

## Medical Imaging Sciences

Sandra Cebulski

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The Medical Imaging Sciences Department is honored to announce Ms. Sandra Cebulski as the Outstanding Student, and recipient of the Edward Mallinckrodt Award of Excellence in Radiography for 2022. Sandra moved to the states from Mexico at the age of 17 with her father and sister. In 10 short years Sandra has become proficient in English, achieved an Associate in Liberal Arts with an emphasis in Mathematics and Science, and will be graduating with an Associate in Science in the field of Radiography. The preceding two years have not been normal for any college student, including Sandra. The Radiography program went to an online format and she had to embrace changes. Throughout her time in the program, Sandra maintained an accumulative GPA of 3.85. Maintaining her high GPA during a pandemic has not been an easy feat considering she also performed 1650 hours of clinical internship. Sandra's characteristic qualities of benevolence, caring and compassion in the service of others, makes her a deserving recipient for this prestigious award. Upon successful completion on the national board exam, I will be honored referring to Ms. Sandra Cebulski as a colleague in our profession with the title of Radiologic Technologist.

### Sandra's Words of Gratitude

I am honored to receive the Outstanding Student of the Year Award from the Medical Imaging Sciences Department. I never expected to receive an award for the work that I do every day but I am very thankful to have the recognition. This award is so meaningful to me because it has been a long journey of effort and dedication to accomplish my goal of having a career as a radiography technologist. I arrived in the United States from Mexico in 2012. My parents brought me and my sister to this county in hopes of receiving a better education and better opportunities in life. For that, I am very grateful. One year after my arrival and my high school graduation I enrolled in Santa Barbara City College. My parents did not have the

knowledge to help me navigate the school system. So, I relied on the resources that SBCC provided. Adolfo Corral, may he rest in peace, in EOPS was the person that helped me learn how to navigate the system when I started my education at SBCC. I started taking ESL classes to “catch up” and within a few years, I completed all the general education requirements. It was during this time that I discovered my passion for medical sciences and technology which drove me to enlist in the Radiography Program. I want to thank all the mentors who guided me in the program and helped me better myself: teachers, clinical instructors, and clinical supervisors. Thank you Santa Barbara City College faculty and staff. Last but not least, I am very grateful for my family that supported me on this journey. Special thanks to my husband who encouraged, supported, and helped me in every way he possibly could for me to achieve my goals.