

Journalism

Rodrigo Hernandez

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As editor-in-chief of The Channels for 2021-22, Rodrigo Hernandez has led the newsroom with a strong sense of journalistic duty and a true spirit of collaboration. Rodrigo began his journey at Santa Barbara City College as a Promise and TAP student in fall 2019. Since then, he's climbed the ranks of our student news organization, serving as staff writer, news editor and arts & entertainment editor, before ultimately being selected for the top job. Throughout his tenure, he's earned multiple statewide awards for writing, reporting and photography. And he's helped maintain excellence within The Channels by encouraging his peers and junior staffers to grow their own skills. With his energy and commitment, there is no doubt Rodrigo will go far in the journalism profession.

Rodrigo's Words of Gratitude

My experiences at SBCC are ones that I am beyond grateful for and will cherish for years to come. I am lucky that a large support group was built during my time at the college, and I wish I could thank them all. I would like to first and foremost thank my parents, Victor Hernandez and Mercedes Rodriguez for always believing in me and encouraging my journey into higher education. I would like to also thank my girlfriend of four years Sofia Alvarado for being an unwavering pillar of support. I wouldn't have gotten the bug for journalism without teacher and local reporter Josh Molina for his inspirational instruction and commandeering of The Channels which taught me how to be the hardest working person in the room. I must also recognize the efforts of Darleen Principe as the current journalism department chair and adviser for The Channels — especially with coming into a new school during a turbulent time with constant change. I couldn't have asked for a more understanding and constructive adviser who brought fresh ideas during my time as the editor-in-chief. I can't also go without thanking Lab Teaching Assistant John Rose for his guidance into the world of photography and video, along with any other queries students may have,

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