

# Laney Faculty Senate Scholarship Winners Spring 2016



#### **Carrianne Miller**

Carrie Rose is a self-proclaimed "science nerd" who decided to enroll at Laney College and work toward her dream of a bachelor's degree in physics – four years after she lost the love of her life to heroin addiction. Once homeless herself, she now volunteers at a program to help homeless youth find housing. She also volunteers with the City of San Francisco's overdose prevention program, The Dope Project. She loves all of the work she has been able to do through these programs, which inspired her to start her own volunteer mobile outreach team. She looks forward to finding creative ways to combine her love of science with the practical and sincere community care, which she believes are the cornerstones of the harm reduction movement. One of Carrie Rose's proudest accomplishments is her 3.94 G.P.A. She plans to transfer to a UC in the Fall of 2016.



### **April Dawoud**

April Dawoud began as a student in Laney's Gateway to College program in 2011 – after failing her sophomore year at Skyline High School. Since coming to Laney, April has never received less than a "B" grade and has maintained a G.P.A. of 4.0 for many semesters. April is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and already received her AA degree in science during the Spring of 2015. This semester, April will be receiving a second AA degree in Mathematics. April's dream is to pursue her love of aerospace engineering and ultimately receive a master's degree. In addition to her academic successes, April was also a member of the TRiO program, now known as Transfer Student Services, and dedicated many student worker hours during Spring 2015. April has done volunteer work at Laney, as well as in the local community.



#### **Anh Nguyen**

Anh was born in Quang Nam, central Vietnam – a town with a population of 500. As one of the top students in her class, Anh was able to move to the city, where she met her American Vietnamese husband and eventually moved to the United States. When she arrived in the United States, Anh realized that she needed to improve her English skills in order to better support her daughter and realize her dreams. She is now a single mom pursuing an AA in business administration at Laney College, which she will receive next semester. Anh has a 4.0 G.P.A. Ultimately, Anh would like to transfer UC Berkeley and study business accounting. In her own words, Anh believes that education has provided her with a path to her goals, increased her expertise, and broadened her perspectives.



## Jarrett Wright

In a past life, Jarrett found success as a property developer -- and for a while, everything was awesome— until it wasn't. When his company didn't survive the great recession, Jarrett says, it was clear that he was missing two things: operational know-how that can only come from higher education, and a network of likeminded individuals that he could resource to push forward. Jarrett enrolled back in school after a 15-year absence and will graduate this summer with an AA degree in Humanities and a 3.8 GPA. Jarrett will be transferring to UC Berkeley for an undergraduate degree in Rhetoric, and has an ultimate goal of receiving an MBA. At Laney, Jarrett co-founded the Transfer Club, served as president of Phi Theta Kappa and endlessly campaigned for student equity and opportunity through participation on various campus committees.