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**WELL
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NEW WOU STAFF SPOTLIGHT



WE WANT TO INTRODUCE SOME NEW MULTICULTURAL STAFF AT WOU THAT WORK WITH MANY OF OUR MSSP

STUDENTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICES.



Name: TJ Rabosky
Title: Coordinator of New Student and Family Programs, Student Engagement
Bio: I use he/him pronouns and I grew up in Tigard, OR. I obtained my BS in Mathematics with a minor in English to Speakers of Other Languages. During my time as a student at WOU, I worked in various positions on campus in student affairs with the New Student and Family Programs department, residence life as a resident assistant, and academic affairs as a math tutor. One fun fact about me is that I know that alphabet backwards!
Piece of Advice: One piece of advice I have for college students is to put yourself out there and get involved with all the wonderful opportunities that WOU has to offer.



Name: Dominique Vargas
Title: Executive Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Bio: I have lived many place in the United States, but consider my hometown to be Copperas Cove, Texas. I have my Bachelor of Arts in Communication from Sul Ross State University, my Master of Arts in Journalism from University of Southern California, and my Master of Education in Counselor Education from Sul Ross State University. I like outdoor activities, which is one of the things that brought me to Oregon, I am an avid runner, I also enjoy hiking, and exploring coastal and mountain towns.
Piece of Advice: This advice is easier said than done, but my advice is to take care of you to the best of your ability while growing through your educational journey. It can be very easy to get caught up in the challenges that you might be facing, the life events that pop up unexpectedly, the worries about the unknown future ahead, etc. and the more you are able to fill your own cup and take care of yourself, the more you will have to give.



Name: Andres De La Rosa-Hernandez
Title: Educational Advisor, Student Enrichment Program
Bio: I was born in Zapopan, Jalisco and raised in Hillsboro, Oregon. I graduated from WOU in 2020 with an Interdisciplinary Studies degree with a focus in Education, Humanities, and Social Studies. I have a dog named Kazoo He is a chihuahua pug mix.
Piece of Advice: Asking for help does not make you weak, it makes you wise.



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Name: Dana Nunez Silva
Title: Educational Advisor, Student Enrichment Program
Bio: I am from Salem, OR and graduated from the University of Oregon with a Bachelor's of Arts in Psychology and Family and Human Services. A fun fact about me is that I used to play violin!
Piece of Advice: Get involved in anything that interests you as soon as your schedule permits, making connections early on is important. Also, incorporate self-care into your routine. This can be easy to forget once the term gets really busy!



Name: Julian Elizalde
Title: Bilingual Teacher Pathway Navigator, College of Education
Bio: I am from Newport, Oregon. I attended Oregon Coast Community College before transferring to WOU to graduate with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with focus areas in Education and Social Science. I also serve part-time in the USCG. A fun fact is he have worked with every single grade level besides pre-k.
Piece of Advice: Get involved, learn your likes and dislikes, pay attention to them and remember that it takes a village. You are never alone, trust your team, and most importantly trust yourself.



Name: Olga V. Walmisley-Santiago, PhD
Title: Bilingual Bicultural Translator, Strategic Communications & Marketing
Bio: I grew up in London, England, in a bilingual bicultural family with an English father and a Spanish mother, and studied in the UK, Spain, and the US. I am a first generation college student in my family. I have a BA in English and Spanish from the University of London, England; a Masters in Spanish from Miami University, Ohio; and PhD in Spanish from the University of Kentucky. I am a long time educator and professional translator. I lived in Independence with my husband and four children for many years and have strong ties to both the English and Spanish speaking community. Aside from teaching and translating, I also loves to paint! You can see my work at several establishments in the Monmouth-Independence area, as well as further afield, and on Instagram.

Piece of Advice: I can't give you only ONE piece of advice!...Try to find a job that incorporates your passion, so that you love going to work every day. Money isn't everything. Job satisfaction is one of the greatest gifts you can receive-that feeling of accomplishment, of having made a difference, of having a job worth doing, is invaluable. Never give up your dreams, though sometimes you might need to tweak them a little bit and be flexible. If anyone puts you down, or says you are not enough, or you can't do something, dump them. They are not your friend. Find new friends who will support you. Try new things, learn about other cultures, visit other places, be a good listener. And, get enough sleep!



Name: Ileen Huerta-Luna
Title: Assistant Director, Upward Bound
Bio: My hometown is McMinnville, Oregon. In 2016, I graduated from WOU with my B.A. in Social Science and in 2020, from George Fox University with a Master's in Social Work.
Piece of Advice: Stay present in the moment and take care of yourself

NEW BEGINNINGS STAFF SPOTLIGHT



WELCOME TO YOUR NEW ROLES! MULTICULTURAL STAFF AT WOU HAVE JOIN A NEW DEPARTMENTS. CHECK IT OUT!



Name: Briana Navarrete

Title: Assistant Director for Recruitment/Transfer Specialist, Admissions Office

Bio: My hometown is Hermiston, OR. I graduated from WOU in 2016 with a double major in Business focus in Accounting and Spanish. A fun fact about me is I love to travel, I've been to Mexico, Kenya, Africa, Dubai, and Jamaica.

Piece of Advice: Take advantage of any opportunity that comes your way, challenge yourself and get out of your comfort zone. Remember there is a lot of resources available, use them.

Name: Chris Solario

Title: Director, Student Enrichment Program

Bio: I grew up in the Los Angeles area and moved to Oregon in the 1990s. I decided to return to college at the age of 37 and with the help and support of SEP, completed his bachelor's degree in Sociology at Western Oregon University. I continued on at Portland State University, completing master's degrees in Sociology and Post Secondary and Continuing Education (PACE), as well as a graduate certificate in Teaching Diverse Adult Learners. A fun fact about me is that I am a huge Los Angeles Dodger and Disney fan. I have been to Disneyland and Dodgers stadium nearly every year for the past 20+ years.

Piece of Advice: It doesn't matter when or where you start college, what is important is where you end up and everyone has their own unique journey.

Name: Adriana Carrillo

Title: Assistant Director of Evaluation, Admissions

Bio: I'm a first-gen Latina from Dallas, OR. I'm a WOU alumna and I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Community Health Education. I have been a WOU employee for almost 9 years. I previously worked at SEP and I joined the Admissions team late January. A fun fact about me is: I recently started watching Anime and my favorite so far has been the Demon Slayer.

Piece of Advice: Step out of your comfort zone and seek out new adventures. It's exciting to see yourself grow and thrive. Make sure to enjoy every second and make meaningful relationships with your peers.



MCR MENTORS

MSSP Mission

Quote

The office of Multicultural Student Services & Programs is committed to the recruitment, retention and graduation of historically underrepresented & underserved populations by providing educational opportunities and outstanding programming for ethnically and culturally diverse students. MSSP strives to enrich the undergraduate experience and foster a supportive environment for students of color to live, learn and grow as active members of the Western Oregon University community and as individuals.

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can."

-Arthur Ashe

ELEPHANT EARS

Ingredients:

Dough:

- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 3/8 cup shortening
- 2 tablespoons white sugar
- 1 teaspoons salt
- 2 tablespoons active dry yeast
- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 quart oil for frying

Topping:

- 6 tablespoons white sugar
- 3 tablespoons ground cinnamon



[HTTPS://WWW.ALLRECIPES.COM/RECIPE/20989/ELEPHANT-EARS/](https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/20989/elephant-ears/)

How to make:

1. Prepare dough: Combine milk, shortening, sugar, and salt in a small saucepan over medium heat. Cook and stir until shortening melts and sugar dissolves. Remove from heat and let cool to lukewarm, 110 degrees F (43 degrees C).
2. Sprinkle yeast into the cooled dough mixture and let sit until foamy.
3. Transfer mixture to a large bowl and stir in flour to form a dough. Knead until smooth; cover and let rise 30 minutes.
4. Heat oil in a deep fryer or large saucepan to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).
5. Roll out 2-inch balls of dough into thin sheets; fry in hot oil until puffed and golden, about 1 to 2 minutes per side. Drain on paper towels.
6. Prepare topping: Combine sugar and cinnamon in a bowl.
7. Sprinkle topping over warm elephant ears and serve.



September

- 5- Labor Day (campus closed)
- 4-16 Destination Western
- 19-23 Pack Week/ Cultural Connections
- 26- Fall term classes begin!

Academic Calendar Highlights



October

- 6- MCR Fall Gathering
- 7- Grad Application Deadline
- 19- Diversity Scholars Dinner
- 21- Last day to drop without grade responsibility
- 31- Halloween



November

- 2- Dia de los Muertos
- 11- Last day to withdraw with a "W" grade
- 14- Registration Begins: Winter
- 17- MCR Fall Social
- 24- Thanksgiving (campus closed)
- 25- campus closed

