Juan Ruiz

STUDENT SERVICES SPECIALIST

Juan grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area and came to Humboldt County as an undergraduate student. He was attracted to Humboldt County for the incredible access to the outdoors and the small communities. Juan graduated from Humboldt State with a degree in Critical Race, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. He went on to receive his Masters Degree in Student Affairs at Colorado State.

How long have you worked for HSU?
This is my first year as a staff member at HSU and I am proud to be part of a great team that regularly goes above and beyond to support student success.

What department do you work for?
I am currently a Student Services Specialist at the Financial Aid Office.

What do you do in your position?
I have the privilege of working one-on-one with prospective and current students, alumni, as well as students’ parents to assist them in navigating the financial aid process and ensure students have the necessary funding to be successful in their academic endeavors.

What do you do outside of work?
I’m usually doing something outdoorsy like hiking, mountain biking, or enjoying the sun while ham-mocking at Redwood Park. The Community Forest is easily one of my favorite places in Arcata but over the last few months, I’ve been venturing out of the county to explore the trails north and east of us. I recently visited Oregon Caves, Crater Lake, and Lava Beds. There is so much cool nature close(ish) to Humboldt if you are able/willing to drive a few hours, plus, you can binge listen to mystery podcasts while you road trip.