



## TRANSCRIPT

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### Title: 2020 OC Teacher of the Year – Aline Gregorio

- I love saying, "So what?" So what? Why am I learning this, right? I want the students to understand that the selected topics that we discuss impact them directly. That they are living this concept.
- She's right about being dual literate and she wants everyone to be dual literate because it's important.
- She encourages her students to get outside of the classroom and take that knowledge and use it outside of those walls.
- She cares a lot that other people care.
- Aline is a superstar. She is a game changer for our students and also for our campus. You know, she's working on sustainability and bringing us closer to the 21st century.
- [Aline] This is the 21st century. We are in a globalized world. You and I are wearing clothes, right now, made elsewhere and that has implications, right? And unless we understand that, how we are connected and how we operate as a global society we will not be prepared for the really big decisions that we're facing right now.
- [Colleague] She really exemplifies the American Dream. She exemplifies the story of America. The story of an immigrant. Of a person that has dealt with a lot of struggles and difficulties. To be where she is today and she is definitely deserving of all her accomplishments at this point.
- [Aline] So, I come from Brazil and I moved to the United States when I was 16 years old and underwent all of the adjustments of coming to a different place a different culture and customs and language.
- She really has the passion for teaching. Just, her energy from the first lecture on the first day of class I didn't really know what to expect coming in, but her energy was just immediately kind of engaged me with the course material.
- Some days I'd walk in very sleepy but as soon as she got into lecture that would wake me up right away because her lectures are good.
- She really loves what she teaches and you can totally see that.
- [Aline] I actually took my first Geography class here at Fullerton College with professor Suzie Grabielle who is my absolute inspiration. When I sat in that class and I just saw who she was and all the things that she was doing, you know, that really ignited something in me about a purpose.
- [Student] Fullerton College is very lucky to have her. I don't think I'll ever meet any other professor like her. She's very special.
- She's fearless. She really is, she's fearless. She's one of these professors that doesn't take no for an answer. From administration, from her students, she finds a way to get things done.

- What would it mean to have to be an ethical clothing company? What would that mean?
  - She's been an absolute game changer. From the first year she not only embraced the classroom and facilitate a learning for so many of our students but became an active part of our campus.
  - [Student] She took on the initiative to also start a student club called Students for Equitable Sustainability that will also be concerned with environmental issues and promoting environmental justice.
  - It is the light of my life to see people embrace environmental problems and social problems as their own mission to on the ground affect change.
  - Her role is to be an educator and she surpasses that like a 100 times over.
  - I'm forever in debt to her and all that she has done for me. A 100 percent.
  - The students are amazing, resilient, hardworking and I love working with them because they remind me of resilience every day.
  - [Student] She's appreciated like so much and I think more than she is fully aware of.
  - I encourage Professor Gregorio to keep doing what she's doing because whatever she's doing she's doing it right.
  - This reinforces everything that we believe about you everyday. That you are a superstar. You are a game changer and you are truly the teacher not just of this year, but of every year.
  - [Aline] Coming home to my daughter reaffirms why I'm so passionate about influencing and inspiring positive change in the world. This is not just my world. It is a world that we are passing on to future generations and seeing her, reminds me, of my purpose, every single day.
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