

Psychology

Selected Student: Natalie Di Nicola

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The Psychology Department has selected Natalie Di Nicola as our Outstanding Student of the Year. Natalie was nominated by the instructors of both Psy 110 and Psy 200. She is also serving as a department tutor this semester. Before the college moved to online teaching, Ms. Di Nicola was conscientious about motivating students to visit; this attitude has continued during the current situation. Her interest in Psychology began during high school when she realized the validity of psychology to her own interests. Her personal experiences convinced her that a career in counseling was a major goal. To this end, she plans to start an SBCC club oriented toward total health, emphasizing mental health. Natalie's goal for the club is to not be limited to mental health issues, but to expand the focus by encouraging the club to examine the interactions among brain function, physical health, and psychological well-being. In keeping with the stresses caused by the Covid-19 outbreak and with the college's emphasis on equity and acceptance, she intends club members to foster a club climate as a safe place.

Ms. Di Nicola epitomizes the kind of student SBCC desires to graduate to further their education and career.