

Oxnard College's Oscar Cobian is Named Educational Leader of the Year

We are proud to share the news that Dr. Oscar Cobian, Vice President of Student Development at Oxnard College, has been named the Educational Leader of the Year by the Ventura County Leadership Academy.

It's a well-deserved honor for Dr. Cobian, who demonstrates and promotes equality, diversity and academic excellence. He works to remove educational barriers and improve students' lives in the services and educational opportunities offered at Oxnard College. His very work inspires students to achieve their educational dreams that eventually are brought back to the community through career successes and advancements.

Under his leadership, Oxnard College opened the Dream Resource Center in August 2019 to provide numerous services and a safe space in support of undocumented students. Cobian led the establishment and improvement of Basic Needs services for students, and worked to reduce student food insecurities by providing resource access to services such as CalFresh and led the establishment of the Upward Bound TRIO program that serves first generation students and their families as they navigate the education system.

Cobian is a first generation college student. He rose from humble beginnings to pursue his dream of graduating college, which culminated with a doctorate from the University of Southern California. His native decency and deep commitment to serving the most vulnerable students are the foundation of Oxnard College's strength and culture, say his colleagues. He is humble, courageous and intelligent. He is a great leader that inspires a strong work ethic and passion for students and his community.