

## **UC San Diego Chancellor's Scholars Program**

## Professor Mel Green Peer Mentoring Award Award Recipient - 2017



Alexis Velazquez Olivera 2015 Cohort Warren College Physics - Specialization in Materials Physics

Alexis Velazquez-Olivera served as Social Event Coordinator, Vice President, and President of the Chancellor's Scholars Alliance during his time at UC San Diego. He took part in the MAE 3 Robot Contest, and contributed to the a publication on "Natural Energy Absorbent Polymer Composite: The Equine Hoof Wall." Alexis is currently pursuing a Master of Education in Inspired Teaching & Learning degree at National University, while working full time as a science teacher in Ravenswood City School District.

## Alexis' mentee shared the following about their mentoring relationship:

"My peer mentor has been there for me for everything that I needed assistance or insight into. I really appreciate his friendliness and genuine care, we talk almost daily for a number of things: from advice to invitations to events."

"Alex has truly been the best mentor I could have asked for. I enjoy how from the beginning he was extremely friendly and had fantastic tips for me. We talk regularly and he answers all my questions almost at all hours. He has not only helped me adjust to the school academically but he also pushes me to become involved in other activities. Overall, Alex is a great mentor that I am truly grateful I had."