



Natalie Marie Ybarra
Baldwin Park, CA
48th DAA Board Director
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A lifelong resident of Baldwin Park, Natalie Ybarra is the oldest of five children raised by a single parent in a union household. Coming from that background, she understands well the value of education, hard work and perseverance. She attended Baldwin Park public schools, graduated top of her class from Baldwin Park High School and received a full scholarship to attend Columbia University in the City of New York. Upon graduation, she returned to her community intent on giving back. For the last ten years, she's worked diligently to create opportunities for local student participants of the Harvey Mudd College Upward Bound program – a grateful alumna of the same program herself.

Natalie is also very active in the community outside of her work with the Upward Bound program – utilizing her education, commitment and leadership as the Vice Chair of the Baldwin Park Planning Commission and a regular volunteer in a number of other capacities. She's recently run a series of college advisement workshops in Baldwin Park, taught classes at AVIVA Children & Family Services residential care facility, participated in local Earth Day Planning committees, volunteered at a local food bank and is currently serving on the Baldwin Park Sustainability Element development committee. She's grateful for the opportunity to bring together her networks in education and local government to promote the 48th DAA's mission.