



# 2025 *Distinguished* GRADUATE

## **ESMERALDA OJEDA** | Mathematics

Esmeralda Ojeda, born in Santa Ana, California, and raised in Chicago, Illinois, is a first-generation college student, Latina, wife, and mother — making her a nontraditional student.

At San Antonio College, Esmeralda discovered her passion for computer engineering and found a supportive community that fostered her growth. She will graduate this spring with an associate of science degree and has been accepted to The University of Texas at San Antonio, where she will pursue a bachelor's degree in computer engineering with a minor in business.

During her time at SAC, Esmeralda was selected for the prestigious Google Explore CSR Fellowship, completed a research internship through the Military City USA Grant in applied artificial intelligence, and served as vice president of the NSLS chapter. She also held a leadership role in the Engineering Student Community and is a proud member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society. Esmeralda hopes to use her journey to inspire others navigating their own unique paths.

“Circumstances determined your past, the present is embracing you, and only you can **define your future.**”

— **Teresita Marsal-Avila**

