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# Political Science at Skyline College

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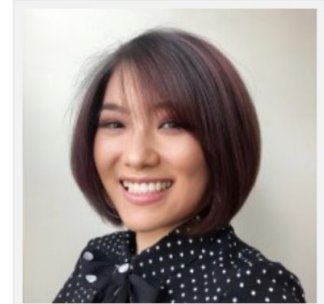
# Skyline College Alumni Van Le Receives Academic Excellence in Political Science Award

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Congratulations to Skyline College alumni Van Le, the 2021 recipient of the Michele J. Shover Award for Academic Excellence in Political Science at California State University, Chico.

This award honoring former CSU Chico political theory and American politics professor, Dr. Michele J. Shover, is given to recognize a student who is also inspired by the study of political science and by outstanding teachers and mentors. Dr. Shover's research focused on women and politics, and she is the expert on the early history of Butte County, with publications on the experiences of women, African Americans, and Chinese residents in the region during the 1800s.

Responding in her award essay to the prompt "Explain ways an idea or concept in political science is shaping your understanding of the world in which you live"; Ms. Le described how the civic/community learning opportunities in which she participated at Skyline College impacted her view of "the social contract" between individuals and society. She eloquently articulated how courtroom visits, shadowing in the District Attorney's office, interviewing legal professionals, and volunteering at Naturalization Workshops provided her with "practical learning activities" and "opened her eyes to the reality of how the legal system works". Ms. Le quoted such legal luminaries as Justice Sonia Sotemayor, as she described the delicate but often imperfect balance of individual rights and duty to society inherent in social contract theory.



Skyline College alumni Van Le

# International Student Spotlight: Caroline Barros

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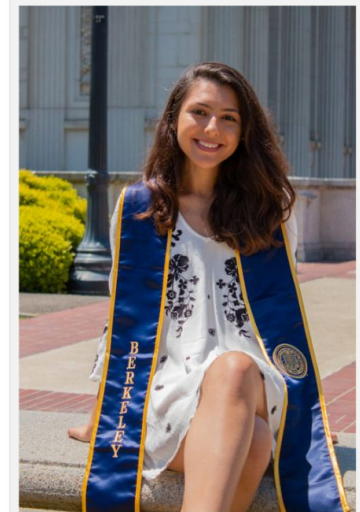
Ever since Caroline Barros, former Political Science major at Skyline College, was eight years old, she wanted to be a lawyer: “I like to read, I like to write, there is nothing else for me, except law school.” Today with the help of Skyline College and the International Student Program, she is well on her way, having just started her second year at Berkeley Law.

Caroline is originally from Brazil. However, after her father got a student visa in the United States when Caroline was eleven, she and her family moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Unfortunately, as one of the only people of color, the environment wasn't a good fit for her, “I was bullied a lot. It was just the worst seven years of my life.” Her grades suffered accordingly.

Despite this, San Francisco was a bright spot in her life. Caroline had the opportunity to visit San Francisco a couple of times and was struck by how diverse and welcoming the city was. She proclaimed to her family that she was moving to San Francisco no matter what. In the end, her status as the only child prompted her parents to move there with her.

Caroline was quite ambitious and aspired to go to Berkeley law. As a result, she wanted to go to a prestigious undergrad school such as UC Berkeley or Stanford. However, she couldn't get into either and couldn't afford the nearby colleges she did get into. As a result, when a friend told her about Skyline College and Caroline learned she could transfer to a four-year university afterward, she jumped at the opportunity.

Caroline ended up loving Skyline College, “It was a great experience. I always joke with my friends that we peaked at Skyline [College].” Caroline had always considered herself an introvert, but at Skyline College, she came out of her shell. She says, “everything that I wanted to be in high school, I got to be at Skyline [College].” She joined Model United Nations and Student Government as the Commissioner of Public Records. She also notes, “some of my best friends I met at Skyline [College].” The ISP had particularly great community-building events, including their International Food Festival.



Caroline Barros

The Opportunity  
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Thank You