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## Abbott, Cameron

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**From:** Kattman, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Monday, April 4, 2016 12:12 PM  
**To:** Kattman, Jennifer  
**Subject:** Voices of our Students, Part 1

Hello all,

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*“What is your experience like  
as a Latino student here at Sierra College?”*

*“My experience here at Sierra College has been wonderful. The people here are very nice and easy to talk to. Being a Latino student, I suppose my biggest worry was being able to fit in. Sierra College made me feel very comfortable, as well as very much welcomed.”*

—A 24 year old Chicano Community College Veteran

*“My experience as a Latina student at Sierra College has been very welcoming mostly because of the Puente class and club.”*

—female, 19, Latina

*“It rather lackluster. I, at times, feel alone in the entire college experience.”*

—DACA student (undocumented)

*“Good, wish there were more chicano study classes.”*

—Mexican

*“I’m just glad I found a program that I feel like I’ve known everyone in my classes just glad they have this class. My experience has been great.”*

—Mexican

*“My experience here at Sierra College as a Latino student is very enjoyable. Programs like the Puente Program here at Sierra College make it really fun because they do events and activities and teach us more about our culture.”*

—Mexican

***“My experience was very well. I haven’t felt any discrimination on this campus. I’ve been treated fairly around here not really been discriminated against.”***

—El Salvadorian/Guatemalan, Female, 19, 1 year in college.

***“It has been very rewarding for me because I would have never had this opportunity back home where I’m from so I really appreciate it.”***

—Mexican immigrant

***“I’ve never personally had a bad experience at Sierra College, but I know that everyone has their own individual experiences.”***

—Mexican

***“it’s quite simple, ever since I started at Sierra, I’ve never had a problem with feeling left out or mistreated.”***

—Hispanic

***“Very pleasant, so far. Nothing negative that I’ve had to deal with.”***

—19

***“My experience has been okay, nothing different from other school”***

—Male, Latino

***“I see a little more attention to the Latin culture & put more effort into knowing the culture in which I originated from.”***

—Latino Male, 19, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of College

***“Although I was born in Mexico and raised in the U.S.A., I feel I am a Mexican American. My experience at Sierra College has been good. Now feelings of content overwhelm me. Furthermore, I’ve enjoyed being a student at Sierra College. 10 yrs ago there were NO Latino organizations to encourage and support our culture to further their education. It was difficult then, considering the setbacks I had at home, not feeling that “Go to” support in school. However, these two semesters I’ve attended have been FABULOUS!! Thank you, Dr. Ortega Reyes, and Professor Jose Diaz for your continued support in our educational INVESTMENT”***

—Mexican American

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**From:** Kattman, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2016 5:26 PM  
**To:** Kattman, Jennifer  
**Subject:** Voices of our Students, Part 2

Hello all,

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*“What would you like faculty, staff, and students to know most about your culture (e.g., the Latino community)?”*

*“That there are different cultures other than Mexicans. That there’s Central and Southern Americans that are considered Latinos. And to know our history, not just all the US history.”*

—El Salvadorian/Guatemalan, Female, 19, 1 year in college.

*“To be informed a little more on the latino and community and important issues facing their students at the time.”*

—Mexican

*“I would like more people to know the history of migration and some reasons why people came over to this country, and not assume the worst.”*

—female, 19, Latina

*“I would like them to know that we’re a very passionate group of people, we are also very hard working and wish the best for everyone.”*

—Mexican

*“That family comes 1<sup>st</sup> in everything. Even sometimes before class work. But that doesn’t mean that we can use that as a reason not to do well in school.”*

—Mexican

*“That your culture is about love”*

—Male, Latino

***“The respect and hardwork that comes behind it. Respect is expected from everyone around, not just adults, EVERYONE. Hardwork.—never ask for stuff. Always work to attain what is needed.”***

—Mexican

***“If I could choose one and only one thing, I’d have to say the history of our people—of our brothers and sisters.”***

—A 24 year old Chicano Community College Veteran

***“We are just as equal and should be treated fairly as any other community.”***

—19

***“Always fact check. Never just assume.”***

—Mexican immigrant

***“I want them to know facts about our history & how we came to be here in the present. No false accusations against immigration.”***

—Latino Male, 19, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of College

***“That we’re all here for the same reason every other race is here for, an education that our parents blessed us with.”***

—Hispanic

***“Family always comes first, no matter what. At times, it’s slightly difficult to manage both, school & family. But I’ve had professors these past 2 semesters that have been wonderful... Jennifer Kattman, thank you for believing in your students. Thank you for believing in my capacity. For seeing past my immediate setbacks, children getting sick for example.”***

—Mexican American

***“That we are very diverse.”***

—ethnicity

***“Well I believe that people should realize that my culture and any other culture are not that different fundamentally. My culture like any other has its history and along with that is enriched with different traditions and beliefs. Yes our traditions may be different from one culture to the next and we may not agree on everything but that doesn’t mean we can’t be respectful of each other’s culture. To me, my culture is part of my identity and I wouldn’t want to feel the need to hide who I am merely because others make it hard for me to freely embrace it.”***

—Female, Chicana, 19

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 6, 2016 10:02 PM  
**To:** Kattman, Jennifer  
**Subject:** Voices of our Students, Part 3

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*“Describe any instance of stereotyping, bias, or prejudice that you have experienced on the campus.”*

*“I have had no said experience.”*

—DACA student (undocumented)

*“The only instance of stereotyping that made me feel uncomfortable on campus was when I was in line in the cafeteria and a couple of girls were saying that they hate ‘illegal aliens,’ The comment wasn’t towards me, but it still made me uncomfortable.”*

—female, 19, Latina

*“I haven’t experienced any stereotyping, bias or prejudice at this campus.”*

—Mexican

*“Personally, none.”*

—Mexican American

*“Sometimes I feel that teacher think that I won’t do well in their class.”*

—Mexican

*“I haven’t experienced any of that, so far.”*

—19

*“I notice it a lot in the cafeteria. Actually, more like clicks of people, the football player, volleyball, the quiet students. I’m not sure if it is complete.”*

—Mexican

*“None yet”*

—Mexican immigrant

***“Since coming to this campus I’ve seen how many different races attend this school. It’s awesome!”***

—Hispanic

***“I haven’t had any”***

—Male, Latino

***“Well this is my first year at Sierra College and so far my experience as a Latino student has been good. I haven’t experienced any forms of discrimination or exclusion, which is always good. I actually really appreciate that we even have events such as La Semana Latina and a Puente club. Last year, my first year of college, I attended another university and I felt that the Latino/Hispanic population was very minimal. In addition the events we had for people of my culture were really non existent.”***

—Female, Chicana, 19

***“None. ☺”***

—Mexican

***“I haven’t really experienced any discrimination on this campus except for this one time in the lunch line and this girl said a very rude remark about immigrants and I was very shocked.”***

—El Salvadorian/Guatemalan, Female, 19, 1 year in college.

***“I have not experienced any type.”***

—ethnicity

***“On this campus, I haven’t witnessed any type of stereotyping.”***

—Latino Male, 19, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of College

***“Up to now, I still have not had any instances of stereotyping or prejudices be presented unto me. Sierra College and its students are very respectful.”***

—A 24 year old Chicano Community College Veteran

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*“What can Sierra College do better for you?”*

*“So far my experience has been good.”*

—ethnicity

*“Promote more ethnic study courses for hispanic/latino students.”*

—Mexican

*“I don’t think there is anything.”*

—female, 19, Latina

*“Just more assistance finding out information about DACA.”*

—DACA student (undocumented)

***“I think it’s pretty well balanced and everything they offer is good.”***

—Mexican

***“To be honest I don’t know”***

—Male, Latino

***“Have more programs like Puente.”***

—Mexican

***“When it comes up to a certain things I’d love help but that has nothing to do with this topic”***

—El Salvadorian/Guatemalan, Female, 19, 1 year in college.

***“Sierra could provide more study groups for classes, and more learning activities. I also think that the professors should try & respond to e-mails more, and give students the help they need.”***

—latino college student

***“I would say more options for teachers but I’m sure they are always working on that.”***

—Mexican immigrant

***“It can better me by giving me to get a good basic education and pay a lower price for it before I transfer to a 4 year.”***

—Latino college student

***“N/A pretty satisfied”***

—19

***“Not just for the latino cultures but I would like to see more cultures interacting. I would like to see different cultures interact in positive activities.”***

—Latino Male, 19, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of College

***“Nothing—I enjoy the diverse campus, and programs that it has to offer.”***

—Mexican

***“Provide more flexibility, offering take home tests, online tests, classes offering study guides online, and for Sierra College to offer FAST TRACK CLASSES!!! Fast track classes would be beneficial for those students with short attention span or for students who have to work, have a family. Classes would be done faster, yes more homework but for a fraction of the time”***

—Mexican American

***“Keep it up ☺”***

—Hispanic

***“I believe that Sierra College, in comparison to my prior school, has done a better job at making me feel comfortable on campus in terms of my race/ethnicity. If Sierra College continues to allow cultural events of any ethnicity to happen like they are now, I believe people will begin to feel more comfortable with the environment Sierra College can establish.”***

—Female, Chicana, 19

***“To continue being around for others.”***

—A 24 year old Chicano Community College Veteran

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