

Parshan Khosravi



Parshan Khosravi is an education advocate, grassroots organizer, and unapologetic voice for equity-driven public policy. As a first-generation Iranian refugee and a former ESL student, Parshan has both seen the power of education as a mechanism of community empowerment, as well as the numerous roadblocks and opportunity gaps that face nontraditional and low-income students pursuing education, especially in BIPOC communities. Parshan is also a devout Zoroastrian and spends most of his spare time organizing with his faith community and representing Zoroastrians at the local, national, and global level.

Prior to joining uAspire's team, Parshan served as the Government Relations Director for the UC Student Association, where he represented over 285,000 students of the University of California system at the state and national level, fighting for a more accessible and affordable education. Parshan brings with him over 10 years of experience advocating for higher education access and equity, and he continues his path towards that mission as the CA Policy Director for uAspire, leading the organization's policy portfolio in California. A double alum of the University of California, Parshan received his Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Education Sciences from UC Irvine and his Master's Degree in Public Policy from UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs.

Karina Lopez



Karina Lopez is a community college counselor for the EOPS/CARE/Next Up Program at Compton College. She dedicates her time and skills to helping students start college and transfer or graduate with a certificate or associate degree. She serves first-generation, low-income, single parents, current or former foster youth, undocumented, and students of color within the programs she serves as a counselor.

She was inspired to become a counselor because as a first-generation, low-income, inner city, woman of color she needed a lot of mentorship and encouragement to dream big and pursue higher education. She was the first in her family to graduate high school and college. She earned a Bachelor's Degree (B.A.) in Psychology from California State University Northridge (CSUN) and a Masters of Education (M.Ed) in Educational Counseling from the University of Southern California (USC). She works every day to care for and love her students. In addition to counseling, she also serves on campus committees and taskforces for Guided Pathways, Undocumented students, and Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) to help improve the college going experiences for all students.

Previously Karina worked at Pasadena City College as an EOPS/CARE/Next Up Counselor, Welcome Center Coordinator, and Pathways Coach. As well as at Mount San Antonio College (MtSAC) as a General and EOPS/CARE Counselor. In her free time, Karina enjoys being outdoors (hiking, biking, camping, outdoor concerts), visiting museums, and spending time with her family.