

EOPS

Estella Avila

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Estella's journey is one of resilience, strength, and unwavering determination. As a student at Santa Barbara City College, she has faced and overcome numerous personal and academic challenges that could have easily held her back—but instead, they fueled her drive to succeed. Through every obstacle, Estella remained committed to her education, proving to herself and to her sons that anything is possible with hard work and belief in oneself.

During her time at SBCC, Estella not only excelled in her coursework, but also became a powerful presence in programs like EOPS and Rising Scholars. Her involvement and leadership in these communities made a lasting impact, inspiring fellow students and uplifting those around her. Estella embodies the spirit of perseverance and the heart of true success. Today, we proudly honor Estella as the EOPS Outstanding Student of the Year—a recognition that celebrates her incredible achievements and the inspiring path she has forged. Her story is a reminder that with courage and determination, dreams can become reality.