

## Engineering - Mechanical

Rene Holmes

Submitted by Nick Arnold

Rene Holmes is an excellent student who has consistently demonstrated a strong work ethic, honor and integrity. Rene has been a leader in the SWE@SBCC (Support-network for Women in Engineering at SBCC) Club. He is an excellent grader for the ENGR 105, Engineering Graphics course – fast, efficient, and very attentive to details. Rene has also been an intern for the NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) program, and did an excellent job. Rene has had to overcome personal hardships – the fact that he is now thriving in the college setting is a statement to his drive, motivation and passion for engineering. Rene has all the qualities to become a very successful engineer.

### Rene's Words of Gratitude

Thank you, Adolfo Corral, so many things I can say about Adolfo, he always had the best advice about school but also about life outside of school. I had the ability of always catching him on his way to do something else, but he would still stop and talk to me patiently, he never made me feel rushed and I always felt welcome around him.

R.I.P Adolfo! I made it! Thank You! Thank you, Dr. Arnold, for your knowledge, guidance, and mentorship throughout my time at SBCC!

Thank you to Gabriel Pretel! I don't know if I would have made it through all of those math classes without you taking extra time outside of class time and office hours to go over math problems! Thank you to Ivena Sakelarieva the scholarship coordinator, not all heroes wear capes!

When I originally arrived at SBCC I was a comp sci major, it wasn't until my second semester in Dr. Arnold's engineering 101 class and some encouragement from Dr. Arnold to explore computer engineering. While I love computers and technology coding wasn't my forte so to speak so I switched to mechanical engineering, which led me to aerospace engineering, and I haven't looked back since! Now as I have graduated and

been accepted for transfer to study aerospace engineering at a handful of colleges, I am overjoyed that all of my hard work has paid off and I have never been happier with my career choice! As a first generation, low income, underrepresented minority SBCC's faculty and staff help me achieve huge goals, and I can't thank you enough!

Thank You Santa Barbara City College Faculty and Staff!