

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 third issue can function as a testament to Adelante's impressive growth over the 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.

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