

EOPS - Running Start

Leslie Gomez

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Leslie's journey at Santa Barbara City College has been nothing short of inspiring. A proud participant of the Running Start Program, Leslie quickly stood out for her dedication, positivity, and academic excellence. She was voted Running Start Student of the Summer and delivered a heartfelt speech at the program's closing ceremony, an honor that reflected the respect and admiration she's earned from peers and staff.

Maintaining a GPA of 3.0 and above throughout her time at SBCC, Leslie has shown what's possible with hard work and a positive mindset. Her drive took her all the way to Paris, where she embraced the opportunity to study abroad and expand her world. Beyond academics, Leslie brings a vibrant energy to every room she enters. She uplifts those around her, making fellow students feel seen, heard, and encouraged.

Leslie is the true embodiment of what the Running Start Program represents, and we are proud to recognize her as the Running Start Student of the Year. Her future is bright, and we can't wait to see where her journey takes her next.