



### **Martha Patricia Cortez**

Business Management

“The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide you're not going to stay where you are.”

-J.P. Morgan

Martha Patricia Cortez is a non-traditional student and business management graduate from San Antonio College. She has come a long way to overcome multiple challenges in life to pursue her education. More than once, she placed her goals of higher education on hold to focus on raising her family of four, and eventually, had given up on the idea of returning to school.

Some years later, her life took an unexpected turn when her marriage of 25 years ended, and she found herself re-evaluating her life. Martha Patricia turned her unfortunate experience into the drive she needed to return to SAC. This time she came back with the clarity and intention necessary to persevere and overcome any obstacles.

The journey was anything but comfortable, but she found support through SAC, an institution with caring professionals who offered encouragement, resources, and helped her accomplish her academic goals. She now aspires to become a real estate investor and a business owner.

