

Rising Scholars

Enrique Moran

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The Rising Scholars Student of the Year Award recognizes a student who has overcome personal challenges, demonstrated academic success at SBCC, and is also involved in the community. In the Fall of 2022, Enrique made the decision to change himself for the better and enrolled at Santa Barbara City College. During his first two semesters at SBCC, he was recognized by the President's Honor Roll for his academic excellence and achievement. Enrique was also instrumental in starting the Rising Scholars Student Organization- a student organization that welcomes students to join efforts in creating a supportive, inclusive, and inspiring environment for formerly incarcerated and system impacted students. The goal of the Rising Scholars Student Organization is to foster an atmosphere of success, demonstrate the importance of higher education, and provide a sense of community for all their members. During the 2022-2023 academic year, the Rising Scholars Student Organization was also recognized with the Outstanding Club of the Year Award. This academic year, Enrique has been actively involved with giving back to the SBCC community as a peer mentor in the Student Equity and Engagement Program and Rising Scholars Program. Enrique has also found time to give back to the Central Coast community by sharing his own personal narrative to steer youth away from the lifestyle he once experienced. He has shared his story at SBCC, to students at Balboa School in Ventura, Daniel Bryant Youth and Family Center, and more recently to students at the Santa Barbara Unified School District.