

2019 DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE



Jose Rodriguez

Speech

“If there is no struggle, there is no progress.”

- Frederick Douglass

Jose Enrique Rodriguez, a 23-year-old student at San Antonio College, understands the everyday struggles of most college students. For the past five years he has been working towards his goal of completing his education. After a long journey of hard work, discipline, and dedication he will graduate in spring of 2019.

Many people don't find this step to be very difficult, but Jose once saw it as impossible. His family immigrated to the United States from Guanajuato, Mexico when he was seven-years-old. This forced him to adapt to a new country, culture, and language. This drastic change led him to be the first out of eight siblings to seek an education and attend college.

In school, his teachers saw him as an outstanding student with great potential but he was very talkative. In college, he used this to his advantage by choosing speech communication as his major, it was a natural fit. After graduating, he plans to keep expanding his education by attending a university and one day have a job in which he can impact the world.

