

The School of Science and Management 2020 Dean's Award

Hello, my name is Dr. Tom Loper, and I am the Dean of the School of Science and Management.

This award is presented to a Bay Path senior who has embodied the mission of the SSM by having demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, exhibited leadership skills, made significant contributions to the Bay Path community, and been involved in voluntary community service that promotes social justice.

More specifically, the recipient must

Have achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5. and demonstrated significant service to the University's community-based activities, and have volunteer service outside the Bay Path community.

This year's recipient surpassed all other nominees in each of these categories.

It is my honor to recognize Carol N. Sanchez Santana as our 2020 School of Science and Management Dean's Award winner!

Carol finished her bachelor's degree in Medical Science in December, receiving the highest of Latin honors, Summa Cum Laude. As an undergraduate student, she was selected for the prestigious Women in STEM Honors Program, was a Stern's Scholarship recipient, was on the Dean' List each and every semester, and was inducted into the Bay Path University Maroon Key Honors Society.

But academic prowess and success is not enough for nominees to be selected for the Dean's award. Students must also demonstrate significant service to the College's community-based activities and have volunteer service outside the Bay Path community.

In this regard, I asked one of her mentors, our Executive Director of Multicultural Affairs and International Student Life and Assistant to the Provost

for Diversity and Inclusion, Elizabeth Cardona, to provide us with a little insight. Here is what Elizabeth said:

“Carol Sanchez is a strong Latina, ambitious, with an unprecedented compassion and leadership credentials. She embraces her culture, personal and academic experiences to be part of the change she envisions for her community. In addition to the many roles on campus, she served as a Multicultural Advocate and President of the ALANA (African American Latina Native American and Ally) student organization. In this capacity, she spent many hours on campus researching and developing events and programs that instilled an awareness and appreciation for diversity, equity and inclusion while also building community across student clubs and interests.

I am truly thrilled that Carol will be honored with the Dean's Award. I could not think of anyone more deserving and celebrate this accomplishment with great pride and joy.”

In closing, I would like to share the heartfelt words of Carol’s academic mentor and champion, Dr. Yadilette Rivera-Colon, Assistant Professor of Biology

Undergraduate Science Program Research Coordinator:

“One of the very first things Carol told me was that I was the first Puerto Rican professor she had ever met and that made her feel like she could accomplish her goals too. I told her that her commencement would be my graduation because we started the same year at Bay Path. She is applying to medical school and in the meantime she is working two jobs: one at her pediatricians office and the other as a medical scribe. She has taken every advantage to learn and has done so while always contributing to the community both at Bay Path and in Western Massachusetts.”

Carol has also worked closely with Dr. Rivera-Colon with Girls, Inc. Carol provided mentorship and aid for middle school and high school students from the Holyoke, MA public school system focusing on hands-on activities in biology, chemistry and physics.

Need I say more? Please join me in recognizing Carol N. Sanchez Santana on this very special occasion. Congratulations! Carol. And thank you for making us all so proud today.