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Citrus College Student Athlete Selected for Internship with Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano

Glendora, CA Citrus College freshman swimmer Natasha Martinez has been selected to intern for Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano this coming summer. Napolitano represents the 32nd District, which serves a large portion of the San Gabriel Valley.

"I'm really excited about this opportunity," Martinez said. "I have a passion for politics and getting people involved in their communities. I'm still learning how government works, and this is a huge chance for me to experience it firsthand with professionals who are working in the field."

When told of Natasha's selection, Citrus College Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D. stated, "The Citrus College community is very proud of Natasha, and we are thrilled that one of our students has received this outstanding opportunity. I commend Natasha for her service to her community and for her desire to help others."

Martinez began serving her community at a young age. She was a member of the Associated Student Body at Duarte High School and served on the Duarte Mayor's Youth Council. Martinez also participated in a job shadowing program at City of Hope, where she learned about the internship.

"During my job shadowing experience, I was told my drive and interests would make me a good candidate for a congressional internship," Martinez said. "I'm really looking forward to this experience."

Martinez's passion for politics and her goal to serve her community is a result of her family's experiences. She has a younger brother who is autistic, and she observed her mother's struggles to provide him with the therapy and support he needed.

"My dream is to become a lawyer and an advocate for families with disabilities," Martinez said. "My mom's example in helping my brother live a good life has motivated me to pursue this path."

Martinez is also active in student activities at Citrus College. She is a member of the Associated Students of Citrus College Activities Committee and helped plan activities for the college's Centennial Celebration. A swimmer since the age of three, Martinez is also a member of the Owls swim team.

After Martinez completes her education at Citrus College, she plans to transfer a four-year university and study law. "I want to be a voice for those who don't have one, and I would like to help those who don't know where to go for assistance and support."

"I am very impressed with Natasha's accomplishments as a student, an athlete, and a volunteer," said Mrs. Joanne Montgomery, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "She will represent Citrus College and her community extremely well."



Natasha Martinez, Citrus College student athlete and congressional intern.