

Student Leadership Awards

These students represent student chapters at two community colleges and have been nominated by faculty advisors.



Mercedes Sanchez is a talented student and caring person. She volunteers for many different causes through the Service Learning area and through TRIO at Metropolitan Community College.

She is able to motivate others to work together, both in the classroom and in the community.

She is focused on her goals, one of which is to own her own child development center. She is also applying for membership to the AmeriCorps/Vista Program. Mercedes is a true leader!

Mercedes had an illness in her family and was unable to attend. Accepting her recognition was Beth Brewer, Metro faculty advisor.



Ivette Pena has grown into a dynamic young leader through her active involvement in the Southeast Community College NAEYC Student Group. As an officer, Ivette took this role very seriously. She attended meetings, fundraiser, service projects and the national conference in Washington, DC.

She has become an advocate for appropriate practices in her place of employment, learned effective leadership skills, and is always willing to share the importance and benefits of being involved in NAEYC with others.

As a T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship recipient, Ivette has grown in her ability to create effective learning environments for her toddlers as well as share the importance of appropriate practices with co-workers. Through her personal & professional commitment to children she aspires to continue her education following her graduation at Southeast Community College in September.

