

Distinguished Graduate

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Desteny Espinoza

EDUCATION

*“Allow your passion to become your purpose,
and it will one day become your profession”*

Gabrielle Bernstein

Desteny Espinoza is a Mexican American first-generation Latina, raised by a single mother who was her inspiration and role model. Desteny’s life changed when she became paralyzed at the age of seven. However, with the support of her mother, she never let anything stop her.

After graduating from high school, she tried pursuing a career in the medical field. Unfortunately, many opportunities were denied to her due to her “disability.” Her mother encouraged her to give San Antonio College a chance and that is when her life changed.

Desteny now serves as the president of the Student Government Association at SAC. She holds the chairperson position for the Student District Council for the Alamo Colleges. She was elected to serve as the SAC representative at the Texas Junior College Student Government Association and is the former president of the National Society of Leadership and Success Chapter at SAC.

She was able to find her passion for education and is now serving other students, advocating and providing opportunities to others that unfortunately one day were taken from her.

Desteny’s academic goals are to graduate from SAC and transfer to Our Lady of the Lake University. Desteny is determined to work her way up to earn her doctorate in education leadership and come back to the Alamo Colleges and work with future student leaders who dream of having a positive impact.