Disability Services and Programs for Students Yuri Sierra

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Engaging, friendly, and flexible describes Yuri Sierra. Yuri is an effective self-advocate who seeks out resources and support needed to meet her educational goals. As a Biological Sciences major, Yuri takes her education seriously, as demonstrated by her persistence and consistent use of DSPS services and accommodations. Yuri is a role model for other students that face barriers and find ways to navigate and overcome them through the use of college resources.

Yuri's Words of Gratitude

I am beyond honored and humbled to be a recipient of this award. I would like to begin by thanking everyone at DSPS for their relentless hard work to aid students with all the necessary tools to ensure they achieve academic excellence. Specifically, I would like to thank Corina Torres who has helped me countless times with scheduling exams and always answering all my questions and concerns. She's my go to person who always knows what to say and how to guide me. I would also like to take a moment to thank Janet Hose who always helped me with my accommodations and checked in on me to see how my classes were going.

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