Medical Imaging Sciences Claudia Perez Carrera Submitted by Bruce Oda

It is my pleasure to select Ms. Claudia Perez Carrera as the Outstanding Student on behalf of the Medical Imaging Sciences Department. Claudia began her journey in becoming an entry-level radiologic technologist in the summer of 2019. By the fall semester, Claudia was diagnosed with a neurological condition. As a result, Claudia continues to battle headaches and other physical manifestations while receiving medical treatment. Though faced with a life altering condition, Claudia has continued her educational journey in becoming a radiologic technologist while working full-time as a concierge at Cottage Hospital. The unrelenting studies during the spring semester have included didactic courses held on Tuesday and Thursday, and a clinical internship on days that fit around her concierge responsibilities. By the end of the semester Claudia will have completed 328 clinical hours. I am truly impressed by Claudia's perseverance and dedication in achieving her educational goal! She is deserving of the recognition as the Outstanding Student for the graduating class of 2021.

Claudia's Words of Gratitude

I am extremely honored to have been chosen for this award. I want to take a moment to thank my family, friends, professors, clinical instructors, and classmates for their support and encouragement during difficult times. Although the road was not easy, the challenges I faced made me a stronger individual. Today, I am pleased to say that I'm part of the 2021 Radiology graduating class.

Thank you.

Claudia.