

President of Student Senate

My name is Theresa Pedrosa I was born in Fall River Ma. My dad Arthur was in the Army and my mother Teresa was a Nurse. I have two sisters. One older sister named Bernadette who passed away at 36 year old because of a seizure on New Year Eve. My younger sister named Catherine who still lives there in Massachusetts.

I had to quit school at the age of 15 and go to work. Because my mother didn't have enough money to pay the bills. My dad being in the Army didn't make much. So I quit school to help her out so my younger sister could stay in school. In Massachusetts. All we have literally is sweat mills. Where you work all day on your feet. You even eat your lunch while you work. I try going back to school but at that time I had 7 children it was very hard 2 had learning disability and 2 were disable. I had to work 2 jobs to support my children. I left Massachusetts and came to California.

When my children got old enough I did go back to school. Went to Hayward Adult School and finish my High School Diploma then right after that I when to Vocational School and got 2 certificates and won a scholarship to come to Chabot College and I have been here ever since.

I first came to Chabot College to pursue a degree in Early Childhood Development in the Spring 2000. In 2017 I got her A.S. Degree in Early Childhood Development and A.A Degree in Liberal Studies. My focus is to transfer to CSU, East Bay and major in Social and Human Development. In getting where I had to Over come many obstacles. One major obstacle was my learning disability. The second was I suffered a stroke. The third was stomach cancer .I also went through Domestic Violence for years with my seven children and finally walk away. None of these has stopped me from reaching my goal, or persevering with my studies.

At Chabot I am in 2 different clubs Able-Disable Club, CIN Change It Now, and I am on 12 different committees. Health & Safety Committee, 2 Accrediations Committee, F.I.T. Committee and the AC Transit Committee, Fresh Food Pantry Committee. I the Fresh Food Pantry 2 times a month. I am on Election Committee, Events Committee, Communication Committee, Finance Committee, J.R.C. Committee, District Committee and Chancellor Meeting. I am also working on make this campus smoke free.

I have a great amount of knowledge when it comes to serving students as I has work in the Office of Student Life, Student Online Services, EOPS/CARE/CALWORK and the mail room on campus. I started and volunteer at the Fresh Food Pantry here on campus.

I has been awarded numerous scholarships from different Chabot programs and I was awarded "Student of the Year". Among my personal accomplishments. I has raised 7 children on my own while helping to raise many of my 18 grandchildren, and I have 14 great grandchildren.

My goal has President of Student Senate is making sure that students have affordable transportation to and from Chabot. I also got back our 60 Bus that goes from Hayward Bart to Chabot College to South Hayward Bart and back to Chabot. Affordable books and making sure that our students have food and do not go hungry that why I was part of the Food Pantry for three years when we started it and finally all the resources they need. Being President of Student Senate I am very dedicated to my students I want to make Chabot a better place for students while they are here at Chabot so they can achieve their goals and help them graduate.