

Faculty Trailblazers

Mr. Alonzo Laurel and Ms. Jessica Rodriguez



This nomination comes from Ms. Hortencia Gonzalez, Program Director.

Mr. Laurel and Ms. Rodriguez have gone above and beyond their teaching responsibilities, not just in the classroom, but also in complying to all local clinical site guidelines so that our students could complete their clinical hours.

Ms. Gonzalez would like them to be recognized and commended because they have demonstrated excellent teamwork. Due to the pandemic, all of our RT courses were moved online. We worked as a team, and they not only assisted Ms. Gonzalez in creating all of the required Canvas courses, but they also helped enhance the courses as we went. They had created a great Canvas course organization, provided plenty of student materials, and met all of the QM requirements. Students' reviews have demonstrated that they are pleased not just with the content and organization of Canvas, but also with how well they teach students. Both use various teaching techniques to instruct different types of learners. Both faculty members are adamant about completing their continuing education requirements by participating in webinars and attending conferences. They were provided webinars on teaching techniques and improving effective communication and listening, as well as how to educate college students, through Coursera and LinkedIn, and they completed all of these courses and learned a lot and put it into practice. They have monthly team meetings where they actively participate and bring up key topics such as teaching techniques and content revision for students.

Both of faculty members are always on time and happy to help others, many of them being the new Diagnostic Sonography Program faculty members. The RT Accreditation Agency (JRCERT) came to evaluate the program in January. It was the first time dealing with an accreditation visit at the College. They worked together from the beginning to the end. The site visitors complimented the Program Director, Ms. Hortencia Gonzalez on how well organized the program was and how strong the RT team appeared to be. We are grateful for their involvement in the RT team. Annual feedback from clinical site staff and students has been really positive.