

**Madelyne Agamata**  
Event Specialist 2  
Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

We are thrilled to nominate Ms. Madelyne Agamata (Maddy) for the Employee of the Year Award at UC San Diego. Maddy's leadership is instrumental in "moving the needle" to make UCSD a much more diverse and inclusive community. As the Event Coordinator at the Office of the Vice Chancellor, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (VC-EDI), she delivers exceptional services that cultivate new long lasting cross-collaborations and partnerships. She manages all VC-EDI high profile programming and initiatives that often bring together faculty from various departments, staff from all job titles, and students with diverse backgrounds and political perspectives. We can say confidently that her efforts have contributed to an inclusive, positive and empowering climate at UCSD.

Maddy is an exceptional team player. She consistently goes beyond the "call of duty", excelling in several new events – particularly Adelante Latino (600 attendees), the launch of the campus plan for Inclusive Excellence (400 attendees), Black Family Get Together (150 attendees), and the Golden Pyramid (200 attendees). Much of Maddy's success lies in her planning and organization as well as her ability to create meaningful partnerships with caterers, space reservation staff, and the business office. She is financially conscientious with department funds, always attempting to get the best deals and often seeks out reimbursements or reduction in costs when vendors do not deliver up to expectations.

Her affable temperament and high emotional intelligence enables her to work well within a team environment and her service oriented nature and extensive knowledge of UCSD's policies makes her a "go to person" for the Center for Faculty Diversity and Inclusion (FDI) and Campus Community Centers. For example, FDI was recently awarded a grant by UCOP to host the first Chicanx/Latinx Leadership Summit in San Diego. This was a systemwide leadership summit for over 250 Latinx leaders. From the start, Maddy was not only a team player in helping to organize this key system-wide event, she brought to the table vision, leadership and patience in managing multiple demands to ensure the event was highly successful. Therefore, the press garnered in over 5 news outlets. The accolades that our campus received, are a reflection of her professionalism and ability to engage key stakeholders. She is a true gem in the VC-EDI unit with a passion for equity.

The cultural events 30+ committee members consistently report that Maddy is invaluable to them and easy to work with. As the liaison between VC-EDI and various diversity committees on campus, Maddy provides stellar administrative support that truly exceeds expectations.

For example with the Black History Month Committee, she went above and beyond to support the various programs. The Scholarship Brunch is a signature event and it is without question that Maddy is on campus well into the evening coordinating volunteers because she knows that every detail matters when potential donors are in attendance. Maddy actively pursues community partnerships and encourages community participation in these events, helping to strengthen our ties. Recently, she connected with a former employer encouraging them to support the scholarship brunch by attending. Not only did they attend, they also committed to becoming a primary sponsor next year. Maddy has been instrumental in growing the number of scholarships we are able to provide students. Maddy has been able to show the same level of leadership in the Cesar Chavez Planning Committee. She has helped the committee identify engaging keynote speakers and increase the number of student scholarships.

She trains and guides new VC-EDI employees on event planning and administrative processes. The coaching she provides the new employees is invaluable. Her consistent willingness to "go the extra mile" so that VC-EDI's events are seamless and of the highest quality possible makes her an exemplar employee.

Madelyne Agamata uplifts UC San Diego's reputation. She is strongly dedicated to the diversity programs she supports, and it is clear that this work is in true alignment with her individual values. She has made a tremendous impact on diversity and inclusion throughout campus and is deserving of this honor. We know all of our colleagues within EDI, and any unit that has had the privilege of working with Maddy would agree that she has helped make our campus programs even stronger and highly impactful.