



Alumni Stories – Katherine Gutierrez

Hello future SCC Alumni! I am Katherine Gutierrez and I was a first generation, low-income student who went to SCC for three years from 2014 - 2017. In 2017, I was able to transfer to UCLA and by the summer of 2019, I received my BA in Psychology.

During my time at SCC, I met some really incredible faculty, staff and students by becoming involved in the Associated Student Government (ASG), Honors Program, and SSS-TRiO, a federally-funded program designed to help disadvantaged students achieve their academic goals.

To this day, some of my closest friends are the other like-minded and motivated students whom I met during my time volunteering with the ASG team. In fact, I was able to transfer to UCLA along with three of my closest friends from ASG. I have known several other students through ASG who were able to transfer to their dream schools, including UCLA, Berkeley, Cal Poly Pomona, UC San Diego, and UC Santa Barbara. I also know students who were able to get into several other Cal State Universities.

I owe much of my success in community college to SSS-TRiO and the Student Life and Leadership Office who support the ASG organization on campus.

I was hesitant to join certain programs such as the Honors Program and Associated Student Government because of how daunting something like that sounded at the time, but most things worth doing can be a little scary at first.