CONGRATULATIONS TO BSSCA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENTS!!!

Samuel Escobar: SMC to CPP
Nicholas Najera: SMC to CSULB
Lourdes Rea: SMC to USC
Jackie Guzman: WLAC to CSULA
Gaura Avatara Das: SMC to UCLA

BSSCA CLASS OF 2010-2016

MONICA ESQUIVEL

Monica is a Senior majoring in Psychology and commutes to campus. She has enjoyed her experience at CSULA because it's a small campus and there are a lot of people for her to interact with. Her professors have all been really nice and approachable.

She works part-time at a flower shop but will be meeting with a counselor at the Career Center to help her identify careers. She has maintained above a 3.0 GPA and feels that CSULA has been a supportive college to get her education.

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The first stop of the 2019 CEL was University of California Merced. The BSSCA Alumni spoke to the juniors about their experience being away from home and what tools and activities they use to keep them motivated. Additionally students were able to see the alumni’s dorm rooms and eat lunch with them at the dining hall.

BSSCA Class of 2019 Alumni and current UCSC freshmen shared their college experience with the BSSCA Juniors during the 2019 CEL. Gustavo Martinez highlights that college is very difficult for some and easy for others. It is mainly the mindset that will determine how you will handle what they throw at you. Diana Jerez emphasized that students should start developing good study habits and time management skills while in high school so they can be more prepared for college.
VAHS 2017
PSYCHOLOGY - EXPECTED GRAD: MAY '22
Since Alberto came onto the campus at CSUN, he's been on the Dean's List. The consummate student - he has always taken his work very seriously. Although has shown an interest for both history and politics, Alberto has declared his major as Psychology. In the future, he's interested in becoming a clinical psychologist and his current lab work is focused on depression and suicide prevention. While the transition to a large research university was daunting at first, Alberto says that it was ultimately "very liberating." He credits the rigor of Valor's AP curriculum with preparing him for the academic challenges of college. His best advice to current students: "Don't slow down as a senior...enjoy yourself and end high school on a good note."

NAJA-JANAE ROSALES - LA MISSION COLLEGE
VAHS 2019
Since graduating in June of 2019, Naja-Janae has continued her education at Los Angeles Mission College in Sylmar. Always a positive influence on Valor's campus, Naja has continued spreading her positive attitude in college. While she has welcomed the independence that college brings, Naja also acknowledges that advocating for herself is something she had to get used to. As a self-identified "shy student," Naja says that the changes in social structure have also taken some getting used to. She says that seeing the same people in her classes has been a nice way to adjust. Naja currently is preparing to become a psychology major when she transfers to a four-year college. She's interested in both criminal and abnormal psychology and can see herself doing that as a career upon graduation.
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You were put on this earth to achieve your greatest self, to live out your purpose, and to do it courageously.

THREE SIMPLE RULES IN LIFE

1. If you do not GO after what you want, you'll never have it.
2. If you do not ASK, the answer will always be NO.
3. If you do not step FORWARD, you will always be in the SAME PLACE.

REPLACE FEAR OF THE UNKNOWN WITH CURIOUSITY

The most important thing is to try and inspire people so that they can be great in whatever they want to do.

"CARING FOR MYSELF IS NOT SELF-INDULGENCE, IT IS SELF-PRESERVATION, AND THAT IS AN ACT OF POLITICAL WARFARE."

Audre Lorde

We should be lifting each other up and cheering each other on, not trying to outshine one another. The sky would be awfully dark with just one star.

Always help someone. You might be the only one that does.

SURROUND YOURSELF WITH THOSE ON THE SAME MISSION AS YOU.