# Distinguished Graduate 2024

## Victoria Sanchez

**NURSING**

{ *"Even when nursing is elided in general history books and archeology studies, it is still there. You can see it sometimes only in outline, in relief: in every heroic tale of survival, there is an invisible hand that stopped the bleeding. Can we be human without nursing?"* }

**Sarah DiGregorio**

Victoria Sanchez, a proud native of San Antonio, is the first in her family to pursue a career in healthcare. Victoria draws inspiration from the examples set by her parents. Attending her mother's graduation as a middle school student instilled in her a deep belief in the transformative power of education. Similarly, Victoria's father, originating from Mexico, serves as an example of perseverance and dedication, demonstrating how hard work can shape a brighter future.

Rooted in her community, Victoria is passionate about addressing the need for greater representation and advocacy within the healthcare field.

Recognizing the disparity with Latinos comprising only 5.4% of nursing professionals, Victoria is committed to addressing this issue, particularly considering the overrepresentation of Latinos in disease mortality rates.

Victoria believes in equipping individuals with the knowledge and tools to advocate for themselves, thereby fostering improved healthcare outcomes. Within her nursing career, Victoria aspires to make a meaningful impact on her patients and contribute to the creation of a healthier future for her community.

She looks forward to continuing her education in the BSN program at SAC, with the ultimate goal of becoming a nurse educator inspired by her professors and their immense impact during her time at San Antonio College.