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PEDRO MARTINEZ SELECTED AS MERCED COLLEGE OUTSTANDING STUDENT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Pedro Martinez has been selected as the Merced College Outstanding Student for the month of March.

Martinez was nominated by Professor Melissa Dailey, adjunct instructor for the English and Humanities area, for his strong work ethic. Dailey was impressed by Martinez's continuous need to improve his English skills. "Every day he would ask how he could improve," says Dailey. "He consistently meliorated every day with every assignment. I consider him one of my strongest writers."

While Martinez is only 18 years old, he is quite sure of his future goals. He is currently majoring in Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology (HVAC) and plans to graduate in HVAC with the intention of becoming an air conditioning mechanic. He finds ventilation and air conditioning systems challenging and interesting. Currently he is learning to identify all the wiring and cables that must function correctly.

Originally from Michoacán, Mexico, Martinez now resides in Merced. He graduated from Golden Valley High School (GVH) in 2008 with a GPA of 3.1. While at GVH, he was presented with a certificate of honor for outstanding scholarship achievement and also received a certificate of recognition from Bank of America for excellence in English as his second language. Martinez says his personal goal is to "demonstrate to English learners that it is possible to reach your goals and make your dreams come true."

In addition to full-time coursework, Martinez works part-time at a local grocery store and thanks God for giving him the strength to work hard and

achieve his goals. He enjoys camping, soccer and spending time with his family.

Professor Daily says Martinez is always willing to go the extra mile to assist his instructor and classmates. “Along with being hard working, he is a very pleasant student to be around,” she adds.

Martinez was honored with a certificate of recognition at a recent Board of Trustees meeting and received a check and a special parking pass for the month of March. He will be considered for the Student of the Year later this semester.

The Merced College administration, faculty and staff congratulate Pedro for all his hard work and wishes the best for him in the future.