

Office of Equity - Food Pantry

Astrid Bladh

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Astrid has been an exemplary student since I first met her. As I have learned from Astrid, her drive to accomplish her educational goals and helping others is something that she has developed while living in times of uncertainty for many folks. It is this uncertainty that drove Astrid to volunteer her summer time and be involved in the food distributions the Office of Equity holds to nurture our SBCC community. She became officially a student worker fall semester 2020 and has been a vital support of our team ever since. Astrid goes above and beyond each time she comes to distribute food, this semester being twice a week, and has been an essential worker in our community.

Astrid's Words of Gratitude

The year of 2020-2021 has been unique in many ways. It has brought with it challenges that most of us could have never have imagined, and it has created a reality different from anything we have known before. It has also, more than ever before, showed the importance of our Food Pantry Equity Program. I am beyond proud, not only to be a part of such an amazing team, but also of the incredible work that we have achieved together. Despite the challenging and constantly changing circumstances, everyone have dedicated themselves to keeping this program not only functioning, but thriving, while at the same time creating an amazing work environment. I also especially want to thank Alondra Lazaro Gonzalez and Roxanne Byrnes, that through their creativity, resilience and support have made this possible. I am forever grateful for the experiences and memories that we together created during this year, and I am so honoured to accept this award.