

## CARE

Student Selected: Ana Zepeda

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As a single mother of two children, a student and community leader and a first-generation student of immigrant parents, Ana Zepeda is a shining example of an SBCC student. Ana has demonstrated her leadership in the community through her involvement with Child Abuse Prevention Council, Freedom to Choose Project, and Just Communities as well as her mentorship roles for Freedom 4 Youth, Resilience Institute, and Partners in Education. On campus, Ana has been actively involved in EOPS/CARE, SPARC, TAP, Umoja, and CESJ. She is passionate, empathetic, intelligent and authentic. Ana will be attending Cal State Channel Islands in the Fall as a Sociology major and her long-term goal is to earn a PhD. to continue to support those in her community who often get forgotten. Ana has learned through her own involvement that community is essential to one's psychological, emotional, and personal success.

### Ana's Words of Gratitude:

I want to say thank you to EOPS and SPARC....without these programs I would not have completed this achievement. And I can honestly say that because I tried to attend college with no support for 10 years and was able to achieve success in 2 years with the support of EOPS and SPARC.