

## **2023 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Young Dreamers Awards**

### **Nareny Martinez**

In addition to performing her job at an exemplary level, Nareny demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to her role in the community and to the public. Nareny takes it upon herself to provide exceptional support and service to ESL (English as a Second Language) Families in the Winston area. She quickly discerns their individual needs and moves to efficiently provide information, recommendations, or direction. In addition to this and during times of transition in their lives, she has helped new families arriving to the area by providing babysitting options, health care providers, and schools. She is also known for her undertaking the provision of meals to low-income families. Another example of Nareny's impact on families is how she provides on call interpreters in the school setting. We have heard many times from these families how Nareny's leadership has helped them have a positive experience within their children's school system. They feel heard, but overall they feel represented.

### **Jose Saucedo**

As a member of the Delta Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Jose helped create and organize programming for the campus of Winston-Salem State University and the Winston-Salem community. This led him to do direct actions with peers that addressed gun violence and police brutality. Jose is a 2022 graduate having received a degree in Communications/Media Studies. Jose's true passion is advocacy and community organizing which he does through his work at PowerUp NC, an environment organization that educates and organizes around environmental issues within low-income and black and brown communities. Jose also partners with Professor Dr. Patterson-Masuka at WSSU to educate students about environmental justice concerns to students attending WSSU, Ashley Academy, community members, and many more.