

Guardian Scholars

Oscar Aguayo

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It is a great pleasure that we nominate Oscar Aguayo as the Guardian Scholars Student of the Year! Oscar is someone that encompasses the true power of the stories of our Guardian Scholars students. As a former foster youth, Oscar's story of resilience and dedication, in the face of adversity, is inspiring to say the least. The struggles and obstacles that he has had to overcome to accomplish his goal of transferring to a 4-yr university are astounding. As an infant, Oscar experienced loss of hearing, which subsequently led to speech impediments and falling behind in his education from a very young age. He has also been challenged with dyslexia throughout his academic journey. Couple this with experiencing homelessness on multiple occasions since the age of 14, and one would label someone like him as "not likely to succeed".

Not only has Oscar succeeded, he has surpassed even the most academically resourced students at SBCC! He has been accepted into the Econ/Accounting program at UCSB for the upcoming school year and with a 3.93 GPA in some of the toughest classes! We are so proud of you Oscar!