

EOPS - CalWORKs/CARE

Wendy Rodriguez Cortes

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Wendy's journey at Santa Barbara City College is a testament to strength, perseverance. A young mother of two, she has balanced the demanding roles of student, employee, and parent with remarkable grace. Despite the many challenges she has faced, Wendy has consistently excelled in her classes, worked two jobs, and returned home each day to be the loving and present mother her children deserve.

A proud graduate of the Running Start Program, Wendy began her college journey in 2022 and has continued to thrive ever since. Her leadership and compassion shine through in her role as a peer mentor in the EOPS department, where she supports both students and staff.

Today, we are honored to recognize Wendy as the CARE/CalWORKs Student of the Year. Her story is one of inspiration, and her future is full of promise. Wendy is an extraordinary young woman who is destined to achieve great things—this is only the beginning.