

## History

Selected Student: KhadaJay Zamudio

Submitted by: Alelthea Tyner

KhadaJay (“Jay”) has shown exceptional commitment to historiographical thinking this semester. His work ethic is superior: consistently exceeding expectations at every juncture. Jay frequently provides supplementary information outside of course materials in order to ensure that all aspects of our inquiry have been considered. I use examples of his work to teach other students about a common writing issue: how summaries of primary sources can be used as evidence for analytical thesis defense. Early in the semester, Jay shared that he loves majoring in history, and has excelled in his SBCC history courses. He had inquired (after the midterm) if he was eligible to become a Teacher’s Assistant for me in the summer as he sincerely wants to pursue a career in history education. Although we do not have teaching assistantships, I can heartily recommend Jay for the history award. He’s genuinely deserving of this recognition.

### Jay’s Words of Gratitude:

Dear SBCC family, it is with great pleasure that I accept the honor presented to me. My time here at Santa Barbara City College has been a wild ride. Obstacles emerged in the form of the Thomas fire and now the Covid-19 pandemic. I have managed to keep myself motivated academically with the help of my wonderful instructors. This includes outstanding History professor David Elliott who cares very much for his students and is obviously very knowledgeable and in love with what he teaches. Additionally, History professor Alelthea Tyner who possesses the power to not only captivate her audience, but she makes me look forward to her next lectures. Her subtle jokes and enthusiasm works extremely well in the classroom and I am so glad to have been her student. And finally, although only taken as a class required for transfer, professor Andrea

Haupt from the political science department. She has opened my eyes to the world and has all the qualities of an instructor that I wish to possess one day as I continue on my journey to become a History professor myself. I will certainly press further on to my educational career and put everything they have taught me to great use.