

From the Editor Alondra Adame



I am fortunate to be able to return to Adelante after earning my master's degree in English from Chico State and even having the opportunity to teach as a lecturer for a short while! My own learning experiences and teaching experiences have only reinforced how much I believe the Adelante program is an amazing resource for our students. The journal is only one of the many opportunities that provide Chico State students with an enriching experience that supports their academic journey and helps them gain confidence and pride in their work. I hope this second issue can function as a testament to Adelante's impressive growth over the past couple of years.

The papers and abstracts being presented in this journal are teeming with talent, hard work, and passion for the various subjects that these students have thrown themselves into. It is so important to provide research opportunities for students to explore and learn more about themselves as academics.

I hope when readers spend time with the work featured in this journal that they will imagine these students working in the various places that this important intellectual work often happens: in the offices of supportive and compassionate faculty mentors, in dorm rooms and apartments, at their work desks during their breaks, in the corners of Meriam Library, in the front seats of their cars before class, and so many other small nooks and crannies of their lives. Busy students take what they can get and they make it work in the most amazing of ways. This journal and the work I've put into it are meant to highlight these noble efforts. I thank every contributor for their final products but also all of the energy, sweat, and tears that have undoubtedly gone behind them.

To the Adelante crew, to the student contributors, to the faculty mentors, and to anyone who will step forward in the future, please continue to do the work that matters to you. It matters to me and I am certain that it matters to others but what matters most is that you care about it with all your heart. Vale la pena.

Alondra Adame

From the Co-Editor Natalie Lawlor



Hi there! My name is Natalie Lawlor, and I graduated from Chico State in 2022 with a master's degree in psychological science.

Working on this journal with all of the wonderful staff of the Adelante program has been such a joy and an experience I am very grateful for.

It was incredibly fulfilling to be able to read all of the amazing pieces of research submitted to this journal that the students and their

faculty mentors here at Chico State worked so hard on to develop. Chico State has extremely bright and talented students who are making fantastic contributions to their respective fields of research.

I feel so lucky to have had the opportunity to assist in the development of this research journal, and I am so excited for the exemplary work in this journal to be displayed.

Natalie Lawlor