

Telling Our EOP Stories

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Peer Mentor Spotlight: Fernando Moreno

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Newly elected ASI Senator, Fernando Moreno, has been a part of EOP since 2005 when he participated as an incoming freshmen in EOP's Summer Bridge program. As an EOP student, Fernando has been active and involved in EOP, on campus, and in the community. In June 2008 Fernando was selected as a Summer Bridge peer mentor and has served in this capacity since then. As a Peer Mentor, Fernando has helped students transition into college, provided academic advising, connected students with campus resources, and have been an excellent role model. Fernando has played an important role in the academic success of countless EOP students.

Being selected as ASI senator for the upcoming year gives Fernando the opportunity to impact student life in a different way. Fernando is excited as he will now serve students in a much different capacity than he did as a peer mentor. Fernando hopes to make numerous changes on the Fresno State campus, but stated that one of the immediate changes that he would like to see is to extend computer lab hours for students. Through ASI, Fernando plans to work with the president to bring other resources to help out Fresno State students.

Fernando's undergraduate degree was Criminology in which he completed during the spring 2010 semester. His passion and interest in criminology began in high school when he was able to participate in the police cadet program where he shadowed and saw the day-to-day operations of the Firebaugh police officers. Fernando continued his work alongside police officers and completed a criminology internship program at Fresno State where he was able to work with the Fresno Police Department, California Highway Patrol, and Firebaugh Police Department. Fernando's initial goal was to become a police officer; however, he decided to further his education and was accepted into the Master's in Public Administration program in the fall of 2010. Fernando also currently serves as the president of the Chicanos in Law organization. His ultimate goal is to get into law school and eventually open his own law firm to help the community.

Throughout his academic journey, Fernando has always kept a close tie to the EOP program and the staff. Fernando said he felt the doors of the counselors were always open to students. He stated, "Once you start talking to them, you really get a sense that they understand where you are coming from, especially John Lor because he is the one I believe has more contact with the peer mentors and has been a really good motivation and support for me." Fernando encourages EOP students to strive for the best and says that, "anything is possible."



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