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CHICANO

MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> 2000

COMMENCEMENT

30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

CHICANO

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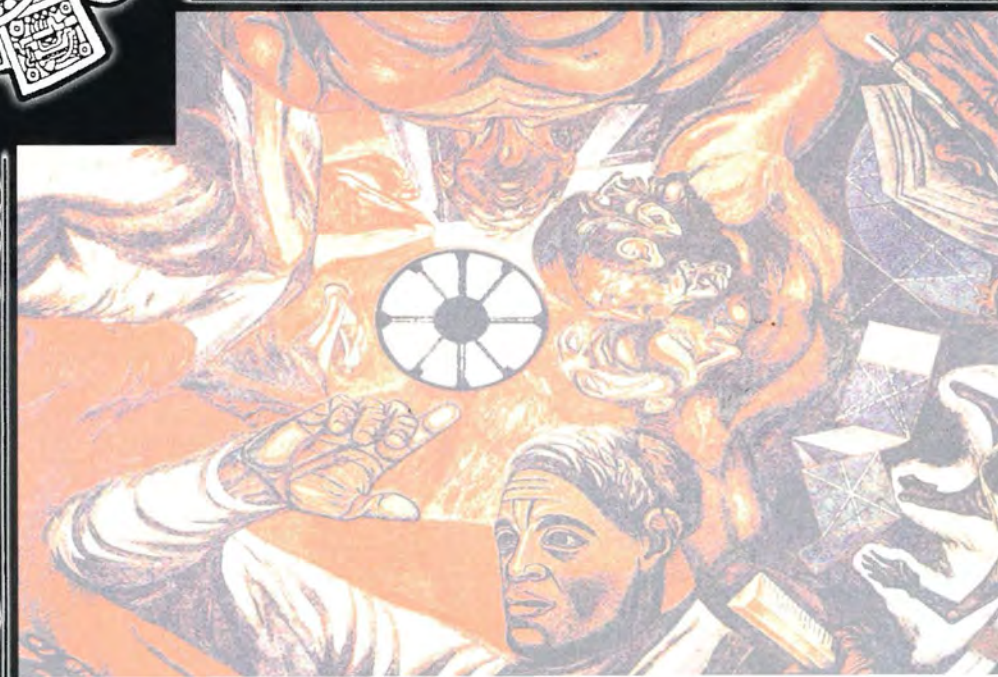


MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> 2000

COMMENCEMENT

EL ENLACE DE NUESTRA GENTE HACIA UN NUEVO SIGLO







Class of 2000



## *Congratulations*

Commencement is not only the culmination of your college career, it is also the beginning of your life as alumni of San José State University. Today you join the ranks of leaders and professionals who have graduated from this institution. Your role, too, will be to help shape our society's development. You, as well as your family and friends should be proud of the contributions you have already made as students at San José State. As you continue your intellectual accomplishments and personal growth, I hope you will find that education is a life-long process.

On behalf of the entire SJSU community, Felicidades!

Robert L. Caret  
President

# EL ENLACE DE NUESTRA GENTE HACIA UN NUEVO SIGLO

WELCOME RAZA, TO THE 30TH ANNUAL CHICANO COMMENCEMENT. THIS YEAR WE DECIDED TO TAKE "COMMENCEMENT" BACK TO ITS ROOTS. AS GRADUATES, WE HAVE REFERRED TO OURSELVES AS CHICANOS, LATINOS, MEXICANOS, MEXICAN-AMERICANS AND HISPANICS. HOWEVER, WE MUST PAY HOMAGE TO THE CHICANOS WHO BROKE DOWN BARRIERS TO PUT THIS VERY ORGANIZATION TOGETHER. WE WOULD LIKE TO DEDICATE THIS MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY IN HONOR OF THE HANDFUL THAT PUSHED THE ENVELOPE TO PUT THE FIRST CHICANO COMMENCEMENT TOGETHER. AS WE ENTER THIS NEW CENTURY, WE MUST NOT FORGET THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

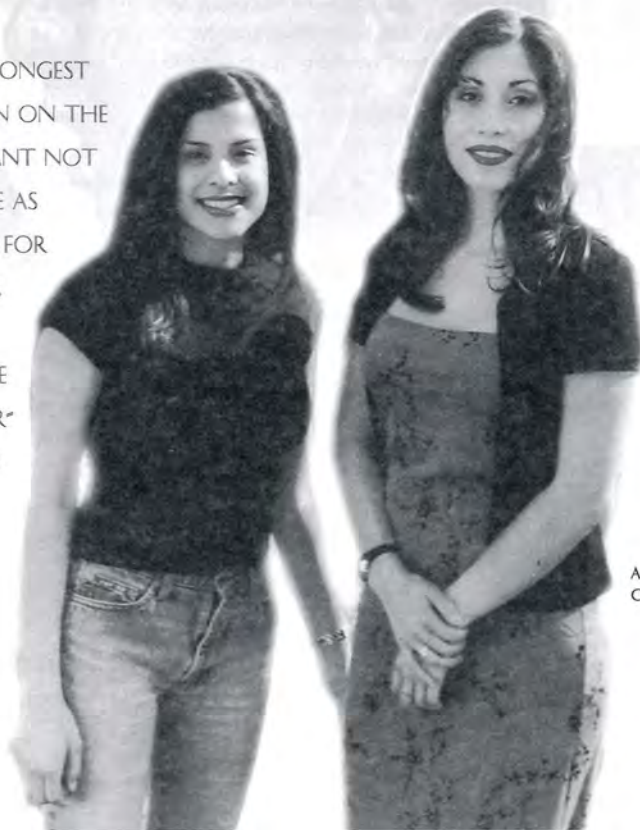
THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S COMMENCEMENT IS "THE EMBRACE OF OUR PEOPLE TOWARDS A NEW CENTURY." WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE SUCCESSES OF YESTERYEAR; WHILE AT THE SAME TIME REALIZING OUR JOURNEY IS NOT COMPLETE. WE ARE OPTIMISTIC FOR THE CONTINUED STRUGGLE WE AS A RAZA FACE IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM.

SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY'S CHICANO COMMENCEMENT IS ONE OF THE LONGEST RUNNING AND MOST RESPECTED CHICANO GRADUATIONS. WE HAVE TAKEN ON THE CHALLENGE TO ORGANIZE SUCH AN EVENT BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT NOT ONLY TO CELEBRATE OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, BUT OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE AS WELL. PUTTING ON AN EVENT OF THIS CAPACITY WAS NO SMALL FEAT, AND FOR THIS REASON, WE ARE HONORED BY YOUR PRESENCE ON THIS GLORIOUS DAY.

OUR SUCCESS IS DUE TO OUR OWN COURAGE AND STRENGTH, YET IT IS THE SUPPORT OF OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS THAT IT HAS PROSPERED AND FLOURISHED. FINALLY, WE NOW STRIVE TO SERVE AS INSPIRATION FOR THOSE WHO WILL FOLLOW IN OUR PATHS.

"WE TEACH WHAT WE LEARN, AND THE CYCLE GOES ON."  
JOAN L. CURCI

CELESTE BORBON  
CO-CHAIR



ALEJANDRA ALVARADO  
CHAIR





# M A D R I N A

DR. CONSUELO RODRIGUEZ

**D**r. Consuelo Rodriguez grew up in San Jose, in a neighborhood of different ethnic groups. At a very young age Dr. Rodriguez knew that she wanted to advocate for diverse racial groups. She graduated from California State University at Chico with a BA in Social Science. Dr. Rodriguez wanted more than a BA so she went back to school to get her MA in Education at San José State University. Later graduated with a EdD. in Administrative and Policy Studies in Education at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA). While attending UCLA Dr. Rodriguez was one of four chicanas that were in the Ph.D. programs. Realizing that the numbers of women and minorities were very small and the support was not available, the women decided form their own support group. With the support of each other the group grew to six women and all were successful in attaining their goals. Today Dr. Rodriguez works as Program Development and Program Analyst. She is currently teaching Education Psychology in the credential program at National Hispanic University. Dr. Rodriguez is a strong advocate for community outreach.



## 30th Annual Chicano Commencement



Mariachi Mexicanisimo

2:00-3:00 Registration

3:00-4:30 Reception

Entertainment:

***Mariachi Mexicanisimo,***

***Los Lupeños Folklorico Dancers***

# P A D R I N O

DR. GEORGE CASTRO



Dr. George Castro grew up in East Los Angeles during the 1940's and 1950's. Castro's experience growing up with African-American, American Indian, Asian, and poor White children gave him a strong awareness and appreciation of diverse cultures and the common struggles that all persons have. His fascination with the sciences brought him to study physics at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). He would later switch his major to chemistry and received his bachelor's degree. Subsequently, he attended UC Riverside, where he successfully completed his Ph.D.. Due to the success of his post-doctoral research, IBM hired him soon after. He worked with IBM for 27 years. Dr.

Castro came to San José State University in 1995 as part of a partnership with IBM, the California Department of Education and the CSU system. His goal was to provide opportunities for all students to succeed in learning, especially those from groups historically underrepresented in the sciences. Since then, he has developed a partnership between San José State University and the Eastside Union High School District. He has also developed partnerships with elementary, middle, and high schools adjoining the campus to improve the learning of math and science under SJSU's Community Outreach Partnership Program and 21st Century Community Learning Program. Dr. Castro is now the Associate Dean of the College of Science at San José State University.

## EVENTOS

**Sunday May 28th, 2000**  
**Santa Clara Convention Center**



4:30-5:00 P.M. Procession

5:00-5:30 P.M. Intro / MC's / History /Keynote Speakers

5:30 - 7:00 P.M. Graduation Ceremony

7:00- 8:00 P.M. Music by: Los Otros

8:00-12:00 A.M. Dance DJ Boy Wonder



# M. C.'S



PERLA MARINA ARELLANO

BORN AND RAISED IN SAN JOSÉ, PERLA HAS BEEN LIVING IN THE BERRYESSA COMMUNITY FOR 13 YEARS. PERLA IS AN ALUMNI OF SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY. SHE GRADUATED IN MAY OF 1999 WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION.



JOSÉ A. RODRIGUEZ

JOSÉ A. RODRIGUEZ FROM CIUDAD JUAREZ, CHIHUAHUA MEXICO NEW BUREAU CHIEF FOR METRO NETWORK IN SAN JOSE MORNING NEWS ANCHOR FOR RADIO ROMANTICA AND RADIO TRICOLOR NETWORK FREELANCE PROMOTIONS FOR UNIVISION 14, SAN FRANCISCO, CA. DJ OF THE YEAR 1996, EL SOL 2000 AWARD  
PLAY BY PLAY ANNOUNCER IN SPANISH FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON OF THE SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (1996). RADIO AND TV PERSONALITY SINCE 1975 IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. SOLO ALGUNOS DATOS DE MI CARRERA PARA NO TOMAR DEMASIADO ESPACIO EN EL PROGRAMA NOS VEMOS, DIOS MEDIANTE EL 28 DE MAYO.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

RIGO CHACON JOINED KGO TELEVISION TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO AS A GENERAL ASSIGNMENT REPORTER AND IMMEDIATELY OPENED CHANNEL 7'S SOUTH BAY BUREAU, THE FIRST SANTA CLARA COUNTY BUREAU OF ANY SAN FRANCISCO BASED TELEVISION STATION. TODAY, RIGO'S PRINCIPAL AREAS OF COVERAGE ARE SANTA CLARA, SAN MATEO, ALAMEDA, SANTA CRUZ, MONTEREY AND SOUTH BENITO COUNTIES. HE HAS ALSO BEEN ASSIGNED TO REPORT FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICA.

WHILE AT SAN JOSE'S KNTV - CHANNEL 11 FOR TWO YEARS IN THE EARLY SEVENTIES, RIGO WON AN EMMY AWARD AS A PRODUCER. SINCE THEN, HE HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS BROADCAST AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS INCLUDING A SECOND EMMY FOR GENERAL NEWS REPORTING. HE HAS BEEN INDUCTED INTO THE SILVER CIRCLE FOR THE BAY AREA CHAPTER THAT INCLUDES PROFESSIONALS IN BROADCASTING WHO HAVE DEDICATED MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF THEIR CAREER TO THE BAY AREA.



RIGO CHACON  
KGO TELEVISION  
SOUTH BAY BUREAU CHIEF

# CLASS OF 2000



WE ARE BORN INTO THE WORLD LIKE A BLANK CANVAS AND EVERY PERSON THAT CROSSES OUR PATH TAKES UP THE BRUSH AND MAKES THEIR MARK UPON OUR SURFACE

SO IT IS THAT WE DEVELOP

BUT WE MUST REALIZE THERE COMES A DAY THAT WE MUST TAKE UP THE BRUSH AND FINISH THE WORK FOR ONLY WE CAN DETERMINE IF WE ARE TO BE JUST ANOTHER PAINTING

OR A MASTERPIECE

-JAVAN



# 2000 LOS



**ALEJANDRA ALVARADO**  
B.S. APPLIED AND COMPUTATIONAL  
MATHEMATICS  
MINOR: PHYSICS

PRIMERAMENTE, GRACIAS A DIOS POR DAR ME LA FORTALEZA DE LOGRAR ESTÁ META. NUNCA VOY A PODER ACABAR DE DECIRLES GRACIAS A MIS PADRES POR TODOS SUS SACRIFICIOS. DEVINA, I LOVE YOU ALL THE WAY TO GOD. YOU'VE GIVEN ME THE BEST SIX YEARS OF MY LIFE! TO MY FAMILY, OJALA QUE PUEDA SERVIR COMO INSPIRACIÓN PARA MIS PRIMITOS. TO THE RODELA FAMILY, FOR ALWAYS ACCEPTING ME AS YOUR OWN. COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE, WE DID IT! A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL MY PROFESSORS WHO ARE GUIDING ME TOWARDS MY DREAM. MECHISTÁS, CONTINUE THE MOVIMIENTO PORQUE SI SE PUEDE!



POR MI RAZA HABLA EL ESPIRITU



**VICTORIA ALVAREZ**  
M.S.W. OF SOCIAL WORK

I WOULD LIKE TO DEDICATE MY DEGREE TO ALL MY NIECES, NEPHEWS, AND WOMEN OF MY FAMILY, ESPECIALLY TO MY MOTHER FOR HER SACRIFICES SO I COULD ATTAIN AN EDUCATION. MY DAUGHTER AND HUSBAND JESSE: THANK YOU FOR LOVING ME AND BELIEVING IN ME EVEN WHEN I DID NOT. THANKS TO MY BEST FRIENDS CAROLINA AND DORA FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND MY THREE NEW FRIENDS CHRISTABELLE, ANITA, AND NYDIA FOR THEIR ENCOURAGEMENT DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS. THANK YOU ANN M. FOR YOUR GUIDANCE. THANK YOU GOD AND EVERYONE WHO HELPED AND SUPPORTED ME, ESPECIALLY BRENDA AND EVERYONE IN E75.



**STEPHANIE APACHE**  
B.A. COMMUNICATION DISORDER & CHILD  
DEVELOPMENT  
MINOR: AUDIOLOGY

TO MY MOM, DAD, GRANDMA'S LATE BESSIE AND ANNA, SISTERS KAREN AND K.G. AND BROTHERS ELDON, STEVE, MEMO, AND McQUADE THANKS FOR THE LOVE, STRENGTH, WISDOM, SUPPORT, GUIDANCE, AND PATIENCE. TO MY NIECES AND NEPHEWS YOU GIVE ME INSPIRATION, HOPE AND HAPPINESS. TO MY CLOSEST FRIENDS SHELBY, TRANG, CRISNA, FREDY, MARY, JUSTIN, AND THOSE I DIDN'T MENTION AND YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE THANKS FOR YOUR PATIENCE, SUPPORT, LOVE AND RESPECT. TO ALL MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS YOU HAVE BEEN A GIFT TO ME I WISH YOU ALL HEALTH, HOPE, AND HAPPINESS. I AM HONORED TO SHARE MY MEMORIES WITH YOU. MAY YOU WALK IN BEAUTY, W/ LOTS OF LOVE, HUGGS, AND HAPPINESS



**LINDA AQUINO**  
B.A. SOCIAL WORK

TO MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS, I HAVE BEEN TRULY BLESSED TO HAVE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU - MOM/DAD, BROTHERS/SISTER, NIECES/NEPHEWS, IN-LAWS, AND FRIENDS. YOU HAVE LENT ME YOUR EARS FOR LISTENING, YOUR MINDS FOR WISDOM AND YOUR HEARTS FOR SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE. YOU ARE PRICELESS AND INVALUABLE TO ME. WE MAY NOT ALWAYS KNOW WHAT LIES AHEAD OF US, BUT I DO KNOW THAT I AM NOT ALONE. I HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH TWO OF LIFE'S MOST PRECIOUS GIFTS - FAMILY & FRIENDS. THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART FOR BEING THERE AND FOR HELPING ME GET TO THIS DAY - I LOVE YOU.





# GRADUADOS



**ANNA ARELLANO**  
B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE  
CONCENTRATION: PUBLIC  
ADMINISTRATION

PRIMERAMENTE QUIERO DARLE GRACIAS A DIOS Y A MI FAMILIA, QUE SIN ELLOS NO ESTARÍA AQUÍ.. I'D LIKE TO THANK MY FRIENDS FOR MAKING MY COLLEGE YEARS SUCH A FUN CHAPTER OF MY LIFE. THANKS LILLIANA, RUBY, LUCY AND MARISELA, YOU GUYS ARE THE BEST. ALSO, SPECIAL THANKS TO MS. HOWELL WHO HAS BEEN A TRUE INSPIRATION TO ME AND HAS MADE SUCH A POSITIVE IMPACT ON MY LIFE. COLLEGE HAS DEFINITELY BEEN AN EXCITING LEARNING EXPERIENCE. IT IS NOW THE END OF A LONG JOURNEY AND IT IS HARD TO KNOW WHAT IS UP AHEAD BUT I'M READY!!



**LILY AVALOS**  
B.A. PSYCHOLOGY  
MINOR: SOCIAL WORK

PRIMERAMENTE, MAMI Y PAPI LES ESTARÉ ETERNAMENTE AGRADECIDA POR EL SACRIFICIO QUE HAN HECHO POR MÍ. USTEDES HAN SIDO MI INSPIRACIÓN DESDE EL DÍA QUE NACÍ. GRACIAS POR TODO EL APOYO Y LA MOTIVACIÓN QUE ME BRINDARON DURANTE MIS ESTUDIOS. A MIS HERMANAS, CECILIA Y CARINA, GRACIAS POR SIEMPRE PENSAR EN MI AUNQUE ESTAMOS APARTE. A MI HERMANITO, RICARDO, TE DEDICÓ MI LOGRO. UN DÍA TE QUIERO VER EN MI LUGAR. A MIS TÍAS Y MI ABUELITA, SIN SU APOYO NO HUBIERA PODIDO ALCANSAR MI META. A MI SOBRINO, CARLITOS, NUNCA DUDÉS EN EL PODER DE TUS SUEÑOS. FINALLY, TO MY SECOND FAMILY, SIGMA ALPHA ZETA, THANK YOU FOR ALL THE UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES. I LOVE YOU ALL.



**ARMANDO VICTOR AVILES**  
B.S. MANAGEMENT INFORMATION  
SYSTEMS  
MINOR: MARKETING

I AM EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO MY PARENTS FOR STANDING BEHIND ME IN IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF MY LIFE. SOMETIMES WHEN I WAS WRONG THEY WOULD TELL ME, BUT THEY STOOD BEHIND ME. I AM LUCKY AND FORTUNATE THAT MY PARENTS, FRIENDS, AND FAMILY WERE THERE TO ENCOURAGE MY EFFORTS. I FEEL LIKE I'M TRULY BLESSED TO HAVE PARENTS, FRIENDS, AND FAMILY IN MY LIFE. I GIVE THANKS TO MY BOYS, WHO CARE ABOUT THEIR FUTURES. THANK YOU MOM AND DAD.



**XOCHITL BARAJAS**  
B.S. MANAGEMENT INFORMATION  
SYSTEMS  
B.A. SPANISH

POR FIN HA ILLEGADO ESTE DÍA TAN ESPECIAL, DONDE JUNTO CON MIS AMIGOS Y FAMILIA CELEBRO ORGULOSAMENTE EL TRIUNFO DE HABERME RECIBIDO DE LA UNIVERSIDAD. A MIS PAPAS (MARIA ELENA Y JAIME BARAJAS) LES AGRADESCO QUE ME DIERON TODO EL APOYO, AMOR, CARIÑO Y EL ANIMO PARA SEGUIR ADELANTE. AUNQUE FUE UN SACRIFICIO PARA AMBOS VALIÓ LA PENA HABER SUPERADO ESTE RETO. A MIS HERMANAS Y HERMANO (LUCY, DIANA, Y JAIME) LES AGRADESCO POR SOPORTAR LOS MALOS RATOS QUE LES HICE PASAR. A DIOS LE AGRADESCO POR HABERME DADO LA OPORTUNIDAD DE LLEGAR A ESTE PUNTO ESPECIAL DE MI VIDA. POR ÚLTIMO ME GUSTARÍA DEJARLES ESTE ÚLTIMO PENSAMIENTO. "EL QUE PERSEVERA ALCANZA"







MAGDALENA BERNAL  
B.A. LIBERAL STUDIES

FIRST I'D LIKE TO THANK MY PARENTS FOR THEIR MONEY! WHENEVER YOU NEED TO GET RID OF MORE YOU CAN ALWAYS SEND ME SOME! THANKS TO MY MADRINA AND GRANDMA FOR HELPING OUT AND ENCOURAGING ME TO CONTINUE SCHOOL EVEN THOUGH I'VE BEEN HERE FOREVER. MANOLO AND TONIA . . . OK YOU TWO SHOULD BE THANKED BY MOM AND DAD FOR FOLLOWING IN MY FOOTSTEPS AND FOR GETTING BETTER GRADES THAN I DID. I ALSO WANT TO THANK MY FRIENDS WHO ALWAYS SAID IT WOULD BE BETTER . . . LIZ AND MARGARET YOU LIED!

THANKS,  
MAGDALENA ELDA  
BERNAL



CELESTE R. BORBÓN  
B.A. SOCIOLOGY

THANK YOU GRANDMA FOR INSTILLING IN ME THE VALUE OF AN EDUCATION AND ALWAYS TAKING CARE OF ME. MOM AND DAD, I DEDICATE THIS DIPLOMA TO YOU FOR YOUR STRUGGLES AND SACRIFICES HAVE BEEN MY INSPIRATION. YOUR UNCONDITIONAL LOVE AND SUPPORT HAVE ALWAYS KEPT ME GOING. SISTER AND BROTHER, IT WASN'T EASY BUT I'VE PAVED A PATH FOR YOU TO FOLLOW. LINDA ORTEGA, I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE. MAYA, PATTY, LAURA MY GIRLS! THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF MI VIDA LOCA. JASON, MY SUNSHINE, I COULDN'T HAVE SURVIVED THESE YEARS WITHOUT YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND LOVE.



FERNANDO CABRERA  
B.A. SPANISH  
MINOR: PSYCHOLOGY

HOY, TE DOY GRACIAS, DIOS...  
POR LOS PADRES QUE ME HAS DADO  
POR SU AMOR Y COMPRENSION.  
POR EL EJEMPLO DE MI PADRE  
POR EL AMOR DE MI MADRE  
POR LA PRESENCIA DE MI ABUELA  
Y SUS JALONES DE OREJA...  
POR MIS HERMANOS Y HERMANAS.  
POR LOS MOMENTOS DE ALEGRIA...  
QUE COMPARTIMOS CADA DIA.  
POR ESTAR JUNTO A MI...  
EN LAS BUENAS Y EN LAS MALAS

"QUE SE HACE CAMINO AL ANDAR..."  
YO CAMINO POR LA VIDA,  
DEJANDO MIS PASOS ATRAS  
PARA QUE OTRO CABRERA,  
LOS SIGA SIN DIFICULTAD...  
¡YO! PELÓN  
¡LES DEDICO MI GRADUACION!

F. CABRERA



**PAMELA CARREON**  
B.S. NURSING

GRADESCO A MIS PADRES DE TODO CORAZON, POR HABERME BRINDADO TANTO AMOR Y APOYO INCONDICIONAL. PAPI, HAS SIDO UN EJEMPLO IDEAL EL CUAL ME HA DADO LA INSPIRACION DE SEGUIR ADELANTE. MAMI GRACIAS POR TODAS TUS ATENCIONES Y CONSEJOS QUE ME AYUDARON A SER FUERTE Y DECISIVA, POR SER UNA MADRE TAN BONDADOSA, LINDA, TIERNA...LA MEJOR DEL MUNDO! A MIS HERMANOS (NOEL, ORLANDO, Y ABBY), POR TODAS LAS RISAS Y RECUERDOS MUY DIVERTIDOS QUE HEVOS COMPARTIDO. ESTARE SIEMPRE Y ETERNAMENTE AGRADECIDA! LOS QUIERO MUCHISIMO! GRACIAS TAMBIEN A LA FAMILIA MANJARREZ, HERNANDEZ, Y LARA, MI PROFUNDA GRATITUD A GERARDO POR DARME EL ESTIMULO Y CREER SIEMPRE EN MI. DARREN POR TU GRANDE APOYO Y POR ESTAR SIEMPRE CONMIGO EN EL MOMENTO PRECISO. "4-3" THANK YOU PAPI!



**RAFAEL CHAVEZ**  
B.S. OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY  
CONCENTRATION: BRAIN INJURY

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK MY INSPIRATION, MY MOTIVATION, MY MOM! YOUR PRESENCE DEMANDS RESPECT. YOU ARE AN ICON TO LA MUJER INMIGRADA DE MEXICO. NEVER ONCE HAVE YOU TURNED YOUR BACK ON YOUR HERITAGE, YOUR CULTURE, AND YOUR FAMILY! ME, MY SON, MY SON'S SON AND ALL THE FAMILY LINEAGE TO FOLLOW WILL KNOW OF YOUR PLIGHT THROUGH THE GREAT STORIES OF DISCIPLINE AND COURAGE THAT WILL BE TOLD OF YOU AT THE DINNER TABLE. MOM, ES UN URGULLO SER TU HIJO. ESPERO QUE EN ESTE EL DIA QUE TE SIENTAS URGULLOSA QUE YO SEA TU HIJO!



RAFAEL



**MAYRA CONTRERAS**  
B.S. BUSINESS/MANAGEMENT  
INFORMATION SYSTEMS  
MINOR: SPANISH

HEMOS CAMINADO POR UN LARGO CAMINO PARA LLEGAR HASTA DONDE ESTAMOS HOY. LOGROS, QUE POR ALGUN MOTIVO U OTRO, NOS PUDIERON SER DIFICILES PERO GRACIAS A DIOS SIEMPRE TUVE EL APOYO DE MIS PADRES Y HERMANOS. A MIS PADRES, ROSA Y JESUS, LES QUIERO DAR LAS GRACIAS POR DEJARME SEGUIR ESTUDIANDO LA CARRERA QUE QUISE Y NUNCA PERDER LA CONFIANZA EN MI. A MIS HERMANOS POR APOYARME Y SER MIS EJEMPLARES. AHORA HEMOS LLEGADO AL PUNTO, DONDE LO QUE NOS PREPARA EL FUTURO, VA SER EL REFLEJO DEL ESFUERZO QUE HEMOS CONSEGUIDO DURANTE TANTOS AÑOS DE EDUCACION. POR ESO, SIGAMOS ADELANTE Y NUNCA NOS DEMOS POR VENCIDOS.







**CLAUDIA I. CORPUS**  
 B.A. LIBERAL STUDIES  
 MINOR: SPANISH

GRACIAS A LAS PERSONAS QUE ADMIRO MÁS EN LA VIDA POR HABER INCLUCADO PRINCIPIOS MUY IMPORTANTES Y VALIOSOS EN MÍ. A LOS QUE ME HAN ENSEÑADO A APRECIAR Y VALORAR MI CULTURA, IDIOMA Y MÁS IMPORTANTE A MÍ MISMA. ES POR USTEDES QUE SOY LO QUE SOY Y POR USTEDES E LOGRADO MI META MÁS DIFÍCIL. ES MI FUERZA Y ORGULLO EN USTEDES QUE ME MOTIVA EL EMPEÑO Y ESFUERZO MÁS GRANDE PARA SOBRESALIR EN MI VIDA. SOLO PIDO QUE DIOS ME DÉ LA OPORTUNIDAD DE LOGRAR LA MITAD DE LOS LOGROS DE ESTAS GRAN PERSONAS INALCANZABLES QUE SON MIS PADRES.  
 LOS AMO.

CLAUDIA.



**ROGELIO CORONA**  
 B.S. MANAGEMENT INFORMATION  
 SYSTEMS

QUIERO DARLE LAS GRACIAS A MI FAMILIA, A MIS PADRES DOMINGO Y TERESA, Y A MIS HERMANOS ARACELI, VIDAL, ADRIANA, ALEX Y TERE POR LA APORTACION QUE HICIERON INDIVIDUALMENTE EN AYUDARME A CUMPLIR MI OBJETIVO. QUIERO EXPRESAR MI AGRADECIMIENTO A TODAS AQUELLAS PERSONAS QUE HICIERON DE MI EXPERIENCIA EN LA UNIVERSIDAD UNA ETAPA ESPECIAL, NO SOLO A LAS PERSONAS QUE ME AYUDARON EN LOS ASPECTOS EDUCATIVOS Y PROFESIONALES, PERO TAMBIEN A AQUELLAS PERSONAS QUE ESTUVIERON CONMIGO ATRAVES DE UN PERIODO DE CRECIMIENTO PERSONAL. FINALMENTE, GRACIAS A LOS MIEMBROS DE SIGMA DELTA ALPHA POR SU APOYO Y LEALTAD.



**LILIA CORTEZ**  
 M.A. ADMINISTRATION & HIGHER EDUCATION

HEMOS CAMINADO POR UN LARGO CAMINO PARA LLEGAR HASTA DONDE ESTAMOS HOY. LOGROS, QUE POR ALGUN MOTIVO U OTRO, NOS PUDIERON SER DIFÍCILES PERO GRACIAS A DIOS SIEMPRE TUVE EL APOYO DE MIS PADRES Y HERMANOS. A MIS PADRES, ROSA Y JESUS, LES QUIERO DAR LAS GRACIAS POR DEJARME SEGUIR ESTUDIANDO LA CARRERA QUE QUISE Y NUNCA PERDER LA CONFIANZA EN MÍ. A MIS HERMANOS POR APOYARME Y SER MIS EJEMPLARES.  
 AHORA HEMOS LLEGADO AL PUNTO, DONDE LO QUE NOS PREPARA EL FUTURO, VA SER EL REFLEJO DEL ESFUERZO QUE HEMOS CONSEGUIDO DURANTE TANTOS AÑOS DE EDUCACION. POR ESO, SIGAMOS ADELANTE Y NUNCA NOS DEMOS POR VENCIDOS.



### MYRA DAGIO

B.A. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
CONCENTRATION IN FINANCE  
MINOR: SPANISH

HOY UNO DE MIS SUEÑOS SE CONVIERTE EN REALIDAD. RECIBO MI LICENCIATURA. PRIMERAMENTE GRACIAS A DIOS. GRACIAS A MIS PADRES, MANUEL Y ESTHER, POR HABERME DADO LA OPORTUNIDAD DE ESTUDIAR. ESPERO QUE MI GRADUACIÓN LES LLENE SU VIDA DE MUCHA FELICIDAD, Y QUE ESA FELICIDAD LES HAGA OLVIDAR TODOS LOS SACRIFICIOS QUE HAN HECHO POR MI. GRACIAS TAMBIEN A MIS MAESTROS, MI FAMILIA Y MIS AMIGOS POR APOYARME Y SIEMPRE CREER EN MI. GRACIAS A MI NOVIO, POR DARMEN ANIMOS DURANTE LOS MOMENTOS MAS DIFICILES. ¡LO LOGRAMOS JORGE! LOS QUIERO MUCHISIMO A TODOS.



### ANGELICA DELGADO

B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE

ES BONITO VER LA FAMILIA CRECER ESPECIALMENTE CUANDO LA CIGUEÑA NOS TRAE LINDOS SOBRINOS COMO PAQUITO Y FABIAN QUE LLENAN MI VIDA DE ALEGRIA. PERO TAMBIEN ES TRISTE RECORDAR AÑOS PASADOS CUANDO ESTABAMOS TODOS JUNTOS EN FAMILIA. PADRES, GRACIAS POR TENER EN MI LA CONFIANZA DE DAR ESTE PASO YO SOLITA. AGRADEZCO MUCHO SUS CONSEJOS VALIOSOS QUE PUDE APRECIAR HACE MUCHO TIEMPO. TIENEN UNA HIJA SATISFECHA Y ORGULLOSA CON TODO LO QUE ME PUDIERON OFRECER DESDE NIÑA.

HASTA HOY  
CON SU  
APOYO.  
PAPI, MAMI,  
BETO,

OSVALDO,  
FRANCELIA Y OFELIA LISTEDES SABEN CUANTO LOS QUIERO. FELICITACIONES A TODOS LOS GRADUADOS. TAD.



### IGNACIO FERREY

B.A. SOCIOLOGY  
MINOR: SPEECH COMMUNICATIONS

MAMÁ - YOU ARE MY LOVE. MY HEART & SOUL, MY LIFE! WITHOUT YOU I WOULDN'T HAVE MADE IT THROUGH THESE FIRST 22 YEARS AND WITHOUT YOU I'LL PROBABLY STRUGGLE TO GET THROUGH THE NEXT HUNDRED. THE PERSON YOU SEE TODAY IS A REFLECTION OF YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TAUGHT ME TO BE A STRONG, INDEPENDENT, RESPECTED YOUNG MAN! I WALK ACROSS THIS STAGE TODAY BECAUSE YOU PERSONIFY WHAT GOD TEACHES EACH AND EVERYONE OF US - LOVE, SELFLESSNESS, THE STRENGTH OF FAMILY! MAMÁ, THIS DEGREE IS JUST AS MUCH YOURS AS IT IS MINE - TODAY WE GRADUATE. THE FIRST IN OUR FAMILY!!!!







### EVA FLORES

B.A. SOCIAL WORK  
MINOR: MEXICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES

ADIOS POR DARMÉ FUERZA PARA SEGUIR ADELANTE. A MIS PADRES, JUAN Y EVANGELINA, POR EL AMOR Y APOYO QUE ME HAN BRINDADO. A MI HERMANO/A JUAN Y BERENICE POR AYUDARME. MI SOBRINA, ANGELA, POR TODO EL AMOR. A LAS FAMILIAS PEREZ, ESCONTRIAS, Y FLORES POR EL APOYO. E/K/T, LIZ, LSG, CHE, SAC-NAS AND ALL MY FRIENDS THANKS. ABUELITA ELEUTERIA GRACIAS POR DESVELARSE CONMIGO Y APOYARME. ESTE TRIUNFO SE LO DEDICO A MI ABUELITO ADOLFO Y HERMANO JOSE QUE ME HAN PROTEGIDO Y BENDECIDO DESDE EL CIELO. SAMUEL, GRACIAS POR TODO TU APOYO Y AMOR QUE ME HAS BRINDADO. T.Q.MI



### NEITH FLORES

B.S. SYSTEMS PHYSIOLOGY  
MINOR: CHEMISTRY

BEFORE ANYBODY AND ABOVE ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FATHER, THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR MAKING MY DREAMS COME TRUE. YOUR LOVE IS FAITHFUL AND WONDERFUL. I GIVE YOU ALL THE GLORY AND HONOR. I WANT TO THANK MY LITTLE PRINCESS FOR BEING THE BEST MOM. WE MADE IT MOM! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. MY SUCCESS IS YOUR SUCCESS. THANK YOU ISIS FOR EVERYTHING YOU DID. THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME IN MY CAREER. THANK YOU ULI FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS. THANK YOU MARIO FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND LOVE. GRACIAS ABUELITOS LOS AMO.



### AMALIA FUENTES

B.A. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

GRADUATION IS HERE AND I WANT TO THANK GOD AND MY FAMILY FOR ALL THE LOVE AND SUPPORT THEY GAVE ME THROUGHOUT THE YEARS AT SJSU. MY PARENTS ALWAYS ADVISED ME TO ATTEND A UNIVERSITY AND TO GRADUATE SO THAT I'D BECOME A MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSON. THIS WAY WITH MY EXPERTISE I COULD BE A GOOD EXAMPLE AND BE ABLE TO HELP OTHERS IN MY CULTURE. NOW, I WILL WALK DOWN THE ISLE AND RECEIVE MY BUSINESS MANAGEMENT DECREE AS A VERY PROUD HISPANIC. THANK YOU MOM, DAD, SONIA, CARLOS, RICARDO, AND UNCLE ERASTO FOR SUPPORTING ME IN MY STRUGGLE.



**ELIZABETH GARCIA**  
 B.A. SOCIOLOGY  
 MINOR: SPANISH

TO MY MOM, RALEIGH, RIC, DANA, FERNANDO, CELINA, JUAN, HEIDI, EVA, PATTY, CARLOS, VERO, AMA Y APA AND ALL MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. YOU ALL HAVE SUPPORTED ME IN MY EFFORTS TO SUCCEED, BOTH IN THE WATER AND IN SCHOOL.



WITHOUT YOU I WOULDN'T HAVE HAD THE INSPIRATION TO ACHIEVE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE AND TO SHOW THE WORLD WHAT BEING A VERA IS REALLY ALL ABOUT. I MADE IT THROUGH ALL THE DAYS I DIDN'T THINK I HAD THE STRENGTH TO SURVIVE. I DID HAVE THE STRENGTH, AND IT CAME FROM ALL OF YOU. I LOVE YOU ALL VERY MUCH.



**JASON R. GARCIA**  
 B.A. PSYCHOLOGY/SOCIOLOGY

FINALLY, THE FIRST MILESTONE HAS BEEN REACHED. THE ROAD WAS LONG BUT IT IS DURING THOSE HARD TIMES THAT WE REALLY DISCOVER A LOT ABOUT OURSELVES. I CANNOT EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE ALL GIVEN ME. MY ENTIRE FAMILY FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART AND A TEAR IN MY EYE THANK YOU FOR YOUR ENDLESS SUPPORT. ROY, NO ONE IS HAPPIER TO SEE YOU HERE THEN ME. HEAVEN HAS NOT GOTTEN READY FOR YOU YET. A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY OF HOLLISTER AND THE INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE THERE FOR ME DURING THAT ONE BLAZING NIGHT IN JUNE WITHOUT YOUR HELP, SUPPORT AND PRAYERS I WOULD NOT COME AS FAR AS I HAVE. THANK YOU AND I LOVE YOU ALL.



**JUAN R. GARCIA**  
 B.S. INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS  
 MINOR: LATIN AMERICA

PRIMERAMENTE QUIERO DARLE GRACIAS A DIOS, A MIS PADRES LUIS Y ANDREA GARCIA, Y MI FAMILIA POR EL APOYO Y LA DEDICACION QUE ME HAN ENSEÑADO TODOS ESTOS AÑOS. ME SIENTO MUY FELIZ DE COMPLIR MIS METAS Y OBLIGACIONES PARA SEGUIR ADELANTE.

RECUERDO UN DIA QUE MI PADRINO MANUEL MARQUEZ ME DIJO QUE LA ESCUELA VOCACIONAL DE ESTUDIOS ERA PARA EL Y LA UNIVERSIDAD ERA PARA MI. DESDE ENTONCES MI MENTALIDAD A SIDO TERMINAR MIS ESTUDIOS EN LA UNIVERSIDAD DE SAN JOSE EN LA PROFESION DE NEGOCIOS INTERNACIONALES.





**YESENIA G. GARNICA**  
B.A. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

PIMERAMENTE QUISIERA DARLES LAS GRACIAS A MIS PADRES TERESA Y VICENTE POR BRINDARME SIEMPRE SU APOYO. A MIS HERMANOS MARIBEL Y JESUS, GRACIAS POR SU COMPRESIÓN. LOS QUIERO MUCHO. THANKS TO THE LADIES OF SIGMA THETA PSI FOR BEING SUCH A WONDERFUL PART OF MY LIFE. LIFE AT SJSU WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN THE SAME WITHOUT YOU. TO MY LITTLE SISTERS: REBECCA, APRIL, ROSANA, AND DANA, I WILL ALWAYS BE THERE FOR YOU. TO THE IOTA CLASS, YOU ARE THE BEST! TO MY FELLOW GRADUATING SISTERS, I WISH YOU ALL THE LUCK NOW THAT WE FINALLY MADE IT. REMEMBER, THIS IS ONLY A NEW BEGINNING.



**CARLOS GILL JR.**  
B.S. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT  
INFORMATION SYSTEMS

GRADUATING FROM SAN JOSE STATE WITH A BUSINESS DEGREE IN MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS (MIS) IS FINALLY A REALITY FOR ME. THE ROAD TO GRADUATION HAS BEEN LONG, BUT I NEVER CONSIDERED IT HARD. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK GOD AND MY PARENTS, CARLOS AND CECILIA GIL FOR HELPING ME GET THIS FAR. JUST KNOWING THAT THEY WERE THERE IF I NEEDED THEM FOR ANYTHING ALWAYS GAVE ME AN EXTRA BOOST WHEN LIFE WOULD GET DIFFICULT. THERE ARE TOO MANY TO SAY BY NAME, BUT I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE BROTHERS OF SDA FOR MAKING MY LAST TWO YEARS OF SCHOOL MEMORABLE.



**JORGE M. GARCIA**  
B.S. MARKETING

MI NOMBRE ES JORGE MANUEL GARCIA Y NACÍ EN LIMA, PERÚ. MI PAPA TRAJÓ A MI FAMILIA A LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS PARA QUE PUDIÉRAMOS TENER UNA MEJOR OPORTUNIDAD PARA PROGRESAR. EL SIEMPRE ME HA DICHO QUE ESTUDIE. SE QUE UNOS DE SUS SUEÑOS ES QUE ME GRADUE DE LA UNIVERSIDAD. HOY, TENGO EL ORGULLO DE PODER HACER SUS SUEÑO REALIDAD.



**ELENA GOMEZ**

B.S. PRIVATE COMMERCIAL  
MINOR: BUSINESS

LOOK AT ME NOW, I'M SHINING LIKE A STAR! THROUGH MANY GENERATIONS I HAVE CONTINUED THE STRUGGLE TO WIN MY PLACE IN THIS RACE. MY MISSION IS ACCOMPLISHED. AT LAST I CAN SET MYSELF FREE. WHEN THE SOUNDS OF THE CONCHAS BLOW AND THE THUNDER OF OUR ANCIENT DRUMS ARE HEARD, THE FLIGHT OF THE CUATLI ZIUATL WILL COMMENCE AS I SET FORTH TO SEEK MY DESTINY AND CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR LA CAUSA. MUCHO RESPETO PARA EL GRAN ESPIRITU. GRACIAS A MI TONANZIN MARIELENA. MUCHO AMOR A MI OTRA MITAD SERGIO; IN LAKESH. MEXICA TIAUI. QUE VIVA LA RAZA! SHAAA...



**SONIA E. GÓMEZ**

B.A. SOCIAL SCIENCE  
MINOR: SPANISH

PRIMERO QUIERO DARLE LAS GRACIAS A DIOS POR HABERME DADO LAS FUERZAS Y LAS GANAS DE SEGUIR ADELANTE. A MIS PADRES MIGUEL Y GICELDA LES QUIERO AGRADECER EL INFINITO APOYO Y SU FE. A MIS HERMANAS OLIVIA Y GABRIELA E HERMANO JUAN CARLOS LES QUIERO DAR LAS GRACIAS POR APOYARME Y DARME LA MOTIVACION PARA PODER REALIZAR MIS METAS. ESTE DIPLOMA SE LA DEDICO A USTEDES. POR QUE SIN USTEDES NO PUDIERA HABER REALIZADO ESTE GRAN SUEÑO.



**LYDIA GOMEZ**

B.S. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

MOM & GREG, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, PATIENCE, MOTIVATION, AND ENCOURAGEMENT, THANKS FOR BELIEVING IN ME! YOU HELPED MY DREAM BECOME A REALITY! I DEDICATE THIS DAY TO YOU BOTH! CHRISTIAN, MY PRECIOUS SHINING STAR, YOU'RE THE BIGGEST INSPIRATION IN MY LIFE! MOMMY LOVES YOU! GREGORY, FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS AND NEVER GIVE UP! ABUELITA LICHA, RAY, SONJA, NORMA, ART, DAN, TIOS, TIAS, PRIMOS, & DAD LES AGRADEZCO EL AMOR Y APOYO QUE MI AN DADO! " LOS QUIERO MUCHO!" SONNY, VICKIE, MELVA, JULIE, GRACE, BERNADINE, & ROSE THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT & GREAT FRIENDSHIPS! SPECIAL THANKS TO PACIFIC BELL!



**GEORGE A. GONZALEZ**

B.A. COMMUNICATION STUDIES  
MINOR: ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO THANK ALL THE PEOPLE WHO BELIEVED IN ME! IT'S BEEN A LONG TRIAL FOR THIS IMPORTANT MOMENT, BUT I FINALLY GRADUATED. MY EDUCATION DOES NOT STOP HERE, BUT WILL CONTINUE INTO GRADUATE SCHOOL. SPECIAL THANKS, TO MY SUPPORT GROUP MY PARENTS WHO HAVE HELP ME THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT PERIOD IN MY LIFE! PLUS, TO MY DAUGHTER SAMANTHA FOR GIVING ME THE STRENGTHEN AND SPRIT, TO FINISH SCHOOL. MY HEART IS WITH MY FAMILY AND I LOVE THEM VERY MUCH. MY LOVE GOES OUT TO MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND ESPECIALLY TO SAMANTHA.





## GEORGE C. GONZÁLEZ

B.S. CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
MINOR: SOCIOLOGY

FINALLY! THIS WORD BEST SUMMARIZES MY COLLEGE EXPERIENCE. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE TIME TO THANK THE PEOPLE WHO WERE WITH ME THROUGHOUT. THANK YOU TO MY FRIENDS FOR ALWAYS BEING THERE. MY TIAS, TIOS, PRIMOS, NEPHEWS, AND NIECES THIS IS FOR ALL OF YOU. MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS ROSIE, ELISEO, OSCAR, AND SONIA YOUR LITTLE, BIG BROTHER DID IT! I CAN ONLY HOPE THAT YOU ARE AS GRATEFUL AND PROUD TO HAVE ME AS A BROTHER AS I AM FOR HAVING YOU ALL IN MY LIFE. I CARRY A PIECE OF ALL

YOU IN ME. I LOVE YOU GUYS!!!

FINALMENTE A MIS PADRES ANTONIA Y ELISEO POR INCULCAR LOS VALORES QUE ME HAN GUIADO DURANTE LOS AÑOS DE NIÑEZ AL PRESENTE COMO HOMBRE. NO ENCUENTRO LAS PALABRAS O MANERA PARA AGRADECERLES EL APOYO Y CARIÑO QUE ME HAN DADO. LOS QUIERO MUCHO. SIN EL AMOR DE USTEDES, ESTE DIA NO SERIA POSIBLE. GRACIAS!



## ROCIO ANGELICA GONZÁLEZ

B.S. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

AS I APPROACH THIS MILESTONE IN MY LIFE AND ACCOMPLISH A PERSONAL GOAL, I MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE HELPED ME GET TO THIS POINT. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY MOM FOR HER CONSTANT LOVE AND GENEROSITY, AND FOR SINGLE-HANDEDLY RAISING ME. MOM THANKS FOR PUTTING UP WITH ME. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK MY ADVISOR ELIZABETH, WHO HAS PROVIDED ME WITH INVALUABLE GUIDANCE AND GENUINE CONCERN. FINALLY, TO SCOTT, YOU WERE THERE DURING MY MOST TRYING TIMES, AND YOU WERE MY LIFE LINE WHEN I WAS DROWNING. YOU MADE ME REALIZE THAT I COULD PERSEVERE NO MATTER THE OBSTACLES, AND WITHOUT YOU, I WOULDN'T BE STANDING HERE TODAY. I DID IT!!!!!!



## OSCAR D. GUTIÉRREZ

B.S. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS  
CONCENTRATION IN LATIN AMERICA

RECUERDOS DE ASPIRACIÓN, MOTIVACIÓN, Y ANTICIPACIÓN, POR EMPESAR MI EDUCACION EN LA UNIVERSIDAD DE SAN JOSE STATE FUERON LA FUNDACIÓN DE MI EXPERIENCIA COMO ESTUDIANTE. RECIBIR MI TITULO DE LA UNIVERSIDAD SERA UNA BASE PARA EL FUTURO Y ADEMAS DE APRENDER EL ESTUDIO DE MI CARRERA, APRENDIENDO DE CONTABILIDAD Y DE LOS AZTECAS.

LA DICIPLINA Y CONSEJOS LOS APRENDI DE MIS PADRES QUE FUERON VALORES INCULCADOS DESDE MUY CHICO. QUIERO TOMAR ESTA OPORTUNIDAD PARA AGRADECERLES A MIS PADRES TODO EL ORGULLO, AMOR Y PRECUPACIÓN QUE TUVIERON POR MI. FINALMENTE A MIS HERMANOS Y HERMANA IGUAL QUE AMIGOS INTIMOS GRACIAS POR TODO.

"A DIPLOMA IS A TICKET INTO THE ARENA YOU COULD EITHER SIT AND WATCH OR PLAY THE GAME."





**ALICIA HERNANDEZ**  
B.A. SOCIAL WORK

LE DOY GRACIAS A DIOS POR HABERME PERMITIDO TERMINAR UNA ETAPA MUY IMPORTANTE EN MI VIDA. A MIS PADRES AGRADESCO TODO EL APOYO QUE ME AN BRINDADO, SIN ELLOS NO LO HUBIERA LOGRADO. LES AGRADESCO TODOS SUS CONSEJOS Y SUS BUENOS EJEMPLOS. A MI HERMANA Y HERMANO POR LEVANTARME

EL ANIMO CON SU BUEN HUMOR.

I WANT TO THANK ALL THE EOPS STAFF AT WEST VALLEY COLLEGE. ALL

OF YOU HAVE BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE AND UNDERSTANDING. LETICIA FOR YOUR WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT, KERRIE FOR BEING SO FLEXIBLE, NANCY FOR YOUR WORDS OF WISDOM AND LAN FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP.



**DAVID HERNANDEZ**  
B.A.SPANISH  
MINOR: MEX-AMERICAN STUDIES

QUISIERA TOMAR UNOS MOMENTOS PARA DAR GRACIAS A TODOS AQUELLOS QUE ME AYUDARON. ESTOY MUY AGRADESCIDO POR TODO EL APOYO QUE ME DIO MI FAMILIA, EN ESPECIAL MIS PADRES JUAN Y ROSENDA HERNANDEZ. USTEDES ME

ENSEÑARON QUE LUCHANDO PUEDO DOMINAR CUALQUIER META. A MI HERMANA ELSI LE DOY LAS GRACIAS POR SER UN GRAN EJEMPLO PARA SUS HERMANOS. JUAN CARLOS Y ESALU

ANTHONY, QUIERO VERLOS MUY PRONTO EN ESTE LUGAR. TO ALL MY FRIENDS, THANKS FOR PUTTING UP WITH ME IN ALL THE GOOD AND BAD TIMES. FINALLY, A LA DANZA AZTEKA TEZKATLIPAKA, I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT, AND FOR ALLOWING ME TO SHOW OUR CULTURAL PRIDE WITHIN LA XITONTE QUIZA, MEXIKA TIAHUI.



**GABRIELA B. LEMUS**  
B.A. FRENCH  
MINOR: ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

PRIMERAMENTE QUIERO DARLE GRACIAS A DIOS Y A MIS PADRES POR HABERME DADO LA FUERZA Y EL APOYO NECESARIO PARA PODER TERMINAR MI EDUCATION UNIVERSITARIA. QUIERO TOMAR ESTA OPORTUNIDAD TAMBIEN EN PARA DECIRLES QUE ME SIENTO MUY ORGULLOSA DE SER PARTE DE UNA FAMILIA QUE SE QUIERE Y SE APOYA. ESTE DIPLOMA SE LO DEDICO A USTEDES. SIN SU COMPRESION Y ESPERANZA ESTO HUBIERA SIDO IMPOSIBLE. GRACIAS REBECA POR ESTAR A MI LADO Y HABERME AYUDADO DURANTE ESTOS AÑOS. A MIS MAESTROS, AMIGOS, Y MUCHACHAS DE SIGMA THETA PSI, GRACIAS POR CONVERTIR ESTOS AÑOS EN UNA EXPERIENCIA INVOLVIDABLE





**ROCIO LEMUS**  
B.A. LIBERAL STUDIES  
MINOR: PSYCHOLOGY

IF THERE IS ONE LESSON THAT I HAVE COME TO LEARN, IT IS TO DISTILL WHAT IS IMPORTANT AND PRECIOUS. FAMILY. CLICHÉ OR NOT, BUT WITHOUT MY FAMILY I WOULDN'T HAVE MADE IT. MY SISTER COMMENTED HOW I HAD EVOLVED TO A WOMAN DURING THESE YEARS, BUT I DON'T SEE HOW. I FEEL NOW, MORE THAN BEFORE, THAT I WOULD BE LOST WITHOUT THEM. YOU WERE THERE TO ENCOURAGE ME WHEN I HAD LOST MY COURAGE. WHEN I FELT LOST YOU HELPED ME FIND MY WAY. I AM WHO I AM BECAUSE OF YOU. MIL GRACIAS!



**ROBERTO A. LINARES**  
B.A. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION CON-  
CENTRATION IN MARKETING.  
MINOR: PSYCHOLOGY

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK AND DEDICATE MY SUCCESS TO MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS THAT HAVE SUPPORTED, CRIED, PUSHED AND LOVED ME UNCONDITIONALLY, WHILE I WENT DOWN MY UNIQUE PATH. MIL GRACIAS A MI FAMILIA QUE VINO DESDE EL SALVADOR. LA DISTANCIA NOS HACE MAS FUERTE. SPECIAL THANKS TO MY PARENTS FOR GIVING ME THE STRENGTH AND COURAGE TO GO AFTER MY DREAMS. THEY HAVE HELD MY HAND TO HELP ME ARRIVE AT MY TODAY, NOW IT'S TIME FOR ME TO TEST THE STRENGTH OF MY LEGS AS I CLIMB INTO MY TOMORROW.



**ROSELIA LOBATO**  
B.S. ADMINISTRATION OF BUSINESS  
WITH A CONCENTRATION  
IN MANAGEMENT INFORMATION  
SYSTEMS  
B.S. SPANISH

DESPUÉS DE TANTO TRABAJO Y ESFUERZO PUDE LOGRAR MI SUEÑO. ESTE SUEÑO SE A LOGRADO GRACIAS A TODOS AQUELLOS QUE ME AN BRINDADO SU APOYO Y CARIÑO: MIS PADRES, ABUELOS (PAULA MARTINEZ, APOLINAR DIAZ, DANIEL VEGA Y MARTIN LOBATO+), MIS HERMANAS (MARIA AMADA Y MARIA DEL CARMEN), MIS HERMANOS (ALFONSO, MARTIN, RODOLFO, Y ALEJANDRO), MI FAMILIA, AMIGOS/AS, PROFESORAS/ES, Y A DIOS QUE SEIMPRE ESTUVIERON CONMIGO. ESTE DIPLOMA SE LO DEDICO A ESPERANZA VEGA MI MADRE Y A ALFONSO LOBATO MI PADRE.





**RODOLFO LONGORIA JR.**  
 B.A. SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY  
 MINOR: SPANISH

RECIBIRME DE LA UNIVERSIDAD HA SIDO UN RETO QUE CON SACRIFICIO Y EL CREER EN SIMISMO HE LOGRADO SALIR ADELANTE. AHORA QUISIERA DARLE LAS GRACIAS A MIS PADRES, MI HERMANA NORMA Y HERMANO RUBEN POR EL APOYO QUE ME DIERON DURANTE MIS ESFUERSOS Y MAL RATOS QUE LES HISÉ PASAR. JAMAS LO HUBIERA LOGRADO SIN EL AMOR Y CARINO DE MI FAMILIA. EL SER UN CHICANO EDUCADO Y PREPARADO EN LA SOCIEDAD HOY EN DIA ES OBTENER EL DERECHO DE EXPRESAR NUESTRAS OPINIONES, TENER DERECHOS Y LA LIBERTAD DE LITILIZAR NUESTRAS IDEAS PARA SEGUIR ADELANTE Y SUPERARNOS CON EL ORGULLO DE SER MEXICANO. "O" Y POR ULTIMO GO RAIDERS YA BABY!



**CLARA V. LOPEZ**  
 B.S. CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
 MINOR: CRIMINOLOGY

LIFE EXPERIENCES CREATE AND SHAPE WHO WE ARE AS INDIVIDUALS. GRADUATING FROM SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY WILL BE ONE OF THOSE EXPERIENCES. I STARTED WORKING FULL-TIME FOR A CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY UPON GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL. IT WAS IN THIS CAPACITY THAT I CONTINUED TO WORK MY WAY THROUGH COLLEGE IN ORDER TO ATTAIN MY DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE. IT IS THROUGH HARD WORK AND DETERMINATION THAT I BELIEVE ANYONE CAN DO ANYTHING THAT THEY SET THEIR MINDS TO DO. I WANT TO THANK MY FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT ALONG THE WAY.



**ERNIE LOPEZ**  
 B.S. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION WITH A CONCENTRATION IN MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

**TO MY FAMILY:**

FINALLY, THIS COLLEGE WEIGHT HAS BEEN LIFTED OFF MY SHOULDERS. THESE PAST FEW YEARS GOING TO SJSU HAVE BEEN TOUGH, BUT WELL WORTH THE TIME I PUT INTO IT. ASIDE FROM THE ENDLESS NIGHTS STUDYING FOR MIDTERMS/FINALS, WORKING ON PROJECTS, AND MEETING WITH GROUP MEMBERS, MY COLLEGE YEARS HAVE BEEN GREAT. WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF MY ENTIRE FAMILY I WOULD NOT HAVE MADE IT THROUGH ALL OF THIS. THANK YOU WITH ALL MY HEART MOM FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE GIVEN ME, SANDRA, FOR ALL THE ENCOURAGEMENT, AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST YOLANDA, FOR BUGGING ME EVERY NIGHT AND GIVING ME THE BREAKS THAT I NEEDED WHILE I WAS STUDYING-I REALLY NEEDED THOSE!!!







**RODOLFO LOPEZ**  
B.S. BIOLOGY

QUIERO DARLE LAS GRACIAS A MIS PADRES JOSE LOPEZ Y MARIANNA MARTINEZ DE LOPEZ. ESTE DIPLOMA SE LAS DEDICO A USTÉDES POR TODO SU APOYO Y AYUDA DURANTE MIS AÑOS ESCOLAR. A MIS HERMANOS ANA-RITA, JUAN, ALMA Y JOSE JR. GRACIAS POR TODO SU APOYO Y CONSEJOS. A MIS ABUELAS ELVIRA Y RITA GRACIAS POR SUS CONSEJOS Y CARINO QUE ME HAN DADO TODA LA VIDA. A MI CUENADO CARLOS GRACIAS POR TU AMISTAD.

A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO ALL THE BROTHERS OF GAMMA ZETA ALPHA FRATERNITY INC., YOU GUYS MADE MY COLLEGE YEARS MEMORABLE. TO MY TOMBSTONE PARTY CREW THANKS FOR BEING THERE.



**VERONICA MAGAÑA**  
B.A. SOCIAL WORK

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY FAMILY FOR ALL THERE SUPPORT. DAD, EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE FAR FROM ME, THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND LOVE, IT MEANS A LOT TO ME. IRMA AND JUAN, I COULDN'T HAVE DONE THIS WITHOUT YOUR UNCONDITIONAL LOVE AND SUPPORT FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS. I TRULY APPRECIATE EVERYTHING YOU BOTH HAVE DONE FOR ME. ESTELA AND TERESA, I FINALLY DID IT! I LOVE YOU BOTH. TO ALL THE LADIES OF SIGMA THETA PSI THANKS FOR ALL THE WONDERFUL MEMORIES. CECI, REMEMBER I WILL ALWAYS BE HERE FOR YOU. DON'T GIVE UP. REBE, THANKS FOR ALWAYS BEING THERE FOR ME. KAPPA'S, YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE IN MY HEART. I LOVE YOU ALL. AND TO MY GRADUATING SISTERS, WE DID IT! TPSI...

LOVE,  
VERONICA



**SONIA I. MAIELLO**  
B.S. BUSINESS FINANCE

I WANT TO THANK MY DEAR HUSBAND, TOM, FOR HIS LOVE AND SUPPORT, BUT MOST OF ALL, FOR BELIEVING IN ME, AND FOR INSTILLING IN ME THE IMPORTANCE OF AN EDUCATION. I LOVE YOU.  
ME CUSTARIA DEDICAR ESTE DIA A MIS PADRES, MONA Y NEO, POR SU AMOR, SUS CONSEJOS, Y SUS PALABRAS DE INSPIRACION. LOS AMO CON TODO MI CORAZON.  
IVONNE AND ALFRED, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PATIENCE, AND REMEMBER YOU CAN DO IT TOO.  
FINALLY, I WANT TO THANK MY BOSS AND MENTOR, CLIFF BURROUS, FOR HIS SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND GUIDANCE DURING THE LAST NINE YEARS.





SUSANA MANCERA  
M.A. ADMINISTRATION IN  
EDUCATION

NO EXISTEN PALABRAS QUE EXPRESEN EL INMENSO AMOR Y GRATITUD QUE SIENTO HACIA MI FAMILIA. EN UN PASADO ESTE LOGRO SE ME HACIA UN PUNTO EN EL INFINITO. MAS LA FE Y EL APOYO QUE MIS PADRES, MIS HERMANOS, Y MI ESPOSO ME HAN BRINDADO ME HAN FORJADO UN CAMINO DE OPTIMISMO Y POSIBILIDAD.

HOY SIENTO QUE POR FIN PUEDO PAGARLES UN POCO DE LO QUE SIN CONDICION ALGUNA ME HAN OTORGADO ESTE TITULO UNIVERSITARIO QUE HOY RECIBO, SE LOS DEDICO DE TODO CORAZON.

MI FAMILIA ES LA RAIZ DE MI INSPIRACION Y MOTIVACION. QUE DIOS ME LOS BENDIGA...



DEBBIE MARTINEZ  
B.A. HISTORY

FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WANT TO THANK JESUS, THE LORD OF MY LIFE, FOR HELPING ME EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. HE IS A TRUE FRIEND AND MY DAILY STRENGTH AND GUIDANCE. SECONDLY, I WANT TO THANK THE PERSON THAT MADE THIS ALL POSSIBLE - MOM. I COULD NOT HAVE DONE THIS WITHOUT YOU. YOUR UNSELFISH, DEDICATED SUPPORT IS WHY I AM HERE TODAY. I DEDICATE THIS DIPLOMA TO YOU. STEPHANIE AND ALBERT, THANKS FOR PUTTING UP WITH ALL MY LATE NIGHT STUDY SESSIONS. YOU ARE A WONDERFUL FAMILY AND I THANK YOU AND GRANDMA FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND LOVING SUPPORT!...



STEFANIE L. MEJIA  
B.A. SOCIOLOGY

FIRST, I WANT TO THANK MY MOTHER AND GRANDPARENTS. YOUR CONSTANT LOVE AND SUPPORT HAS GUIDED ME THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. WE FINALLY MADE IT! THANKS TO MY SISTER, KRIS AND MY NINO AND NINA. DARRIN, YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT MEANS A LOT TO ME. THANKS FOR BELIEVING IN ME. I LOVE YOU!

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, MUCH LOVE GOES OUT TO MY BEAUTIFUL SISTERS OF SIGMA ALPHA ZETA. I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE MEMORIES AND BONDS I HAVE CREATED. HOW COULD I FORGET MY GAMMA CLASS, THUG GIRLZ, ROAD TRIPS AND CRAZY PARTIES? SPICE LOVES YOU. HEY HEY!!



"WE TEACH WHAT WE LEARN, AND

JOAN L. CURCI



THE CYCLE GOES ON.™







### MARIBEL MELGOZA

B.S. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, MARKETING

QUIERO DEDICAR MI TITULO A TODAS AQUEL LAS PERSONAS QUIENES NO TUVIERON LAS MISMAS OPORTUNIDADES. ESPECIALMENTE A DIOS Y A LA VIRGEN POR EL ESFUERZO ESPIRITUAL AL QUE ME HAN DADO SIEMPRE. A MIS PADRES VICTOR Y MARIA Y A MIS HERMANOS, FAMILIARES, AMIGOS Y CONSEJEROS. SIN EL APOYO DE ELLOS, MI META UBIERA SIDO MAS DIFICIL LOGRAR. ESTOS ULTIMOS ANOS HAN SIDO LOS MAS DIFICILES DE MI VIDA. SI ME PREGUNTARIAN SI CAMBIARIA TODO LO QUE HE HECHO, LES DIRIA QUE NO! FINALMENTE, JAVIER THANKS FOR BEING THERE. P.S. COY KEEP UP THOSE STRAIGHT A'S.



### SARA MEZA

"TODO SACRIFICIO TIENE SU RECOMPENSA," ESTE ES EL GRITO DE ALIENTO CON EL CUAL MI MAMA SIEMPRE ME EMPUJO PARA QUE CONTINUARA CON MIS ESTUDIOS. A TI MAMA TE DEDICO MI TITULO PORQUE TU FUISTE LA QUE TE SACRIFICASTE PARA QUE ESTE DIA FUERA TODA UNA REALIDAD Y NO UN SUEÑO. GRACIAS A TODAS AQUELLAS PERSONAS QUE DE UNA U OTRA MANERA HAN TOCADO MI VIDA. EN ESPECIAL AQUELLAS QUE ME HAN INFLUENCIADO.



### GLORIA P. MOLT

B.S. CHILD DEVELOPMENT

I ACCOMPLISHED ONE OF THE MANY GOALS I SET FOR MYSELF, BUT I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITH OUT THE CREATOR, THE SUPPORT OF MY FAMILY, AND THE BELIEF I HAVE IN MYSELF. CON TODO CORAZON QUIERO AGRADESER HUMILDEMENTE A TODA MI FAMILIA, MIS TIOS, Y MIS AMIGOS POR AYUDARME LOGRAR ESTA META. TO THE MAN I ADMIRE AND GREATLY LOVE, WORDS ARE SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, UNCONDITIONAL LOVE, AND CONVICTION IN ME. YOU ARE MY EVERYTHING...I LOVE YOU.



### MARIBEL NATIVIDAD

B.S. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. MARKETING

QUIERO DEDICAR MI TITULO A TODAS AQUELLAS PERSONAS QUIENES NO TUVIERON LAS MISMAS OPORTUNIDADES. ESPECIALMENTE A DIOS Y A LA VIRGEN POR EL ESFUERZO ESPIRITUAL QUE ME HAN DADO SIEMPRE. A MIS PADRES VICTOR Y MARIA Y A MIS HERMANOS, FAMILIARES, AMIGOS Y CONSEJEROS. SIN EL APOYO DE ELLOS, MI META LIBIERA SIDO MAS



DIFICIL LOGRAR. ESTOS ULTIMOS AÑOS HAN SIDO LOS MAS DIFICILES DE MI VIDA. SI ME PREGUNTARIAN SI CAMBIARIA TODO LO QUE HE HECHO. LES DIRIA QUE NO!

FINALMENTE, JAVIER THANKS FOR BEING THERE. P.S. COY KEEP UP THOSE STRAIGHT A'S.



### PATRICIA NATIVIDAD

B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE  
MINOR: MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

MIS PADRES SALIERON DE SU PUEBLO, HUECORIO EN MICHOGAN, MEXICO EN BUSCA DE MEJORES OPORTUNIDADES PARA SU FAMILIA.

SE ESTABLECIERON EN SAN JOSE DONDE NACI Y ME HE CRIADO. DURANTE TODA MI VIDA MIS PADRES, IGUAL QUE MIS ABUELITOS,



ME HAN SERVIDO COMO FUENTE DE INSPIRACION PARA LUCHAR Y SEGUIR ADELANTE. POR ESTA RAZON QUISIERA AGRADecerLES TODO EL AMOR Y APOYO QUE SIEMPRE ME HAN BRINDADO. POR ULTIMO, QUIERO DEDICARLE MI TITULO A MI ABUELITO NACHO QUE FALLECIO HACE UNOS MESES. AUNQUE EL YA FALLECIO YO ESTOY SECUra QUE DONDE EL SE ENCUENTRE EL ESTA MUY ORGULLOSO DE MI.



### KATHY NEVAREZ

B.A. SOCIAL SCIENCE

THIS HAS BEEN A LONG TIME COMING BUT WITH COMMITMENT AND FAITH IN GOD THIS LATIN DID IT! MOM AND DAD, YOU HAVE BEEN MY INSPIRATION AND REASON FOR DOING. I DEDICATE THIS DIPLOMA TO YOU, O LOVE YOU BOTH MICHAEL, YOUR LOVE AND ENCOURAGEMENT HAVE HELPED ME THROUGH THIS. THANKS BABY! TO MY GRANDPARENTS, BROTHERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS, YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT WERE ESSENTIAL, THANKS. LIZ, YOU ARE NOT ONLY MY BEST FRIEND BUT MY SISTER. BERNIE, CASS, CUATAS, GABE, JOEL, J.T., LET, LUPITA AND MOLLY, YOU'RE THE BEST! FINALLY, DAMIAN, YOUR FRIENDSHIP CHANGED MY LIFE. THANK YOU! ADIOS!





### TERRY OCHOA

MAJOR: SOCIAL SCIENCE  
MINOR: SPANISH

IT HAS BEEN A LONG WINDING ROAD AND COUNTLESS OBSTACLES HAVE CROSSED MY PATH. WHAT ONE DAY SEEMED AN IMPOSSIBILITY TODAY BECOMES A REALITY. I DEDICATE THIS ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENT TO THE LATE LUCILLE "COOKIE" SAPIENS. SHE WAS TRULY MY INITIAL INSPIRATION IN THIS VENTURE AND HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR HER CONFIDENCE IN ME, I WOULD NOT BE HERE TODAY. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE SUPPORT GIVEN TO BY MY NINETY YEAR OLD MOTHER, PRUDENCIA GUTIERREZ, AND MY DAUGHTER DIANE (ALSO A GRADUATE) AND MY SON, ALEX FOR THEIR UNFAILING SUPPORT. THANK YOU LORD FOR LETTING THEM SHARE IN THIS JOYOUS OCCASION.



### CHRISTINA OLIDE

B.S. ACCOUNTING &  
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION  
SYSTEMS

ESTAS PALABRAS SON PARA RECORDARME QUIEN SOY HOY. Y QUIEN QUIERO SER SIEMPRE. AGRADESCO TODO LO QUE TENGO. VIVO TODOS LOS DIAS PROFUNDAMENTE. TENGO TANTOS SUEÑOS, TANTO AMOR, TANTA VIDA, Y TANTA GRATITUD. ESTOY ORGULLOSA EN SABER QUE NUNCA ME ARREPENTIRE DE NO HABERLE DICHO A MI FAMILIA QUE LOS QUIERO MUCHO-HE LOGRADO QUE ELLOS LO SEPAN. GRACIAS DIOS POR HABERME BENDICIDO CON UNA FAMILIA TAN MARAVILLOSA. SIN RECONOSER TODAS ESTAS COSAS. LOS EXITOS EN MI VIDA NO IMPORTARAN. MAMI, DADDY, MARY, CUCA, FRANK, ALEX USTEDES SON EL CENTRO DE MI UNIVERSO Y LA RAIZ DE MI ESFUERZO.



### HECTOR OLIVA JR.

B.A. INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS  
MINOR: LATIN-AMERICAN STUDIES

I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO THANK GOD FOR ALLOWING ME TO SEE THE SUNRISE AND SUNSET EVERY DAY. ALSO MY PARENT FOR GUIDING ME THROUGH THE OBSTACLES THAT NO ONE INTENDS, BUT ALWAYS SEEMS TO ARISE. MY RELATIVES AND FRIENDS FOR BEING SUPPORTIVE AND GIVING ME ADVICE THAT I WILL NEVER TAKE FOR GRANTED. FINALLY, MY GRANDPARENTS FOR HAVING AN AFFECT ON MY LIFE DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY. CON CARINO Y AMOR, GRACIAS ABUELITOS POR ENSEÑARME EL CAMINO A LLEGAR AL TRIUNFO DE ALCANZAR LAS ESTRELLAS. CON MUCHO RESPECTO LES DOY LAS GRACIAS A CARLOS, VITALINO, ALBERTINA, Y MARIA.



JESSICA PINILLA

B.A. SPANISH

I WOULD ESPECIALLY LIKE TO THANK MY PARENTS FOR ALL THEIR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT THROUGHOUT MY EDUCATION. THEY HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ME IN COMPLETING MY DEGREE AND CONTINUING MY FUTURE EDUCATIONAL GOALS. I HAVE GAINED INCREASED KNOWLEDGE, WORLDLY AND SCHOLASTICALLY, IN MY STUDIES ABROAD WHICH WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF MY PARENTS. I AM GRATEFUL FOR THEIR UNCONDITIONAL LOVE AND MAKING ME THE PERSON I AM TODAY. FOR THESE REASONS I DEDICATE THIS DEGREE TO MY PARENTS, WHO HAVE PUT IN MUCH TIME AND EFFORT, AND WHO GREATLY DESERVE IT. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING. TE AMO MUCHO. SU HIJA, JESSICA



ELVA HUERTA PRIETO

B.A. SOCIOLOGY WITH A CONCENTRATION IN CRIMINOLOGY

MI PREPARACIÓN ACADEMICA HA SIDO UN RETO QUE HE LOGRADO CON SACRIFICIO Y DETERMINACIÓN, QUE SIN EL APOYO DE MIS PADRES, NO HUBIERA PODIDO LOGRAR. PARA TODOS USTEDES QUIENES HAN DEMONSTRADO SU AMOR Y CARIÑO AL SOPORTARME. MIL GRACIAS DE TODO CORAZON! MIS HERMANOS LUPE Y OCTAVIO AL PODER PONER EL EJEMPLO ANTE ELLOS. CON MUCHO ORGULLO LES DEDICO MI TITULO. FINALMENTE, GRACIAS A DIOS POR LOS PADRES QUE ME DIO, QUIENES POR 28 AÑOS DE MI VIDA HAN SIDO MIS GUIAS. CON SUS CONSEJOS Y SABIDURIA ME HAN DIRIGIDO POR ESTE CAMINO. PARA SER UNA MEXICANA EDUCADA Y PREPARADA PARA TRIUNFAR EN LA VIDA. OCTAVIO Y CANDE POR SU APOYO Y SU FE EN MI. IETERNAMENTE MI AMOR! Y ARRIBA GUANA JUATO! POR SU APOYO Y SU FE EN MI. LA SEÑORA LINDA ORTEGA NUNCA OLVIDARE LO QUE HISO POR MI. MIL GRACIAS!



EDUARDO PALACIOS

B.A. LINGUISTICS MINOR: JAPANESE

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY MOM, MY BROTHERS, AND LALO FOR ALL OF THEIR SUPPORT DURING MY COLLEGE YEARS. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY BEAUTIFUL WIFE JANET FOR HER COMPANY AND ENCOURAGEMENT DURING MY LAST 2 YEARS AT SJSU. MANY WONDERFUL THINGS HAPPENED TO ME LAST YEAR. IN PARTICULAR, I GOT MARRIED AND MY WIFE GAVE BIRTH TO A HANDSOME BABY BOY \* EDUARDO JR. I AM PROUD TO BE THE FIRST MEMBER OF MY FAMILY TO GRADUATE AND EXPECT TO SEE MY YOUNGER BROTHERS DO THE SAME IN THE COMING YEARS.





REGINA RESENDEZ  
B.A. CHILD DEVELOPMENT

I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A BIG THANKS AND LOVE TO MY DAD, MOM, AND SISTER FOR BEING THERE THROUGHOUT MY COLLEGE YEARS, AND SUPPORTING MY DECISION ALL THE WAY. TO MY BEST FRIEND, MY MOM, THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO ME WHEN I NEEDED TO LET SOME STRESS OUT. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY

AUNTS, UNCLAS, COUSINS, GRANDPARENTS, AND FRIENDS FOR SUPPORTING ME. PAPA, YOUR BIG GIRL DID IT!

IF IT WASN'T FOR MY PARENTS SUPPORT AND LOVE, I WOULDN'T BE WHERE I AM TODAY.



ARISVE RODRIGUEZ  
B.S. BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE / PSYCHOLOGY

GRACIAS, A TODOS QUE ME DIERON SU APOYO. A MIS HERMANAS, FAMILIARES, AMIGOS Y PRINCIPALMENTE A MIS PADRES POR TODA LA CONFIANZA QUE DEPOSITARON EN MI. PARA MI HOY ES UN DIA MUY ESPECIAL. LE DOY GRACIAS A DIOS POR HABERME PERMITIDO COMPARTIR ESTE MOMENTO CON LAS PERSONAS QUE MAS QUIERO. HA SIDO UNA TRAYECTORIA LARGA Y DIFICIL, PERO MIS PADRES FUERON Y SIGUIRAN SIENDO MI MOTIVACION PARA SALIR ADELANTE. THANK YOU JUNIOR FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT. GRACIAS A DIOS POR HABERME DADO FUERZAS Y FORTALEZA PARA SEGUIR ADELANTE Y NO DEJARME VENCER.



MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ  
B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE WITH HONORS  
MINOR: SPANISH &  
MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS TIME TO THANK ALL THOSE THAT MADE THIS DAY POSSIBLE: MY PARENTS, MIGUEL AND ANGELINA RODRIGUEZ, MY SIBLINGS JUAN AND SANDRA, AND THE REST OF MY FAMILY

AND FRIENDS THAT WERE THERE TO PUSH ME DURING MY DOWN TIMES. SPECIAL THANKS TO DANIEL AND CITLALI. QUERIA DECIRLE GRACIAS A MIS

PADRES, MIGUEL Y ANGELINA RODRIGUEZ Y A TODA MI FAMILIA Y AMIGOS QUE ME HAN APOYADO. SIN USTEDES ESTE DIA NO SE HUBIERA REALIZADO. SIGO MIS ESTUDIOS A CAUSA DE USTEDES.



¡NO ME DEJO!

"IF YOU AREN'T PART OF THE SOLUTION, YOU'RE PART OF THE PROBLEM."



**ROSA RODRIGUEZ**

B.S. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE  
MINOR: ANTHROPOLOGY

ANTES QUE NADA, QUIERO DARTÉ LAS GRACIAS A TI MAMA, POR TU AMOR, TU COMPRESION, PERO SOBRE TODO, POR ESE APOYO Y ESE AMOR QUE ME HIZO SEGUIR ADELANTE. A TI, HILARIO, POR ESAS PALABRAS QUE ME AYUDARON A REFLEXIONAR. A MI HERMANITO, MICHAEL Y A MI HERMANA, JANET, LOS QUIERO MUCHO! PERO, ESPECIALMENTE PARA MI QUERIDO HIJO, ALEXZANDER, ES A TI A QUIEN LE DEDICO ESTE GRAN TRIUNFO. GRACIAS!

TO ANTONIO, I'M SO LUCKY TO HAVE YOU IN MY LIFE. ALEXZANDER, MY GREATEST INSPIRATION, MOMMY LOVES YOU WITH ALL HER HEART!



**ELIZABETH ROMAN**

B.A. BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE  
B.A. COMMUNICATION STUDIES  
MINOR: CHEMISTRY

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK GOD FOR MAKING MY GRADUATION POSSIBLE. WITHOUT FAITH, IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN DONE. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK MY PARENTS, EVA AND SIDONIO ROMÁN FOR THEIR CARÍÑO AND SUPPORT. LOS QUIERO MUCHO!!! JOE, CESSY, BUBBA, ALEX, BENNIE, CLARISSA, AMERICO, MARIA, BECKY, JR, PINA, FAMILIA TEMORES, FAMILIA ROJAS, CAMANGON FAMILY, BIO DEPARTMENT'S CHE AND SACNAS STUDY CREW, YOSHII'S KAJUKENBO CREW, XIPE-TOTEC, MY CO-WORKERS, AND CLOSE FRIENDS...YOU GUYS ARE MY INSPIRATION! ROLANDO BABY..I LOVE YOU!!! THIS XICANA, LATINA, MESTIZA, MEXICANA-AMERICANA IS PROUD TO HAVE GRADUATED FROM SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY, KNOWING THAT ALL THAT STUDYING HAS PAID OFF!



**JORGE SANDOVAL**

B.S. INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY  
MINOR: BUSINESS MANAGEMENT CON-  
CENTRATION MANUFACTURING

ESTOY MUY CONTENTO DE PODER ALCANZAR UNA DE MIS METAS MAS GRANDES EN MI VIDA. SE REQUIRIO MUCHO ESFUERZO, DEDICACION, Y GANAS. LE QUIERO DAR GRACIAS A MI FAMILIA Y A TODOS MIS AMIGOS POR SU AYUDA. SU APOYO ME AYUDO MUCHISIMO. ESPECIALMENTE EL APOYO DE MIS PADRES, QUE VINIERON A ESTE PAIS CON EL SUEÑO DE DARLE UNA VIDA MEJOR A SUS HIJOS. ESPERO QUE ESTE DIPLOMA SIRVA COMO UNA PEQUEÑA MUESTRA DE MI AGRADECIMIENTO. GRACIAS!





**ROBERTO O. SOTELO**  
 B.S. KINESIOLOGY  
 MINOR: PSYCHOLOGY

**FINALLY!!** THANK YOU TO MY LOVING PARENTS WHO HAVE PROVIDED ME WITH THE GREATEST FRUITS OF LIFE, INCLUDING TUITION. YOU'RE THE PUREST TWO PEOPLE I'VE COME ACROSS IN MY LIFE, AND I DO ALL THIS FOR YOU. TO MY BROTHER WHO PAVED THE PATH FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS.

TO MY EXTENDED FAMILY, IN HOPES THAT MY ACADEMIC SUCCESS MAY INFLUENCE OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS. LOVE TO MY SIGMA LAMBDA BETA BROTHERS

WHO HAVE MADE MY COLLEGE YEARS UNFORGETTABLE, AND LONG. FINALLY, LOVE TO ALL MY BROTHERS WHO I GREW UP WITH AND SUPPORTED MY COLLEGE CAREER. SPECIAL THANKS TO MY AUNT, LINDA ORTEGA. ONTO GRADUATE SCHOOL!!



**CELIA SEMA**  
 B.S. NURSING

QUICIERA DEDICAR ESTA DIPLOMA A MIS PADRES, ABEL Y YOLANDA MORAN. GRACIAS POR TODA SU AYUDA, INSPIRACION Y AMOR. SIN UDS. NADA DE ESTO FUERA POSIBLE. ES POR UDS. DOS QUE YO SOY LA PERSONA DE HOY. LOS QUIERO MUCHO. A MI ESPOSO, GRACIAS POR TODO TU APOYO Y ESFUERZO. TU ERES MI FUENTE DE FUERZA. NO HAIGA PODIDO PASAR MIS CLASES DE ENFERMERIA SIN TU APOYO. TE QUIERO MUCHO. I LOVE YOU TALI AND VICTOR. GRACIAS A MI FAMILIA Y A MIS SUEGROS POR TODO. Y GRACIAS A DIOS POR PONER ME EN ESTE CAMINO.



**RALPH SERMANO**  
 B.S. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

THANK YOU VERY MUCH MOM AND DAD FOR ALL THE SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND HELP YOU HAVE BOTH GIVEN TO ME. THANK YOU FOR ALL THE LOVE YOU'VE HAVE GIVEN TO MY SON TAKOTA, AND FOR ALLOWING ME THE TIME TO CONTINUE WITH MY EDUCATION. THANK YOU TAKOTA FOR BEING PATIENT WITH ME THROUGHOUT THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF YOUR LIFE. I GIVE MY MOST SINCERE THANKS TO YOU SHARON JOYCE FOR BELIEVING IN ME, AND NEVER GIV-



ING UP ON US THROUGHOUT MY COLLEGE CAREER. THANK YOU TO ALL MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT YOU ALL HAVE GIVEN ME.



**YVETTE SADDIK**  
B.S. POLITICAL SCIENCE

**P**RIMERAMENTE LE QUISIERA DAR LAS GRACIAS A LA PERSONA MÁS IMPORTANTE EN MI VIDA, MI MADRE. GRACIAS POR EL APOYO QUE ME HAS DADO Y GRACIAS POR SER FUERTE DURANTE LOS TIEMPOS MAS DIFICILES. LE DOY GRACIAS POR SER FUERTE DURANTE LOS TIEMPOS MAS DIFICILES. LE DOY GRACIAS A DIÓS QUE ME BEN-DICIÓ CON UNA MADRE COMO LISTED. RAUL,ROBERTO,& CHRISTINE: KNOW THAT YOU GUYS CAN LIVE OUT ANY DREAM YOU HAVE AND I AM ALWAYS HERE FOR YOU GUYS. I LOVE YOU GUYS! DE LA ROSA FAMILY: THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT AND POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT. RICHARD: THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS BEING THERE FOR ME. I LOVE YOU BABE!



**JORGE SANDOVAL**  
B.S. INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY  
MINOR: BUSINESS MANAGEMENT CON-  
CENTRATION MANUFACTURING

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**RUBY SARABIA**  
B.A. SOCIOLOGY  
MINOR: DEAF EDUCATION

**S**OCCIOLOGY, BA: MINOR. DEAF EDUCATION  
MOM, YOU INSTILLED IN ME THAT EDUCATION WAS MY FIRST PRIORITY AND THAT YOU WOULD TAKE CARE OF THE REST. YOU ALWAYS MADE SURE I NEVER DID WITH-OUT. I WANT YOU TO KNOW I APPRECIATE ALL YOU HAVE DONE TO INSURE A BETTER LIFE FOR ME; I THANK YOU. DAD, YOU HELPED ME BECOME A WELL-ROUNDED PERSON, YOU TAUGHT ME TO BE TOLERANT AND HARD WORKING. I THANK YOU FOR SHARING OUR FAMILY HISTORY WITH ME, I CAN'T BE THANKFUL FOR WHAT I HAVE IF I DON'T KNOW HOW IT WAS WITHOUT IT. TO MY SISTERS DEANNE & YVETTE, THANK YOU FOR LET-TING ME LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES. HOW PROUD YOU ARE OF ME DOUBLE THAT, AND THAT'S ONLY HALF OF HOW PROUD I AM OF YOU TWO. YOU TWO ARE THE WIND BENEATH MY WINGS. TO MY LITTLE BROTHER MARCOS, I WISH YOU COULD SHARE THIS DAY WITH ME BUT I KNOW YOU'RE WATCHING FROM ABOVE AND PROBABLE MORE EXCITED FOR ME THAN I AM. I LOVE YOU ALL!!!





**BLANCA TORRES**  
B.S. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

I PRIMERAMENTE QUISIERA DARLE LAS GRACIAS A MI FAMILIA POR EL APOYO Y LOS EJEMPLOS QUE HAN PUESTO SOBRE MI. EL PODERRECIBIRME DE LA UNIVERSIDAD HA SIDO UN GRAN RETO. QUE SIN LA DIRIGENICA DE MIS PADRES NO LO HUBIERA LOGRADO. ESPERO QUE ESTAN ORGULLOSOS DE MI EL HABER CUMPLIDO MI EDUCACION. POR ULTIMO QUISIERA DESIRLES, I LOVE YOU ALLI Y MIL GRACIASI ESTEBAN. THERE IS NO ONE THAT I WOULD RATHER SPEND THIS DAY WITH. I LOVE YOU ALWAYS. MY STP SISTERS. CONTINUE BEING THE BEST. I WILL MISS YOU ALL..



**JOSE VELASQUEZ**  
B.S. MECHANICAL ENGINEERING



**JOSE VILLAREAL**  
MASTERS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

UNA VEZ MAS HE LLEGADO A UN PUNTO DE TRIUNFO EN MI VIDA CON EL APOYO Y LA FORTALEZA DE MIS PADRES. A JOAQUIN Y SOCORRO VILLARREAL LES BRINDO MI AMOR Y GRATITUD. ME HAN GUIADO CON SUS CONSEJOS, EJEMPLOS, Y ESFUERZOS. ESPERO EL DIA EN QUE YO PUEDA DARLE ESTOS MISMOS VALORES A MIS HIJOS. DIOS NOS HA BENDECIDO. A MI Y A MIS HERMANAS, CON SUS EXISTENCIAS EN ESTE MUNDO. A MIS HERMAS, SONIA Y MARIELA, LES MANDO TODO MI AMOR Y LES OFESCO TODO MI APOYO CON SUS PROPIAS METAS. A RUBEN Y SABRINA, LISTEDES SON EL FUTURO DE NUESTRA FAMILIA. RALPH, GRACIAS POR TU AMISTAD Y VIGILANCIA. LA EDUCACION ES NUESTRA LIBERACION.



MASON ANDRE YBARRA

THE ROAD I TRAVELED HAS BEEN ONE OF TESTS AND WILL. I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO GIVE MY LOVE AND GRATITUDE TO GOD AND MY FAMILY FOR PULLING ME THROUGH ALL THE DIFFICULT TIMES PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE. MOM, THANK YOU FOR YOUR KNOWLEDGE, PATIENCE, TIME AND EXPERIENCE. YOUR STRUGGLES HAVE MADE ME THE MAN THAT I AM. MIKE, YOU HELPED ME MORE THAN YOU REALIZED. THANKS FOR BEING MY BROTHER. DAD, YOUR STRENGTH HAS BEEN AN INSPIRATION. GRANDMA, THIS IS FOR YOU. THE REST OF MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS, THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT. THE BEST OF LUCK CLASS 2000.



ANGELITA ZAMORA  
B.S. HUMAN RESOURCES

QUIERO DEDICAR MI GRADUACION A MIS PADRES ROJELIO ZAMORA Y MARIA ELENA FERNANDES QUE SIEMPRE HAN CONFIADO EN MI Y ME HAN DADO SU CARIÑO. ESPECIALMENTE A MI MADRE QUE SUS VENDICIONES SIEMPRE ME HAN CUIDADO TODO ESTE TIEMPO. QUERO AGRADECER A TODOS LOS CONSEJEROS DE EOP, QUE ME HAN MOTIVADO PARA SEGUIR ESTUDIANDO. ESPECIALMENTE A DAVID TREVINO QUE SIEMPRE ME AYUDADO CON TODAS MIS CLASES. GRACIAS A TODAS MIS AMIGAS QUE HAN ESTADO CONMIGO, MUY EN ESPECIAL A MI HERMANA MARIA ZAMORA QUE SIEMPRE ME AYUDADO CON TODO. GRACIAS A DIOS POR PONER GENTE BUENA EN MI VIDA QUE ME HAN APOYADO MUCHO.



MARIA ZUNIGA  
B.S CRIMINAL JUSTICE

ESTE D\_A, QUIERO APROVECHAR PARA DARLE LAS GRACIAS AL GRAN PODEROSO POR DARMÉ UN DIA MAS COMO ESTE. "MAMI" Y "PAPI" LOS QUIERO MUCHO. GRACIAS POR TODO SUS SACRIFICIOS Y ESFUERSOS QUE AN ECHO POR MÍ. TO MY BEAUTIFUL FLOWER KRystal, I LOVE YOU WITH ALL MY HEART, I'M GLAD YOUR PART OF MY LIFE.

PARA MIS HERMANO Y HERMANAS: CECY, THANK YOU FOR BECOMING THAT GREAT BIG SISTER, ROLE MODEL AND BEING THERE FOR ME AND ALSO THAT SECOND MOM TO MY DAUGHTER KRystal.

BLANCA, TO MY "BUDDY" SISTER LET'S REMEMBER THE GOOD TIMES WHEN WE "HANG OUT" THANK YOU FOR BEING THERE FOR ME.

FEDERICO JR., I'M SO PROUD OF YOU "MIJO" "THANK YOU FOR PICKING UP YOUR HAIR, AFTER YOU SHAVE IN THE BATHROOM" (HEE-HEE J.K!!). FORGET ABOUT THE "HATERS" AND MAKE IT BIG WITH THE MUSIC INDUSTRY.

TO ALL MY EXTENDED FAMILY THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, EVEN THOUGH I'M A LITTLE CRAZY. "NO, NO, NO ME QUIERAN" \_



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