

# Distinguished Graduate

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## Antonio Gonzales

**RADIO, TELEVISION, BROADCASTING**

*“Whenever you find yourself doubting how far you can go, just remember how far you’ve come.”*

– Unknown

Antonio Graviel Gonzales is the youngest sibling in a family of five. He was born and raised in San Antonio.

In high school he was part of a theater production class where he learned how to make sets for the stage, hang and position lights and make his own foley sounds. Antonio joined the class in his sophomore year and stayed throughout the rest of his years in high school until graduation.

During his senior year, the high school’s technical director teacher was transferred to another school and it was up to Antonio to help teach upcoming students who wanted to learn the technical side of theater. After graduating high school Antonio wanted to pursue his education in working behind the scenes and that’s when he found the broadcasting program at SAC. Antonio has always been a hands-on and in-person learner, so when the COVID-19 pandemic hit it was difficult for him to grasp what the professors were teaching.

But with his persistence and determination he pushed on and was able to make a short film on campus that was nominated for an award at the Collegiate Broadcasters Inc. convention in Baltimore.