

# Faculty Award Winner

Dr. Margarita Jimenez-Silva

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The impact of Margarita Jimenez-Silva's personal and professional commitment to promoting diversity is well-known on campus. Fellow professor Kyle Messner explained, "She has included issues of diversity in her classes and in her research. She consults regularly with other instructors to help them incorporate issues of diversity into their courses. Her peers look to her as a leader and an expert in the area of diversity and second language issues. Her research deals primarily with helping teachers address issues of diversity through policy implementation, curriculum, and developing an understanding of and appreciation for other cultures."

Jimenez-Silva is the advisor to the Kappa Delta Pi education honorary at ASU's West campus.

Student and KDP member Jessica Jensen attributes the growth of student membership and active presence of the group to Jimenez-Silva. KDP has participated in several diverse service projects including a volunteering for Special Olympics, Autism Walk, and holding a children's book drive for a local crisis center. "In addition, Margarita has had a great affect on me personally.

She has been a professor, friend, and mentor to me whenever needed. She has taught me that anyone can do anything, by encouraging me to continue my education after graduating at ASU and has persuaded me to even teach abroad. Her passion for the field of education and her persistence of cultural acceptance is contagious and I cannot help but to be inspired when talking with her."

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