

## EOPS - Transitions Program

Raymond Carroll

Submitted by The EOPS Team

As a formerly incarcerated student, campus, and community leader, Raymond Carroll is a true example of a student that captures the spirit of EOPS. Over the years Raymond has demonstrated his leadership on and off campus through his involvement with the EOPS Club and working for the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Cultural Competency. Serving as the EOPS Club Co-President, Raymond consistently found ways to provide support to those who need it the most. From creating club fundraisers to putting together care packages for homeless people in our community, to organizing stadium clean ups at SBCC, Raymond always was the first to take initiative. Raymond also served as the student representative for the California Community Colleges Leadership Institute Serving Formerly Incarcerated Students. Since then, Raymond has been a student advocate in increasing the academic opportunities for formerly incarcerated students at SBCC. He has been actively involved on campus and in the community by sharing his personal experience as a tool to help formerly incarcerated students consider higher education at SBCC. He is majoring in Alcohol and Drug Counseling with the hope of helping others change their lives. Congratulations Raymond!

### Raymond's Words of Gratitude

I am grateful for all of EOPS but specifically Noel and the Transitions program. If not for this program I would not be in this position of great achievement for myself. Thank you To the EOPS club and everybody that participated at the time I was able to be the co President with Leslie and for when being president myself. Such a great experience. Thank you MaryLou! Thank you Eli and all the counselors and the whole squad. I deeply sincerely thank all my professors. You all made my learning experience a great one. Thank you Equity department Luis and Roxanne for believing in me. Thank you all who I have come in contact with at the Campus. Because of all of you this is possible for me.