this spring. It's a role she has flourished in, overseeing themed packages on her page during the semester. For all the work she puts in, you wouldn't know she also works two off-campus jobs. Valerie's talent and dedication is tremendous.



## James Striplin

**Faculty Nominator — Tara Cuslidge-Staiano**  
**Arts & Communication**

As editor in chief of The Collegian, James shoulders a lot of responsibility managing the day-to-day aspects of the college's newspaper. This sort of role comes with stress. James, though, never panics. He never has an urge to throw in the towel. He doesn't balk under pressure or deadline. These traits are what make him a good leader. He talks through issues with reporters. He approaches situations with caution. He fully thinks out his role before proceeding forward. In his two years on The Collegian staff, James has proved himself an invaluable member of the staff. Not only that, James typifies what it means to be a college journalist.



## **Lakisha Carmon**

### ***Faculty Nominator — William Story Arts & Communication***

Lakisha Carmon - is a name to remember. Lakisha is a very talented aspiring film and television writer, producer, and director. As well as having a gift for writing film/television/video programs, Lakisha has written a variety of books. Lakisha's outstanding creative abilities, coupled with her outstanding character, enthusiastic dedication, and passionate commitment to producing outstanding movie/TV programs and literature, these are some of the main reasons why Lakisha has the potential to be a very successful professional producer of various forms of media. The years of experience Lakisha has accumulated while a member of the Delta College Radio-Television (RTV) program, as well as her ongoing dedication to helping her fellow Delta RTV students with an array of audio and video projects, has more than made her worthy of receiving Outstanding Student acknowledgment and accolades. Now, as well as in the future, I feel Lakisha is capable of producing professional level multimedia. I predict that Lakisha Carmon is someone that Delta College will always be proud to claim as a graduate. Congratulations Lakisha for being acknowledged as the outstanding student that you are and thank you for helping to make the Delta College RTV program a special place to work and learn.



## **Jermaine Davis**

### ***Faculty Nominator — William Story Arts & Communication***

Jermaine Davis, otherwise known as – Maine, is a very talented broadcaster who stars on his very own Internet radio show – The Miggity Maine Show featuring Jermaine “Maine” Davis. Besides being an Internet radio broadcasting star, he is one of the Air DC (Delta College) radio station managers ([www.deltacollegeradio.com](http://www.deltacollegeradio.com)). As one of the station's Program Directors he is responsible for overseeing day-to-day radio station operations. When he is not appearing on and helping with the operation of the station, he is working hard as a member of the Delta College newspaper – The Collegian. For the past couple of years, while a member of the Delta College Radio-Television (RTV) program, Jermaine has received awards and recognition for his outstanding on-air and audio production work. The award winning Jermaine utilizes his excellent on-air and behind the scenes production knowledge to serve as a mentor/tutor to many up-and-coming radio station broadcasters. His specialty is training students to be radio talk show hosts. The years of experience Jermaine has accumulated while a member of the Delta RTV program, as well as his ongoing dedication to helping his fellow Delta RTV students, has more than made him worthy of being one of Delta College's Outstanding Students.



**Anthony Henry, Sr.**

***Faculty Nominator — William Story  
Arts & Communication***

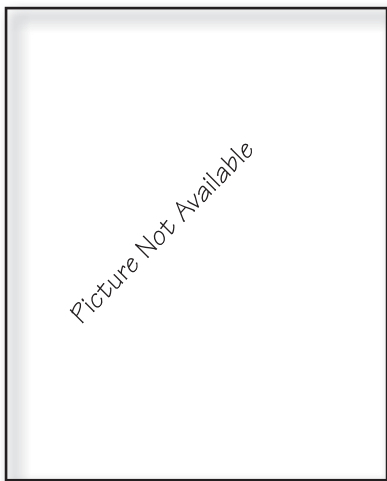
It is a distinct pleasure being one of honor roll student Anthony L. Henry Sr.'s (A.K.A. Be Gee) Delta College instructors. As a Delta College Radio-Television (RTV) student, Anthony is an accomplished producer of radio, recording, video, and other multimedia content. He is an important member of the Delta College student radio station. Besides being one of the station's main on-air talents, he is currently serving as one of the station's Program Directors. Another special media oriented activity Anthony is currently involved in is the development of a brand new campus club called - Campus Records. The concept for the club is all Anthony's. He has been diligently gathering others on campus that shares a common interest in starting up and operating a recording label. The leadership and dedication he has contributed to this endeavor is an excellent representation of his constant drive and commitment to succeed at whatever he attempts. Due in large part to Anthony's positive and thoughtful manner, his eagerness to help other students with their various RTV media projects, as well as Anthony's strong work ethic and his enthusiastic commitment to working in mass media, that I declare him to truly be an - Outstanding Student!



**Richard Reyes**

***Faculty Nominator — William Story  
Arts & Communication***

For the past year and a half Richard Reyes has been developing and learning sports broadcasting techniques by working as a radio sports show host, being the lead host of an ESPN style sports update TV program, as well as being the lead play-by-play announcer for all of Delta's online sports broadcasts ([www.deltacollegeradio.com](http://www.deltacollegeradio.com)). Besides his play-by-play announcing and hosting duties, he is developing sports broadcast journalism skills by producing a weekly YouTube program entitled - The Delta College Sports Report. Richard's skills have advanced to the point where he now serves as the Delta College Radio-Television (RTV) Program's Sports Director. As the RTV Sports Director Richard is responsible for organizing the online broadcasts of Delta's many various sporting events, as well as selecting and training the students that makeup the various RTV sports broadcasting crews. After graduating from Delta Richard is hoping to develop his ESPN style sports broadcast program to the point of being able to broadcast it on ESPN or a network similar to ESPN. Richard's success is and will continue to be due to his strong work ethic, enthusiastic dedication, and his commitment to fulfilling his dream of working at the highest level of professional sports broadcasting.



## **Christopher Shortt**

***Faculty Nominator — William Story  
Arts & Communication***

As a Delta College Radio-Television (RTV) student, Christopher Shortt is an accomplished radio broadcaster, music-recording artist, and video/movie producer. He is an important member of the Delta College RTV operations management staff. As a member of the RTV staff, Christopher is responsible for assisting students with various audio/video production projects. Christopher, like the other members of the management staff, is an advanced student who excels at using audio/video production equipment and software. Besides assisting other students with their production projects he is quite accomplished at producing his own video and audio projects. He is currently working as the writer, director, producer, and star of his own full-length movie production. While at Delta, Christopher has received numerous awards and recognition for producing highly creative and truly outstanding video and audio projects. In 2012 he won several awards from the prestigious California Community College Student Film and Video Festival for a variety of video projects he produced. Also, he won several awards for his various audio/video on working within the growing field of Multimedia, as well as continue to shot and produce full-length feature projects at the 2012 RTV Multimedia Festival. Upon graduating from Delta Christopher is planning movies and television programs.

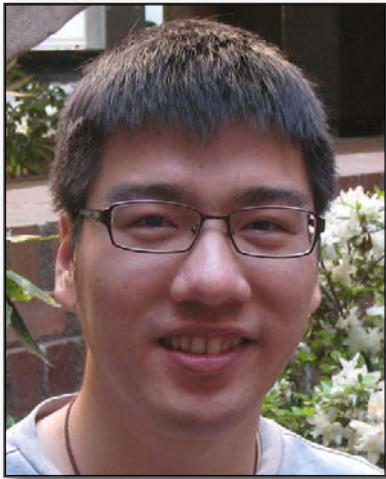


## **James Yax**

***Faculty Nominators —  
Bonnie Ruth Scott & Melanie Marshall  
Arts & Communication***

James Yax is an extraordinary student. He shows superior technical skill, understanding, and competence in computer art, digital imaging, and layout and publication design in graphic arts. James is able to use a wide range of art forms and shows a high level of creativity and competence. He has a unique ability to motivate and encourage other students to accomplish their goals and objectives.





**Wei Bai**

***Faculty Nominator — Dr. Marcos Contreras  
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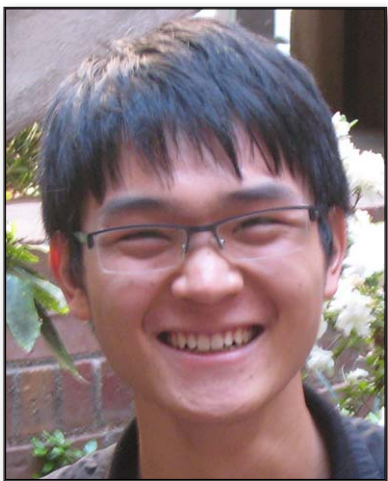
Wei Bai is a high achieving international student from China. During the few months he has been attending Delta College he has excelled in all his classes and is ready to work on required transfer level classes to go to UC Berkeley. He plans to become an Environmental Engineer. Wei Bai is a thoughtful, intelligent, and dedicated student.



**Ana Rosa Briseno**

***Faculty Nominator — Dr. Marcos Contreras  
Languages, Library, & Learning Resources***

Ana Rosa Briseno is a mature responsible student who plans to become a teacher. She says "Our favorite hobby is when my kids and I spend time together studying and reading. This custom is a very important tradition in our family." She waited until her four children grew up to follow her passion and study to become a teach, so last year she started attending Delta College to do that. She is a great student.



## **Yingxian Pan**

***Dr. Marcos Contreras  
Languages, Library, & Learning Resources***

Yingxian Pan is a witty young student who takes his education seriously and is determined to succeed in this country. After a year and a half that his family had immigrated to the United States his parents returned to China and left him behind recently. He struggled for several weeks and then he concentrated in school and work and found the strength to survive on his own. He plans to become a Material Science Engineer. He wants to study the first two years at Delta College and then transfer to UC Davis. He is very intelligent and a great student.



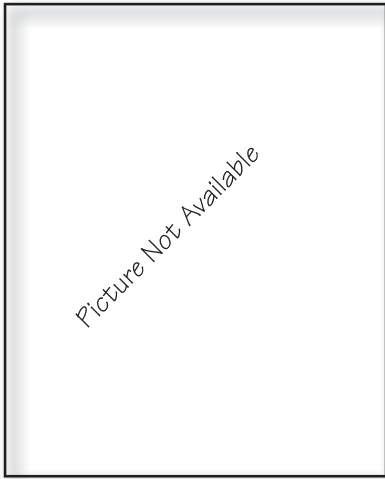
## **Jeannette Reese**

***Faculty Nominator — Dr. Jane Dominik  
Languages, Library, & Learning Resources***

Jeannette Reese is the ideal returning student for which community colleges exist. Returning after a sixteen-year absence, during which she worked in three industries despite severe illness; Jeannette has demonstrated excellence, dedication, discipline, and superb thinking and writing skills.

From the beginning of my English 1B course, it was evident that Jeannette was fully intent and eager to learn and master everything in the course: the literary content, its analysis, and the writing of quality essays. She chose to submit two essays for one assignment, both of which like her other coursework, reflect her eye for detail and skill in synthesizing original and complex ideas.

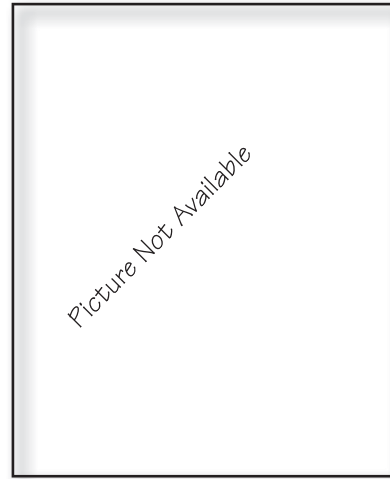
She is, indeed, a student who can manage a full-time class schedule, work, and family, fulfilling her determination to succeed with all three. In addition, she does so with a most positive and enthusiastic spirit. I fully expect that her career goals to be a physician's assistant working in both traditional and holistic medicine, pursue a Ph.D. in nutrition, and write books that present medical and nutritional information in a way understood by the general public will also be fulfilled in the same way in which she has proven herself in her studies to date.



## **Nadja Skrzypczak-King**

***Faculty Nominator — Diane Oren  
Languages, Library, & Learning Resources***

Nadja's enthusiasm for education is contagious. She sets an example for the other students about the joys of learning and discovering. Her energy and dedication translate into the outstanding work she produces in class. As a re-entry student, Nadja's academic career has just begun; however, it is clear that she is someone who is a life-long learner and her Delta experience is just a first step. She has given us all renewed delight in discovery and thinking critically and creatively.



## **Roshan Sonnad**

***Faculty Nominator — Diane Oren  
Languages, Library, & Learning Resources***

It was our good fortune that Roshan asked to be on the Wait List for English 1A this spring semester because, since enrolled, he has provided the class with his wit, insight, and verbal talent. Perceptive and articulate, he communicates his views with charm and wisdom both in writing and in speaking. Those who have worked with him know him to be a talented writer and one whose views often provide alternate perspectives and undiscovered views. Roshan is well-respected by his peers and by his professors as well.





**Alan Hitt**

***Faculty Nominator — Peggy Rocha  
Languages, Library, & Learning Resources***

Alan is a retired educator who decided to return to the classroom and learn French. In his third semester with me, he is definitely well on his way of accomplishing his goal. Not only does he complete all assignments, but seeks out additional tutor support for further grammar clarification and conversational practice. He really is a fine example to all my other Delta students and I truly appreciate his fine student modeling. He is helpful, generous and friendly to all in my classroom.

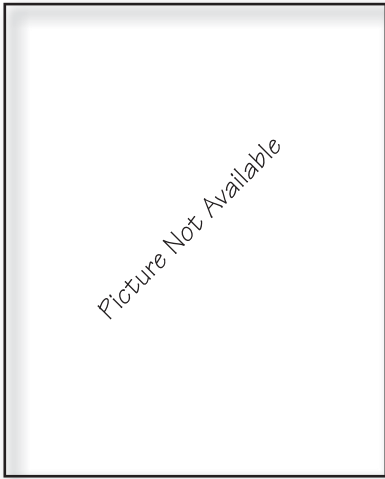
His recent past travels to France, as well as his upcoming francophone adventures make all his hard work worthwhile. It is a perfect combination – classroom learning at Delta put to use in authentic surroundings – and incorporating his language acquisition and cultural experience. He is eager to learn as much as possible and really does all he can, as a student, to make that learning happen. For an instructor, Alan is a treasure to have in class and a perfect example to everyone that a commitment to learning can occur at any age.



**Marisa Kautz**

***Faculty Nominator — Peggy Rocha  
Languages, Library, & Learning Resources***

Marisa is an impressive student, and has shown exemplary demeanor from her first day in my class. She has been with me for 4 semesters, now – taking French 1-4 – and continues to set an example to those around her. She has received top grades all 4 semesters but is most humble and a true delight to have in class. She not only possesses a keen interest in the francophone world, but is open to all cultures and is a friend to all. Her smiling presence in my classroom has been a joy and I am convinced that she will be successful in all further academic and life pursuits.



## **Zara Khan**

### ***Faculty Nominator — Patrick Wall Languages, Library, & Learning Resources***

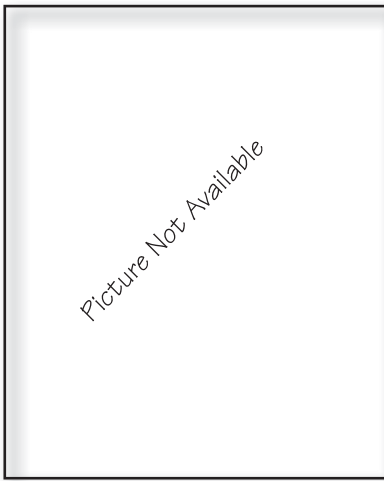
Though English is not her first language, Zara was top student in my Reading 91 during her first semester at Delta in Fall 2010. Since then, she has successfully completed College English, earned a Medical Office Assistant certificate, and begun her general ed toward the A.A.—all while maintaining nearly straight A's!



## **Maria Mata**

### ***Faculty Nominator — Patrick Wall Languages, Library, & Learning Resources***

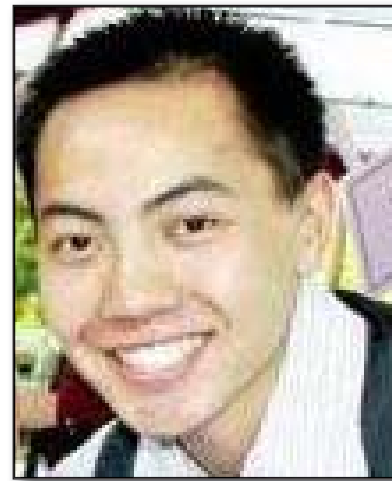
Maria enrolled in my Reading 91 way back in Spring 2009. She spent her first couple of years at SJDC simply developing fluency in English. She has now successfully completed College English and earned a certificate in business—with a GPA of 3.63!



## **Saul Sanchez**

***Faculty Nominator — Patrick Wall  
Languages, Library, & Learning Resources***

Like many Delta students, Saul got off to a slow start, earning a 2.4 GPA during his first semester in Fall 2010. However, the following semester he did the smart thing. He enrolled in both English 70 and algebra, earning A's in both. Since then, he has been unstoppable. He has now completed the entire English sequence, having earned an A in English 1D in Summer 2012. In fact, he has earned a 4.0 in each of the last two semesters while specializing in Administration of Justice.



## **Shao Yang**

***Faculty Nominator — Patrick Wall  
Languages, Library, & Learning Resources***

During his first year at Delta, Shao took only one course per semester: a health science survey course. Being convinced to pursue a career in health science, he buckled down and enrolled in reading, writing, and math courses. I first met Shao in Summer 2011 when he enrolled in Reading 91. He has now completed the entire English sequence, having earned an A in English 1D during Fall 2012, and is currently in the middle of the anatomy-microbiology-chemistry sequence.



**Lisa Baker**

***Faculty Nominator — Dr. Jun Wang  
Languages, Library, & Learning Resources***

Lisa is an excellent student whose appreciation for continuing education and dedication to her study are profoundly demonstrated in her school work. She always strives for perfection in my library classes and serves as a role model for adult learners in their continuing education and career preparation in the age of information.



**Cynthia Bowles**

***Faculty Nominator — Dr. Jun Wang  
Languages, Library, & Learning Resources***

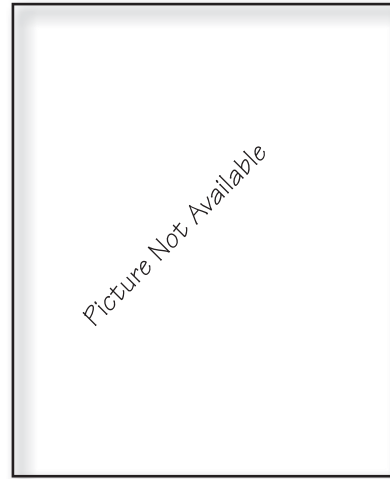
Cynthia's strive for perfection is evident in her outstanding school work in both her LIBRY 1 and LIBRY 2 classes. Her resolve to achieve her educational and career goals and her persistence in overcoming her life's challenges enable her to forge forward with an unwavering determination and deserve to be recognized and applauded.



## **Andrea Duff**

***Faculty Nominator — Dr. Jun Wang  
Languages, Library, & Learning Resources***

Andrea is an outstanding student who treasures her opportunity of studying in college and does her best to explore and to prepare herself toward meeting her educational and career goals. She is an active and enthusiastic learner who is eager to apply her research and information literacy skills to practice.

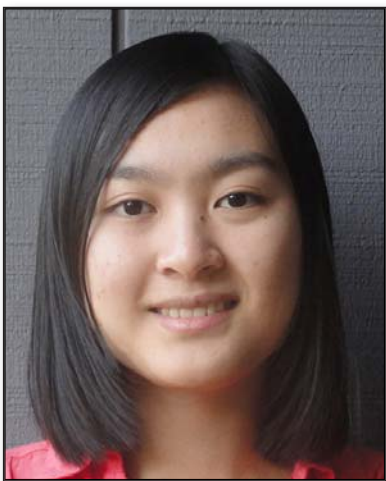


## **Angel Hernandez, Jr.**

***Faculty Nominator — Dr. Jun Wang  
Languages, Library, & Learning Resources***

Angel is a hard-working student who constantly strives for academic excellence in my LIBRY 1 and LIBRY 2 classes. Eager to assess his learning outcomes every step of the way and willing to set a higher goal for himself, he continually challenges himself to improve his learning outcomes. As a student assistant in the library, he is capable, dependable, and dedicated to his job. He is a pleasure to have in both of my classes and in the library.





## Chaoping Huang

***Faculty Nominator — Dr. Jun Wang  
Languages, Library, & Learning Resources***

Chaoping is a dedicated, hard-working, and self-motivated student in my Library Information Literacy class. She takes every task seriously and makes every effort to learn and accomplish her tasks flawlessly. Her diligence, motivation, and outstanding academic performance stand out from her peers and deserve to be recognized.



## Phillip Leonerio

***Faculty Nominator — Dr. Jun Wang  
Languages, Library, & Learning Resources***

Phillip is an outstanding student in my library classes. He is diligent, goal-oriented, and motivated to learn, and his outstanding academic performance and time-management skills always enable him to accomplish his tasks on time and successfully. He is a mature and a caring student and a pleasure to have in my classes.



## Paula Richardson

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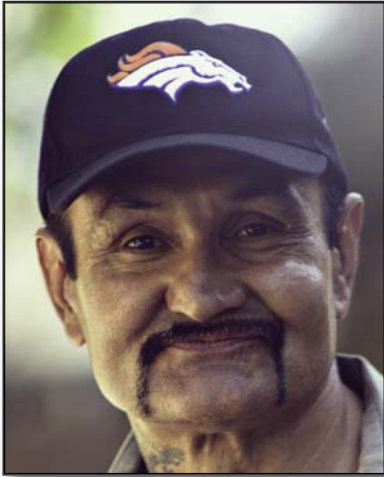
Paula determines to make a difference and to set a great example for her children through her own hard work and dogged pursuit of college education. Although she has a great distance to go to realize her educational and career dreams, she has demonstrated her resolve in doing her best every step of the way toward the realization of her dreams. Her positive attitude, genuine desire to learn, excitement in learning to empower herself are contagious among her classmates and deserve to be recognized.



## John Thorpe

***Faculty Nominator — Dr. Jun Wang  
Languages, Library, & Learning Resources***

John is a hard-working student who is motivated, dedicated, and a great inspiration to our college students. He exhibits tremendous leadership skills as well as a great work ethic developed through his trade profession prior to his college education. His genuine interest and enthusiasm in learning enable him to accomplish his tasks with flying colors. He is a breath of fresh air among Delta students and a role model for not only adult learners but also his own children.



## **Jose Angel Valle, Sr.**

***Faculty Nominator — Dr. Jun Wang  
Languages, Library, & Learning Resources***

Jose is a role model for continuing education. In his preparation for a career change, he came back to school and began his journey of pursuing higher education at Delta College to realize his educational dream. His thirst for knowledge and determination to be empowered by information technology in his preparation for his second career are inspirational to students of all ages.