

*Division of Language Arts
& Ethnic Studies*

**Award Ceremony
2024**





MUWEKMA OHLONE TRIBAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR FOOTHILL COLLEGE LOCATED IN LOS ALTOS HILLS, CA WITHIN THE PUICHON THÁMIEN ANCESTRAL MUWEKMA OHLONE TERRITORY

Horše túuxi! (Hor-sheh troo-hee) Foothill College recognizes that it is located on the ethnohistoric territory of the ancestral and traditional land of the Puichon Thámien Ohlonespeaking People, and the successors of the historic sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County, presently identified as the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area. This land was and continues to be of great importance to the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe and other familial descendants of the Verona Band. We recognize that every member of the greater Foothill College/Los Altos Hills community has, and continues to benefit from, the use and occupation of this land, since the institution's founding in 1957. Consistent with our values of community, inclusion, and diversity, we have a responsibility to acknowledge and make known through various enterprises Foothill College's relationship to Native peoples. As members of the Foothill College/Los Altos Hills community, it is vitally important that we not only recognize the history of the land on which we live, work, and learn, but also, we recognize that the previously federally recognized Muwekma Ohlone Tribal People are alive and flourishing members of the Foothill College/Los Altos Hills and broader Bay Area communities today. Aho!



Valerie Fong

Opening Remarks by our Division Dean

For more than thirty years, with generous support from Bruce Swenson, former president of the FHDA Board of Trustees, the Language Arts Division Awards have brought together students, faculty, staff, and administrators from the division's programs to celebrate our shared creativity, courage, and commitment as a learning community.

Instead of being based solely on grades or tests, these awards celebrate the words, wisdom, and actions of students -- all of whom have overcome enormous obstacles to achieve success in college and have reached out to assist and inspire others to succeed and thrive as well. You are receiving this award because your professors carefully selected you for praise and acknowledgment.

Department Awards

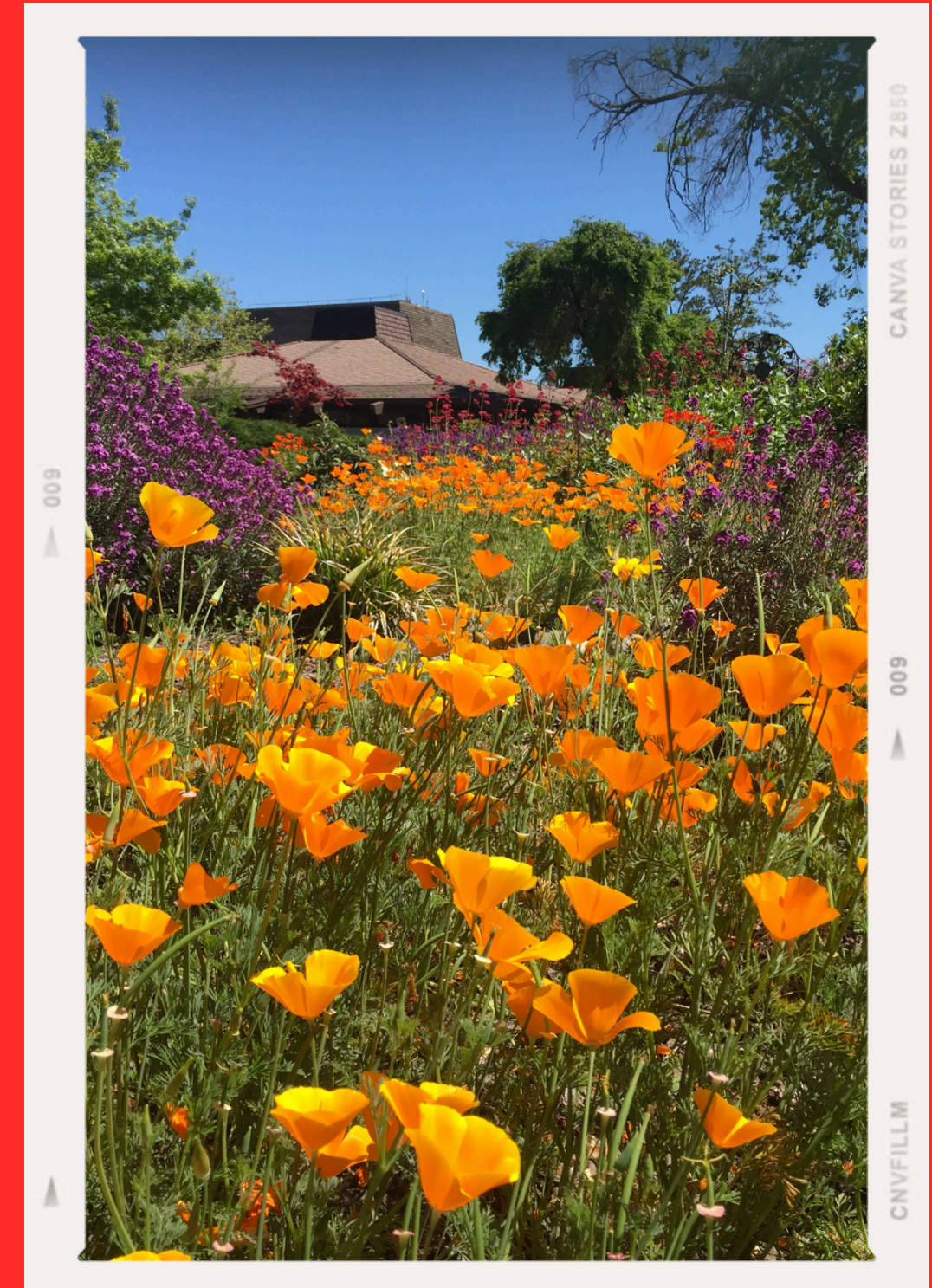
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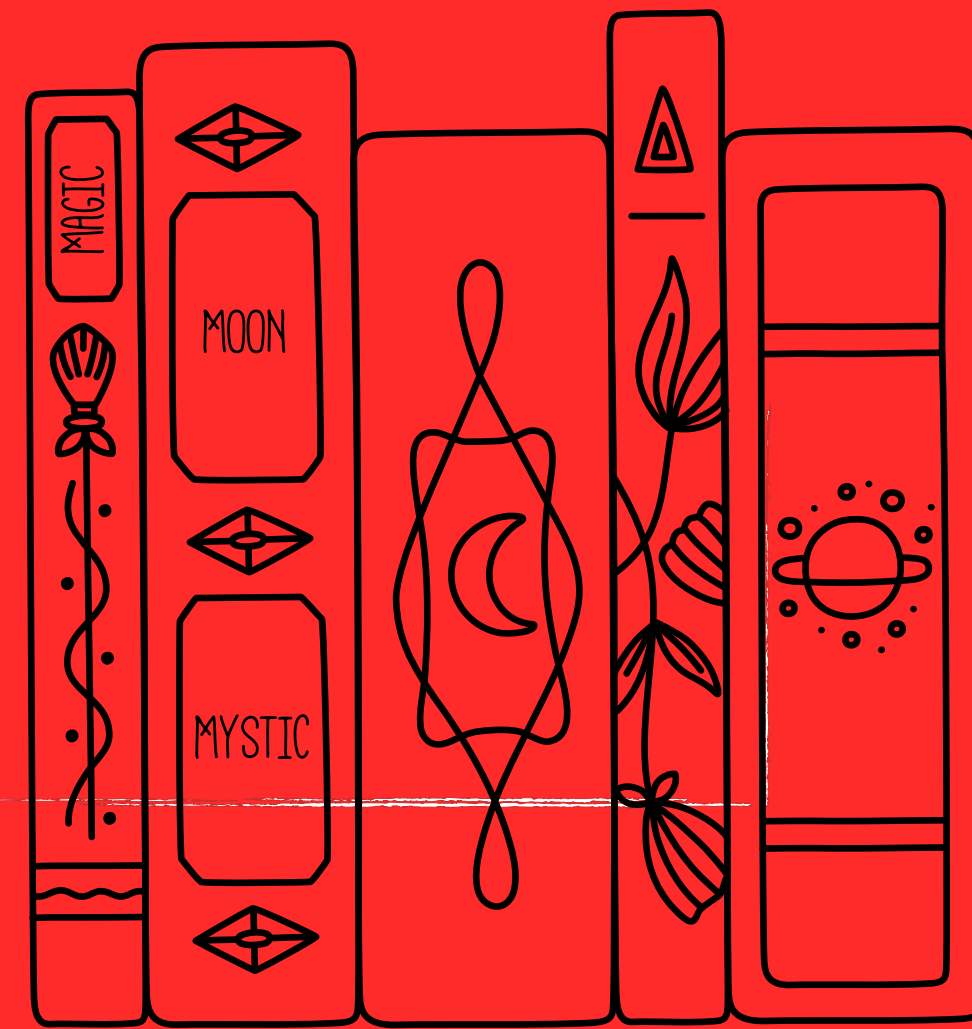
ESLL

English



Outstanding Student from

Ethnic Studies



Prof. Ulysses Acevedo



Marvin Hernandez Flores

Recognized for Excellence in Ethnic Studies

Outstanding Students from

Japanese



Prof. Ikuko Rakow



Doug Mills

Recognized for Excellence in Japanese



Santiago Torres Gonzalez

Recognized for Excellence in Japanese

Outstanding Students from

Spanish

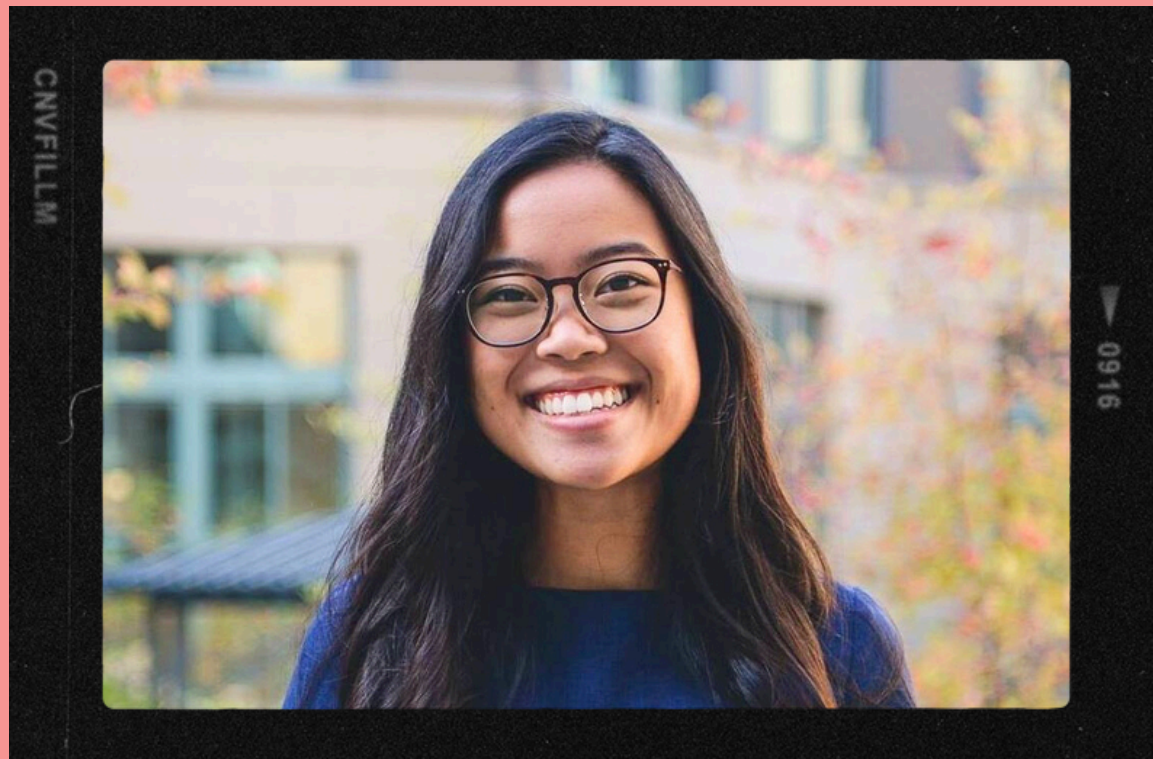


Prof. Patricia Crespo-Martin



Melanie Jalpa

Recognized for Excellence in Spanish



Julie-Ann Nguyen

Recognized for Excellence in Spanish

Prof. Patricia Crespo-Martin



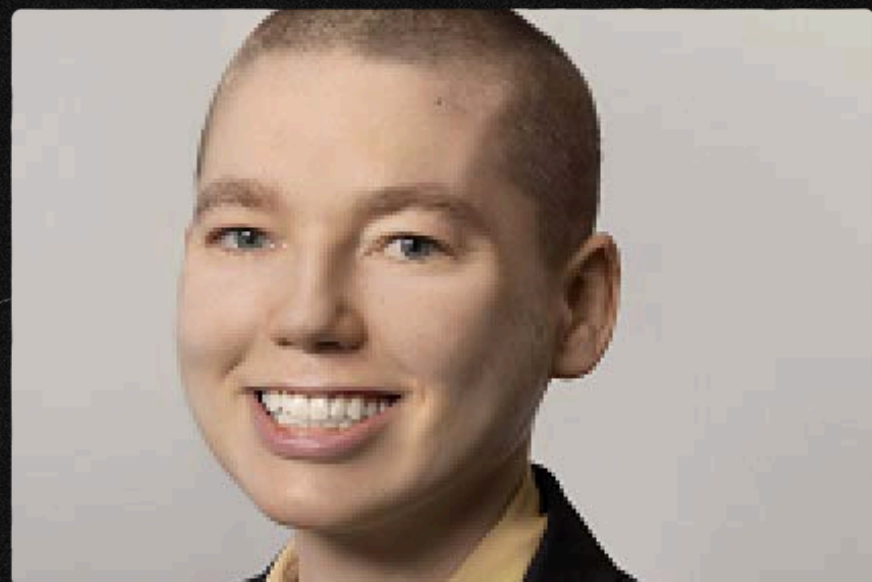
Jonathan Uhler

Recognized for Excellence in Spanish



Yuhuan Xie

Recognized for Excellence in Spanish



Rebecca Boyle

Recognized for Excellence in Spanish

Prof. Rocio Giraldez Betrón



Chris Oakes

Recognized for Excellence in Spanish

Prof. Julio Rivera-Montanez

Monique Lane

Recognized for Excellence in Spanish



Mark Bakunin

Recognized for Excellence in Spanish



Outstanding Students from

ESLL
English as a
Second Language

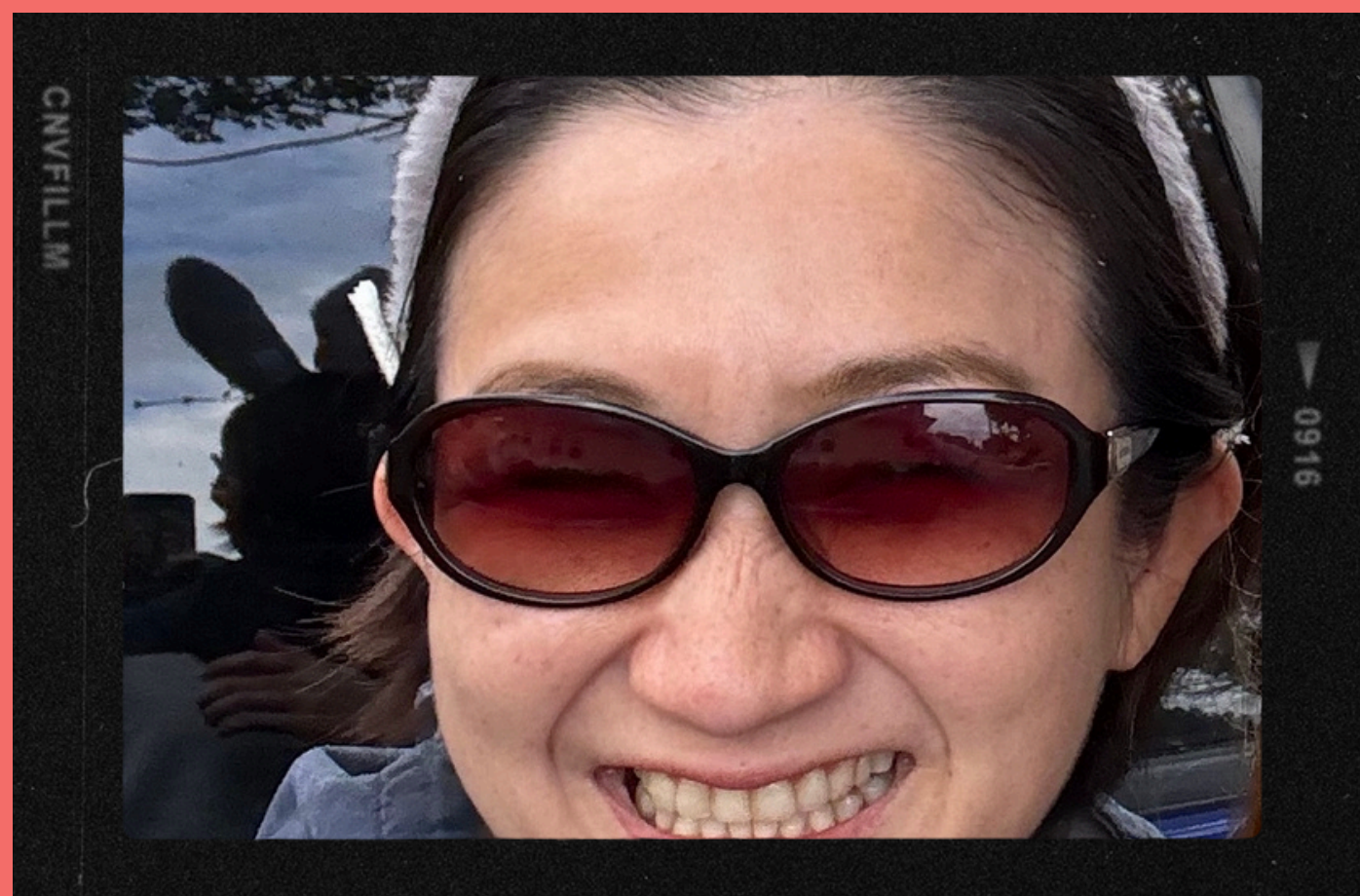


Prof. Katie Ha



Anastasiia Braichuk

**Recognized for Excellence in
English as a Second Language**



Ayako Wilson

**Recognized for Excellence in
English as a Second Language**

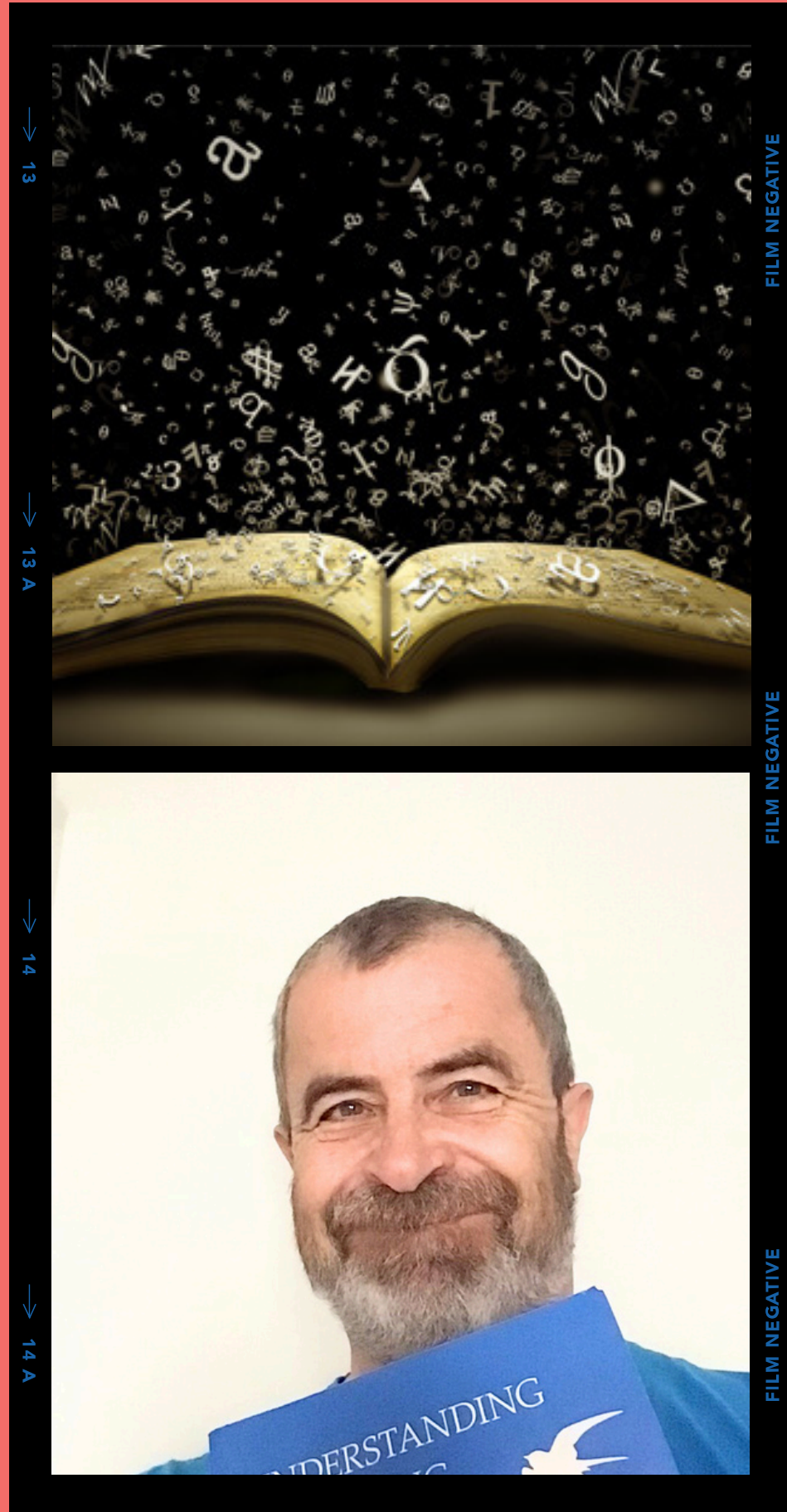
Coco Castaneda

**Recognized for Excellence in
English as a Second Language**



Prof. Robert Lanz

Prof. Amy Sarver



Maria del Socorro Macias

Recognized for Excellence in English as a Second Language

Oleksii Liashenko

Recognized for Excellence in English as a Second Language

Outstanding Students from

English

**Composition,
Literature, Creative Writing
& Journalism**



Prof. Hilda Fernandez



Lenard Alvarez

Recognized for Excellence in English



Denise Gomez

Recognized for Excellence in English

Prof. Stephanie Chan



Austin Quan

Recognized for Excellence in English

Sydney Ear

Recognized for Excellence in English

Andrew Anaya

Recognized for Excellence in English

Patricia Carrasco

Recognized for Excellence in English



Prof. Jordana Griffiths

Yumna Saiyed

Recognized for Excellence in English

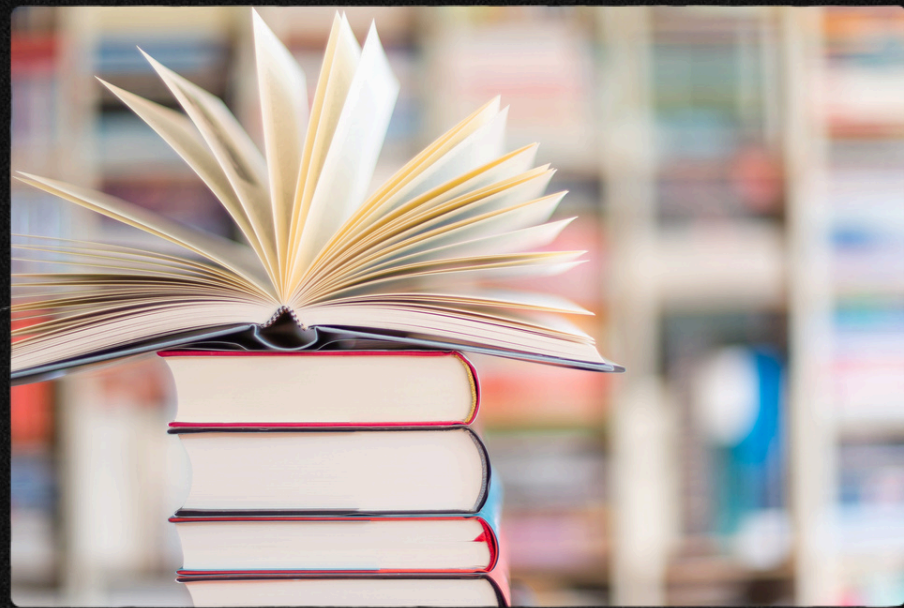
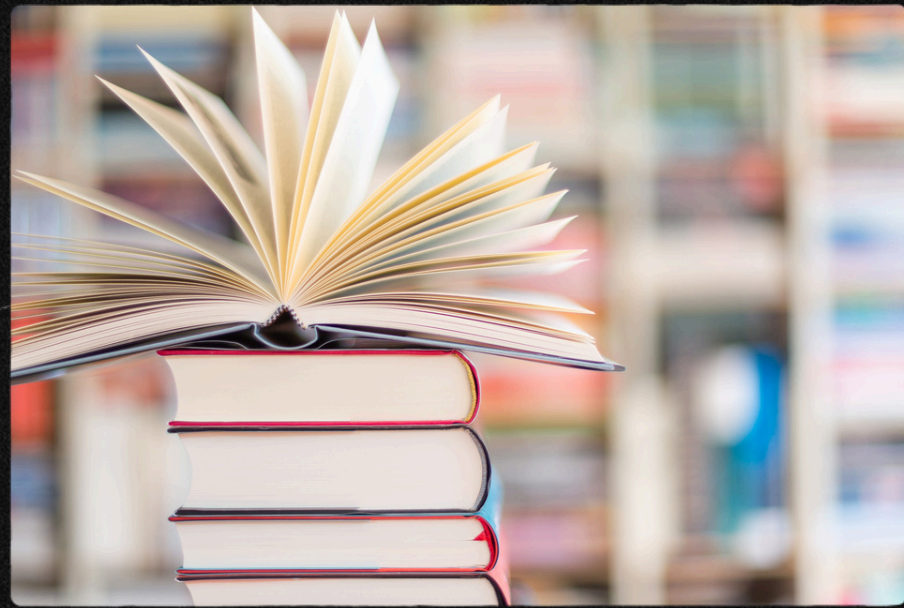
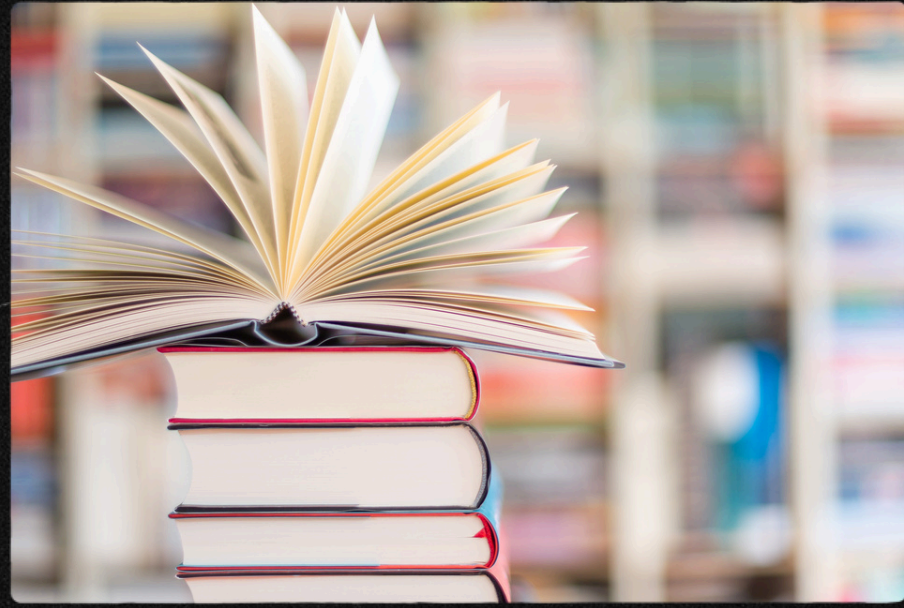
Kat Shabarhina

Recognized for Excellence in English



Prof. Allison Herman

Prof. Stephanie King



Eliana Randazzo

Recognized for Excellence in English

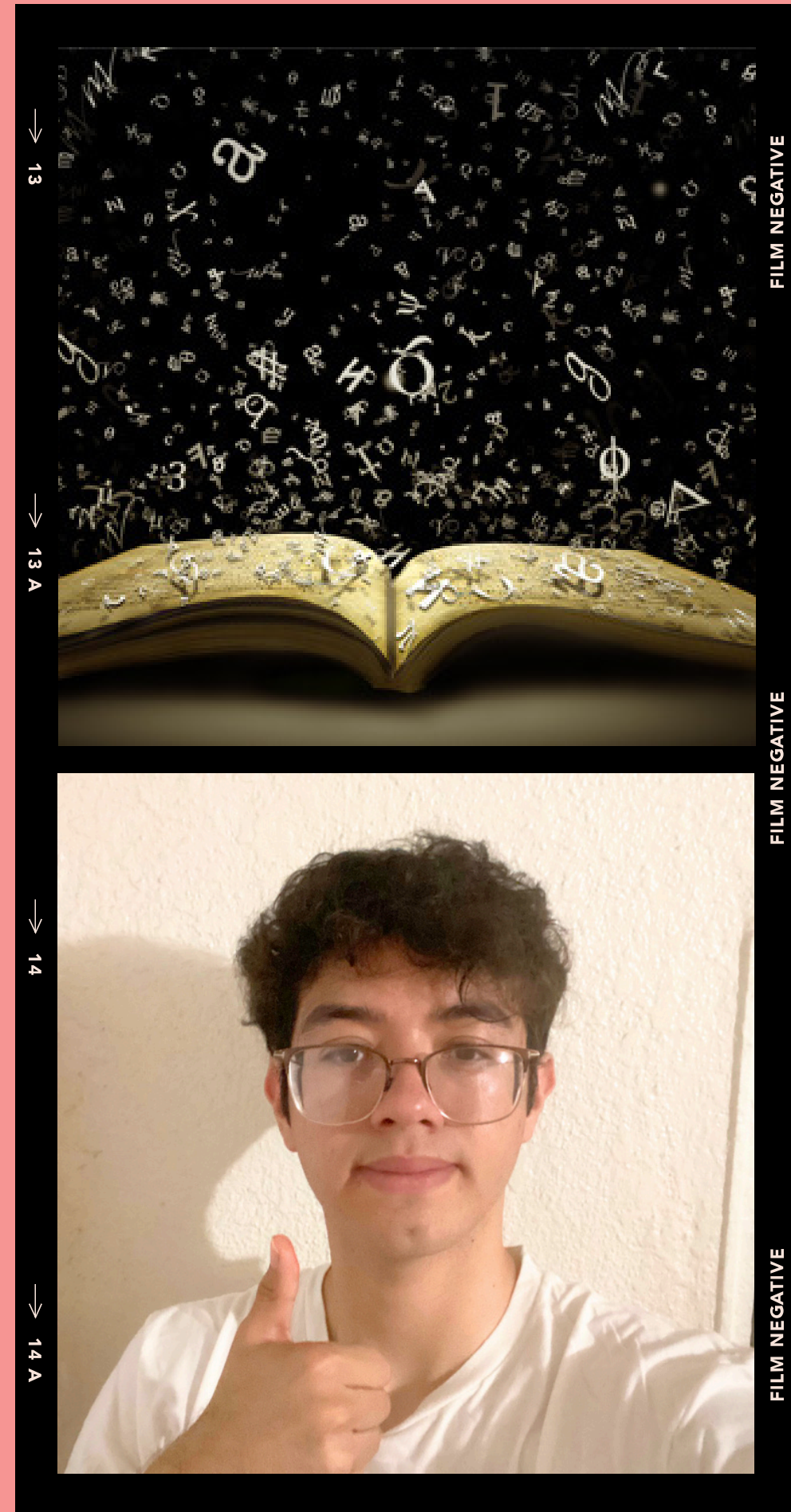
Jaleel Jones

Recognized for Excellence in English

Andre Brackett

Recognized for Excellence in English

Prof. Brian Lewis



Sophie Pasumansky

Recognized for Excellence in English

Charlie Ramirez

Recognized for Excellence in English

Prof. Ben Armerding



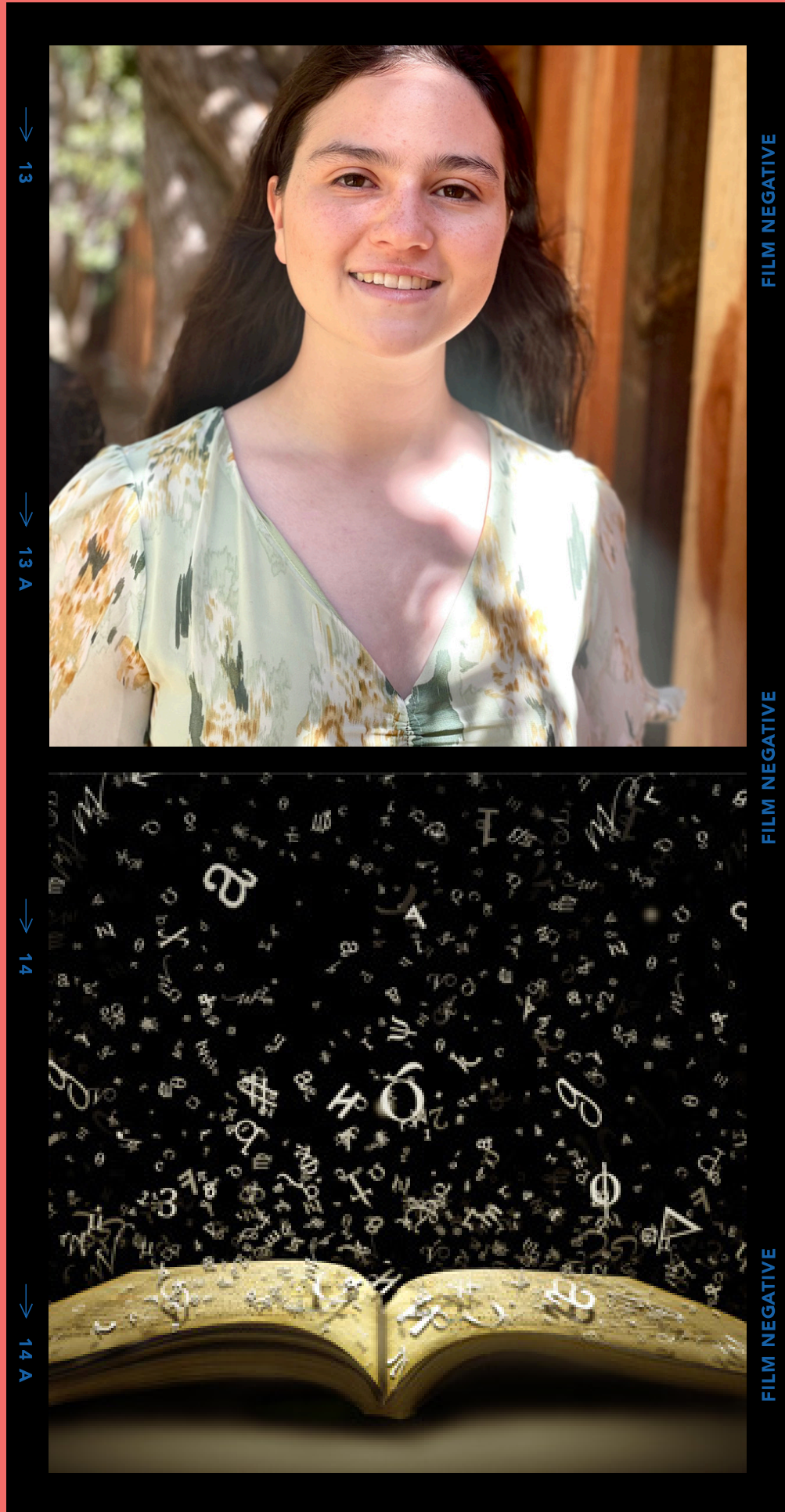
Leilany Navarro

Recognized for Excellence in English

Ilai Wakrat

Recognized for Excellence in English

Prof. James McDonald



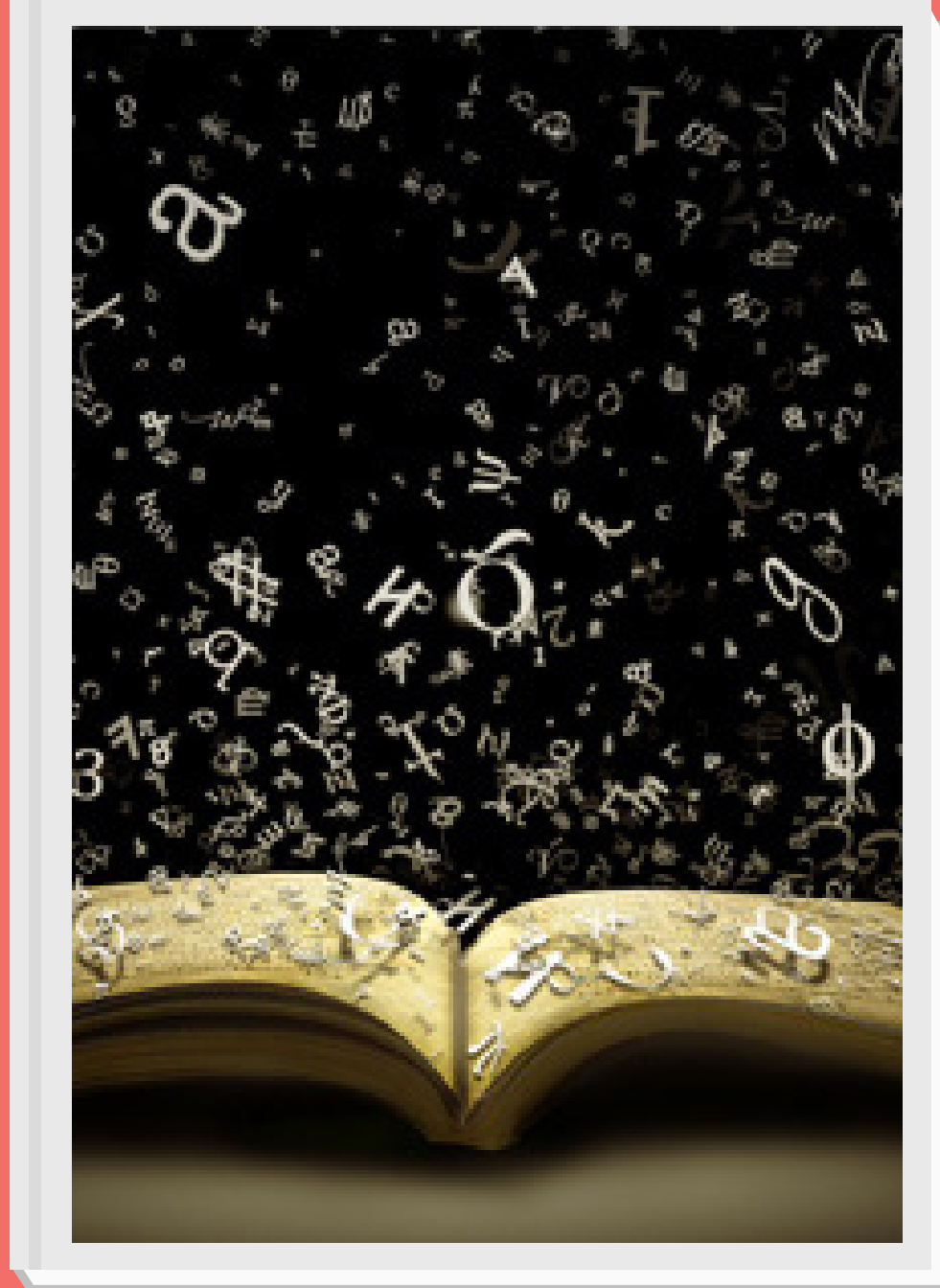
Sophia Howell

Recognized for Excellence in English

Brynn Walther

Recognized for Excellence in English

Prof. Samuel White



Jonatas Secco

Recognized for Excellence in English

Prof. Scott Lankford



Astrophel Fong

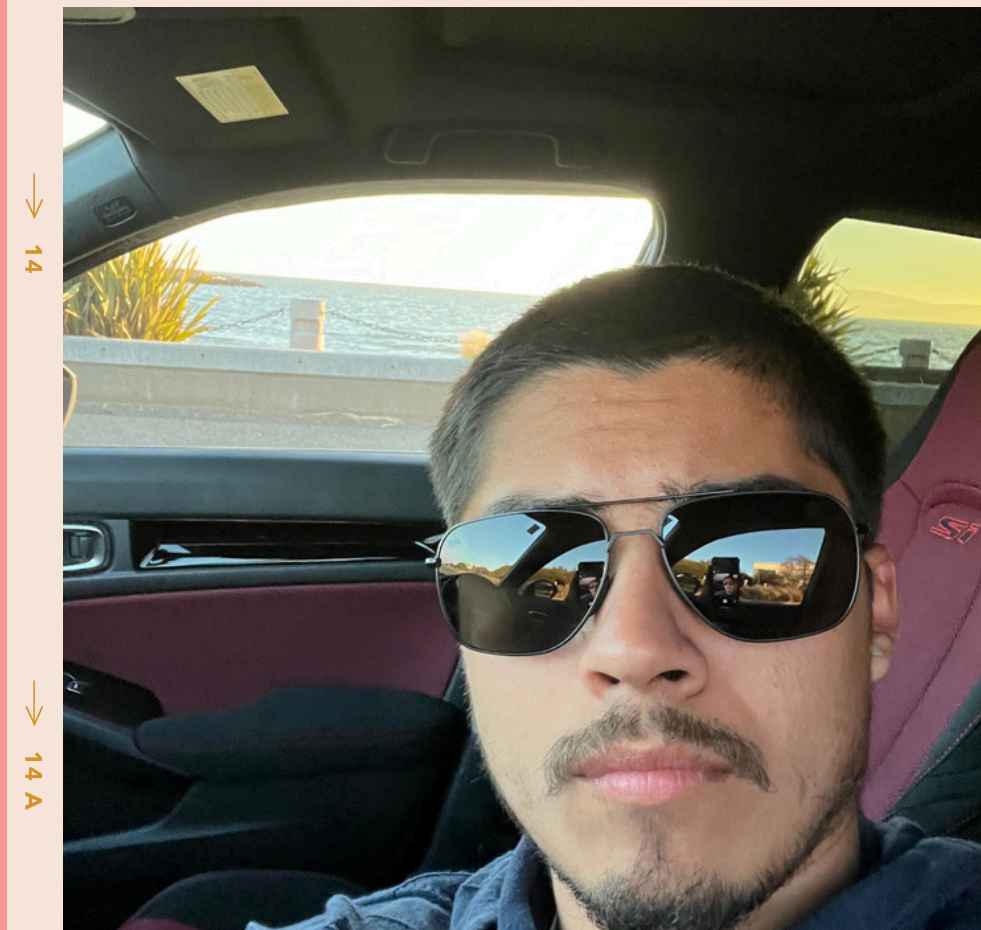
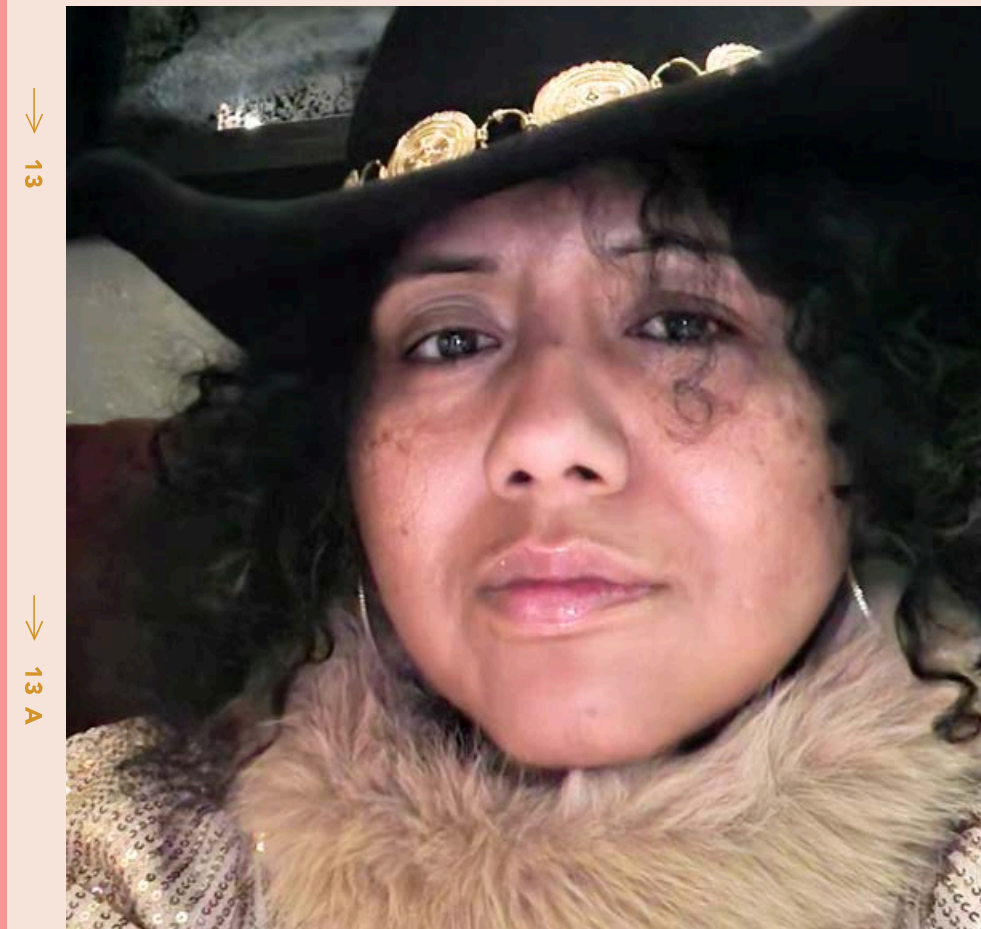
Recognized for Excellence in English

Jenette Lemoto

Recognized for Excellence in English

Michael Herrera

Recognized for Excellence in English



Prof. Natalia Menendez

Adeline Muscat

Recognized for Excellence in English

Hector Santos

Recognized for Excellence in English



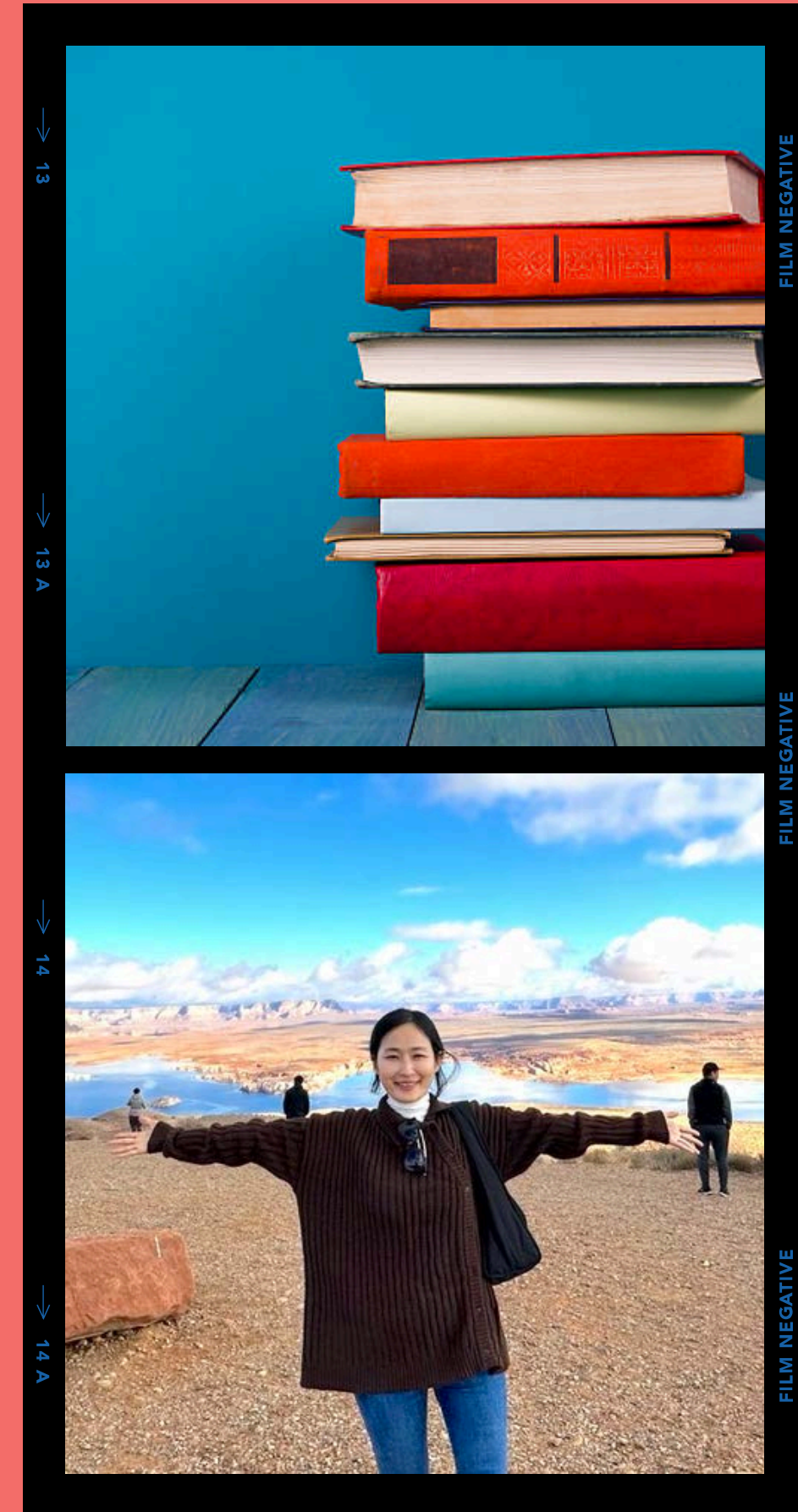
Prof. Isabel Sperry

Jacob Martinez

Recognized for Excellence in English

Sumi Chae

Recognized for Excellence in English



Prof. Rachael Dworsky

Congratulations

2024

Recognition Award

Recipients!

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Scholarship Awards

Language Arts Division

**ANNE PAYE
AWARD**

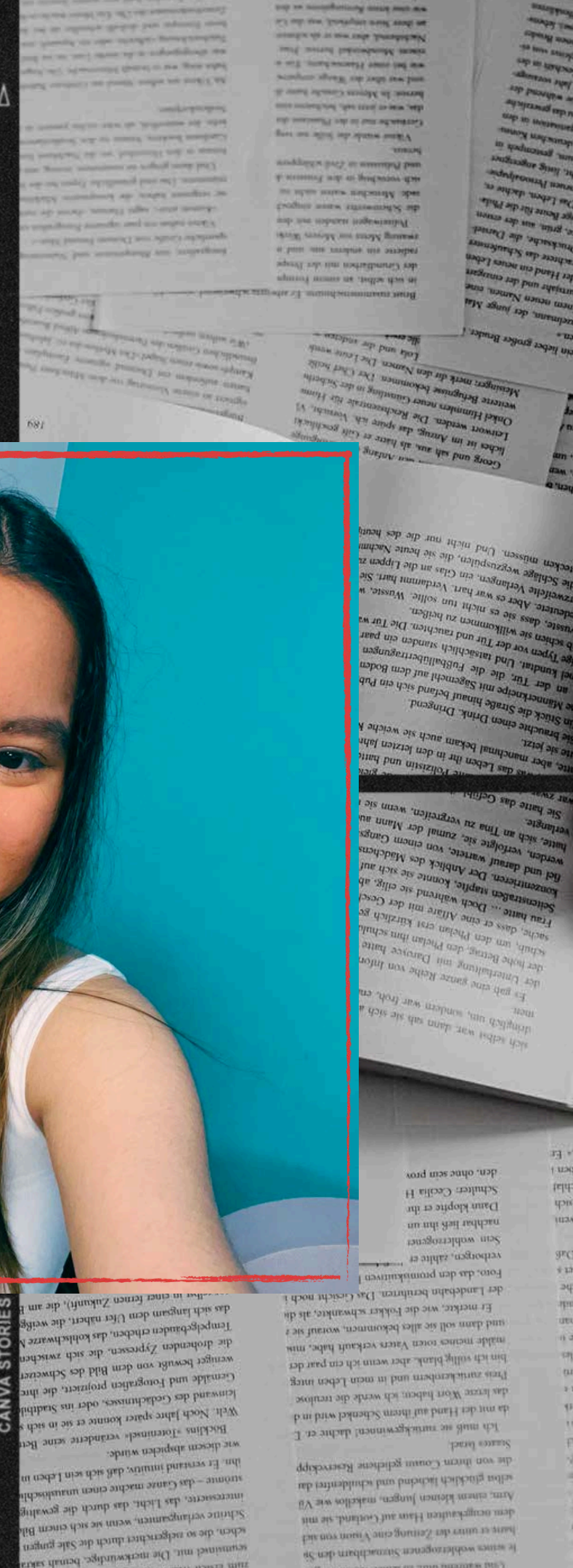
Anne Paye Award

Over her long career as an English faculty member at Foothill College, Anne Paye evinced a profound appreciation for the novel use of language. This award is given to a Language Arts student who has demonstrated a similar love of language. The student's writing showcased language in new, interesting, and/or exciting ways. The student's writing called attention to itself both for its precision and its insight.



Lan Nguyen

Nominated by Professor Rachael Dworsky



Language Arts Division

**NANCY G. SCHRIER
AWARD**

Nancy Schrier Award

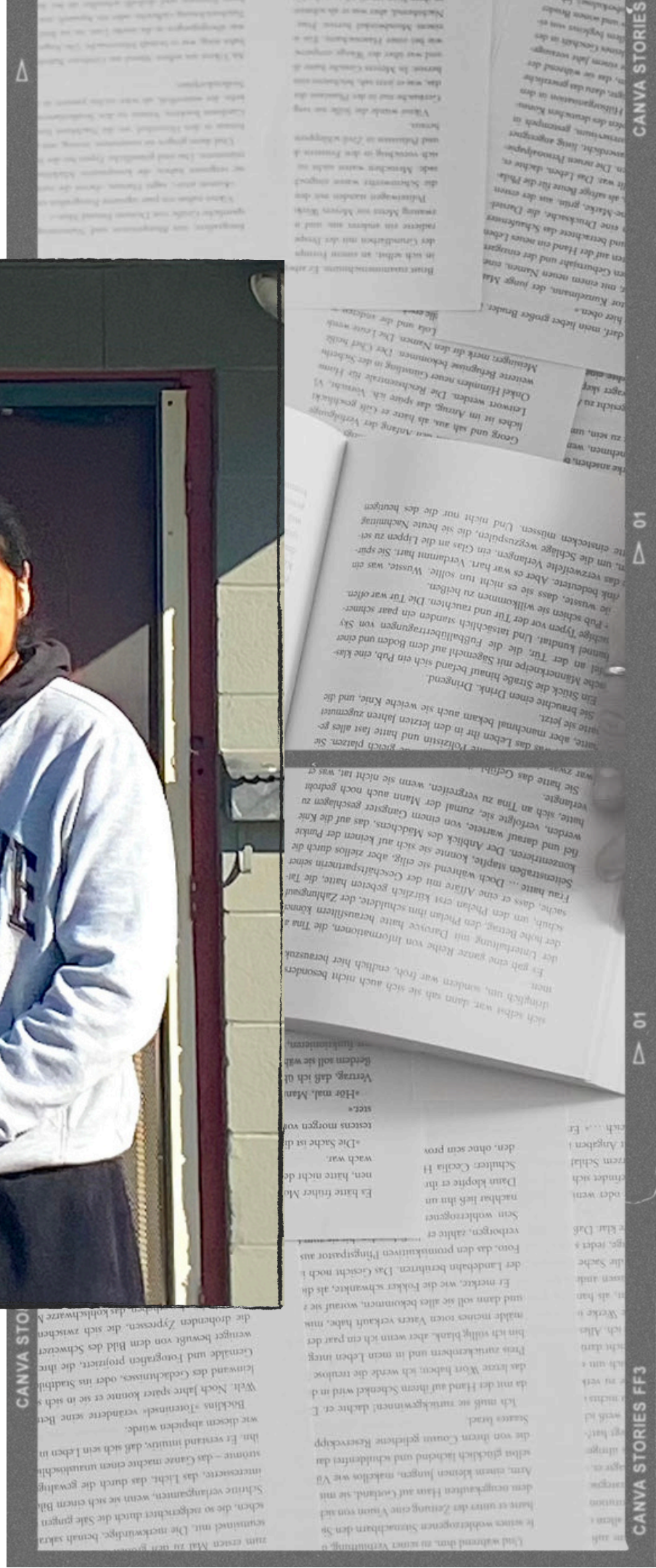
Nancy G. Schrier was an enthusiastic teacher at Foothill College for 25 years and enjoyed sharing her passion for poetry and fiction with students. The purpose of this fund is to provide annual award(s) to Foothill student(s) nominated and chosen by Foothill Language Arts faculty. Specifically, the award is for a student who has taken at least one English class in the current academic year and has demonstrated a passion for creative writing and/or poetry. Special consideration is given to those students who have persevered in the face of challenges to pursue their education.



Marvin Hernandez Flores

Nominated by

Professors Suzy Quezada & Ulysses Acevedo



Language Arts Division

**JASON WHITTEN
AWARD**

The Jason Whitten Award

This award honors a student who has taken at least one English class in the current academic year, has persevered in the face of challenges to pursue their education, and who has become an outstanding student in English as demonstrated through their writing.



Benji Bengston

Nominated by Professor Scott Lankford



Language Arts Division

**FRED H. MCCLURE
AWARD**

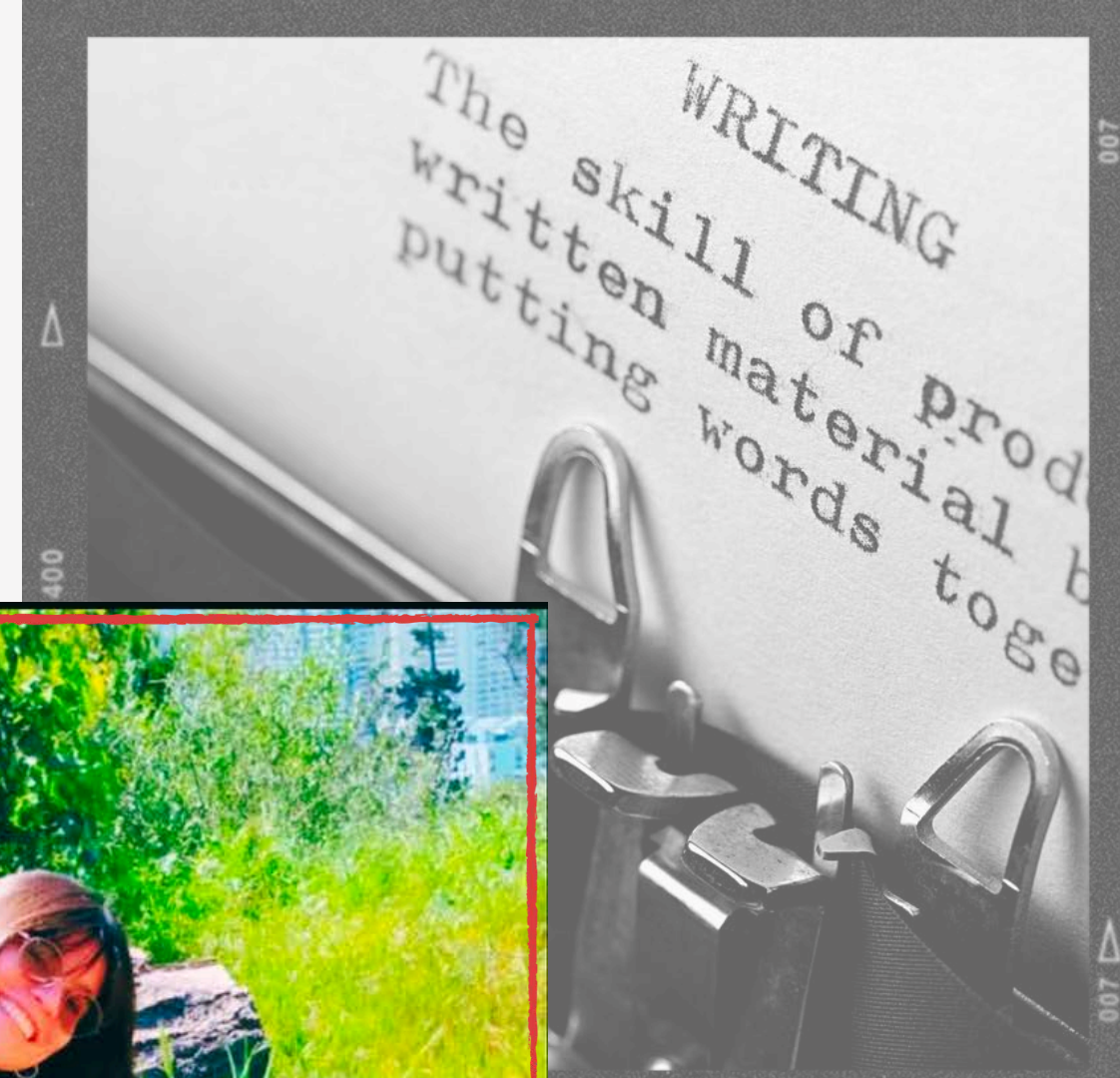
Fred H. McClure Award

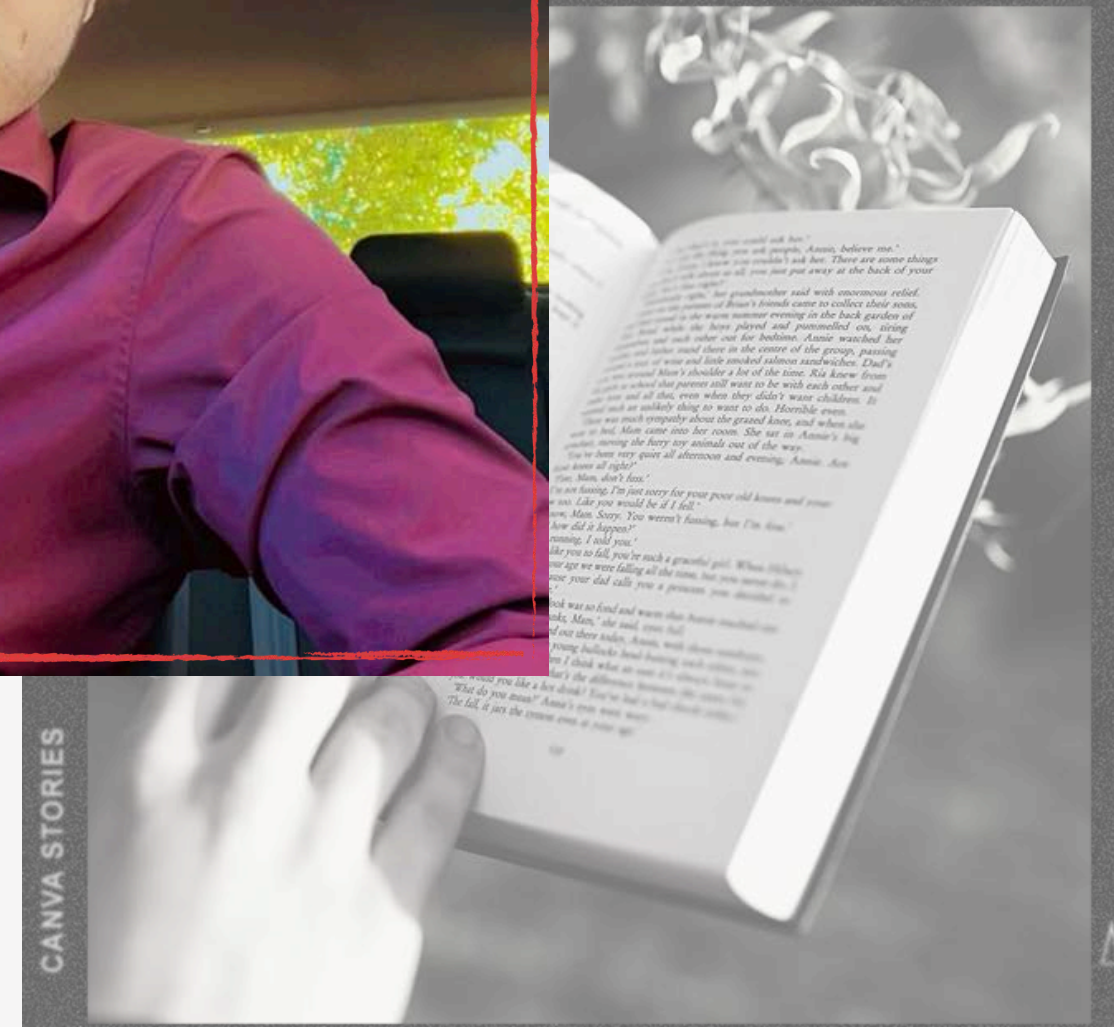
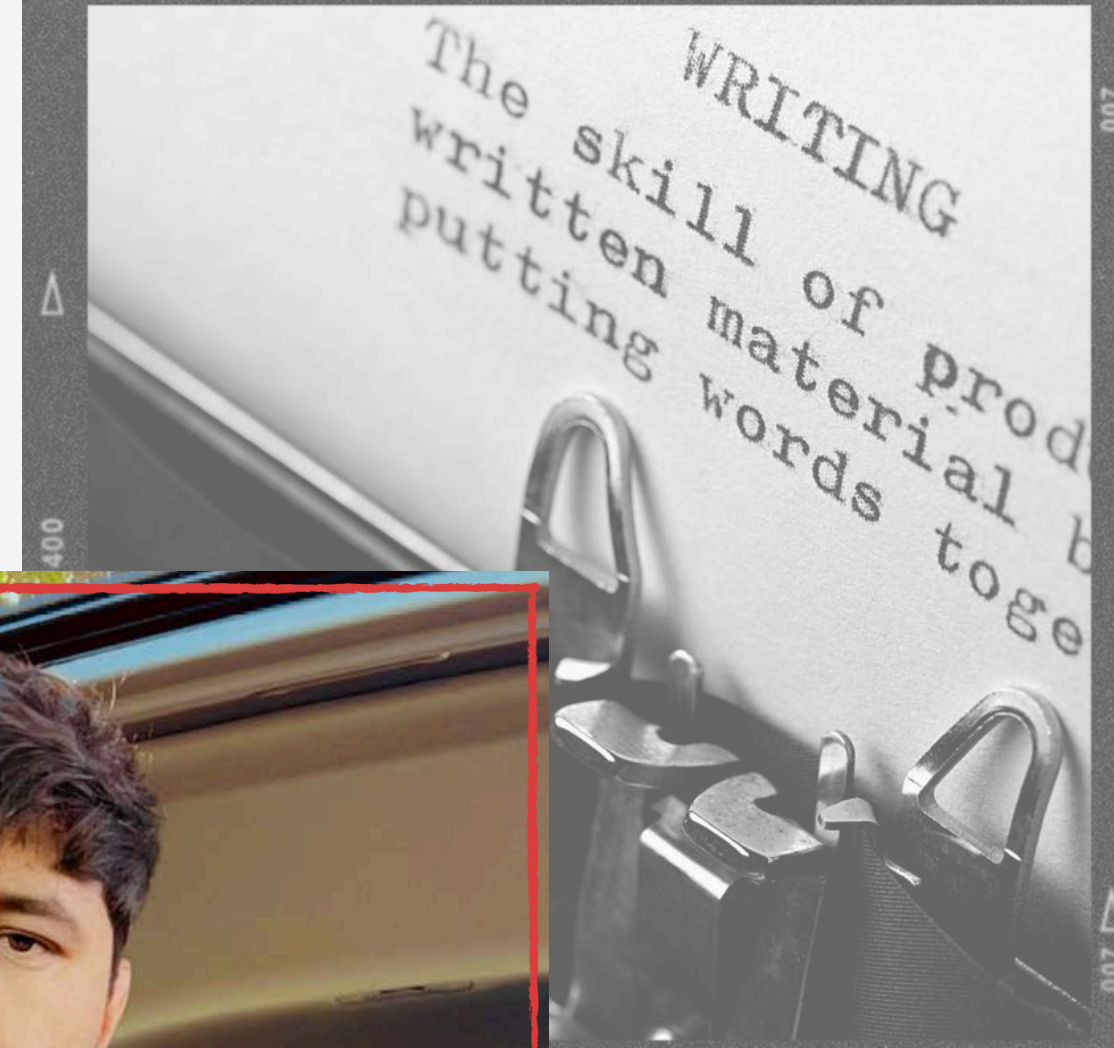
This award is for non-native English speakers who have distinguished themselves in an ESLL or English class. This recognition goes to exemplary students whose work and work ethic demonstrated a commitment to learning and excelling. The award recognizes the student's determination to learn and grow, highlighting their persistence, perseverance, and eagerness to reach beyond the standard outcomes of a course.



Fernanda Osorio

Nominated by Professor Amy Sarver





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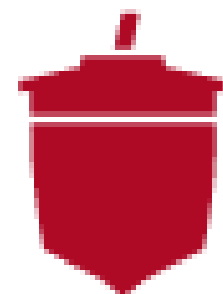
Zubair Rahimi

Nominated by Professor Katie Ha



Congratulations

**2024
Scholarship Award
Recipients!**



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