



Juan Lara
Distinguished Lasallian Staff Member
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Juan Lara has been a member of the Manhattan College family since October 1998. I have had the privilege of knowing Juan for over 21 years. He was hired as a public safety officer and just a few years later, was promoted to supervisor. Juan is the right person for the Distinguished Lasallian Staff Award and I will share a few reasons why. He is a loyal employee who is always committed to doing the best job possible. Juan is very dedicated and willing to volunteer and help when the needs of the College are at the forefront. He clearly understands how important it is to provide a safe environment for the students as well as other members of the campus community. Juan knows how valuable it is to make a good impression when interacting with potential students, parents and visitors.

Juan has always displayed respect and dignity for others. Anytime a student or an employee is in need, he ensures it is promptly taken care of. Juan always respects and honors another person's experiences, beliefs, and values. Juan was born in Peru and clearly understands firsthand, the sensitivity of the problems and sufferings of others. Juan, is indeed, committed to social justice. He has a high level of integrity, which he values at any cost. Juan always shares information with his supervisors, especially, if the reputation of the Department or the College is at stake. He can be trusted with sensitive information.

Sometimes, Juan and I would take a drive in the security vehicle to patrol the campus. I always enjoyed and looked forward to talking with Juan and hear about his family. I realized his family was very important to him. He is a very proud husband and father. His wife Alma works for the Sodexo Housekeeping Department and she's assigned to Memorial Hall. Juan and Alma set a strong value on an education. They are proud parents of Alejandro and Sara. Alejandro earned his undergraduate degree from Manhattan. He is presently a graduate assistant in the Information Technology Department and is pursuing his graduate degree in computer science. Sara is a High School senior with high honors and recently attended the Open House at the College. She's planning to attend Manhattan, as well.

Juan is well respected by others in the Department. He was, without a doubt, a great addition to the Department. He appreciates being a part of the Manhattan family.

And Juan, congratulations on receiving the Distinguished Lasallian Staff Award.

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