Marlene Barraza

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EDUCATION

California State University, Fullerton Master of Arts in Anthropology	08/2020
University of California, Santa Cruz Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology	06/2016

EXPERIENCE

Fellow, Urban Agriculture Community-based Research Experience (U-ACRE), CSUF

08/2018 - 06/2020

- - Sustained a relationship with faculty and administration at Ladera Vista Junior High.
 - Maintained and upkept a school garden that provided produce for student a part of Ladera Vista Junior High's culinary class.
 - Educated students on the sustainability of a vermicomposting unit and the benefits of gardening.
 - Managed a small research team that collected, weighed and sustainably disposed of fruit and vegetable student lunch waste.

The Rancho Academy Community College Certificate

11/2020 - 01/2021

INDEPENDENT RESEARCH

Thesis: Nutrients Lost: Adolescent Decision Making in the Context of the National School Lunch Program, Sara Johnson

01/2019 - 08/2020

- Analyzed consumption based on food condition and nutrient content of fruit and vegetable waste collected from 12 to 13-year old young adults.
- Determined the quantity of servings and nutrient lost from food thrown away by students at Ladera Vista Junior High.
- Completed more than 180+ hours of community service
- American Heart Association
- Hermosa Drive Elementary, Beechwood Elementary, Orangethorpe Elementary, and Ladera Vista Junior High.

Graduate Assistant, California State University, Fullerton

08/2019-06/2020

- Assisted professor 10 hours weekly with research tasks related to U-ACRE.
- Performed own graduate level research.

PRESENTATIONS

Barraza, M. (2019, March). K-8 Gardens and Lunch Waste Diversion. Poster presented at the

14th annual meeting of the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE), Costa Mesa, CA.

Barraza, M. (2020, March). Nutrients Lost: Fruit and Vegetable Nutrient Analysis of Student Lunch Waste at Ladera Vista Junior High. Poster presented at the 15th annual meeting of the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE), Costa Mesa, CA.

LANGUAGE

English: Fluent Spanish: Native