

# Recognizing Outstanding Service Excellence



**Claudia María Vargas, Ph.D., M.S.**

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**Dr. Elena Herrero Hernandez submitted the following nomination...**

Professor Vargas is an extremely dedicated professional who continuously promotes communication among healthcare staff, students and communities with diverse ethnic and cultural background. Her work aims at decreasing the burden of disease and disability among less favored population groups, particularly children. Her example inspires others to become involved in service to these communities, including, but not limited to, planning outreach activities for our medical (and nursing) students. She dedicates all her energy and outstanding skills to this mission, which is never limited to working hours, but includes her personal time and resources. She has created extraordinary connections with the Hispanic community in Cornelius, OR, with whom she works on healthcare, nutrition, education, safety and social support. People love her and she is a living representation of the highest values of OHSU. I feel very lucky to be inspired by such an amazing OHSU professional. Thanks Claudia!

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