

## Journalism

Ryan P. Cruz

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If ever a perfect pair existed, it's Santa Barbara City College and Ryan P. Cruz.

Cruz is the Editor-in-Chief of The Channels and a brilliant example of determination, redemption and victory.

Just three years ago, Cruz was on House Arrest after a DUI accident in Santa Barbara. He began rebuilding his life after enrolling in SBCC's Transitions Program. A semester after his arrest, he made the President's Honor Roll.

Cruz then found his calling in SBCC's award-winning journalism program. As Editor, he won multiple statewide awards and focused his personal columns on overcoming discrimination, and telling the story of the Mexican-American experience.

Cruz, a Santa Barbara native, is a spectacular star of SBCC, The Channels and the future of journalism.

### Ryan's Words of Gratitude

I'm so thankful to have been part of the campus community at Santa Barbara City College. Working as a student journalist afforded me the opportunity to meet and get to know so many people around our school and tell unique stories from every corner of campus. I was lucky to be able to be a part of our amazing student publication, The Channels, and I would like to thank the staff, advisers and faculty that helped me along the way.