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To Fellow Santa Barbara Community College Students,
We've grown accustomed to our current environment that values responsibility, dedication, and perseverance. However, it is not often that we apply these values to our own financial growth. About 12% of Santa Barbara residents are living in poverty and while wages are increasing, it seems that the cost of our expenses are multiplying astronomically, which leaves college students at the receiving end as we have yet to secure financial independence. As Vice President of Operations and Finance, I'd not only ensure that SBCC events are produced to the highest quality given our budget, but I'd also advocate for financial education programs across our college. With workshops centered around financial responsibility, guest speakers, and budget building, I believe that students at SBCC can grow a sense of security over their finances. I am the best candidate for this position because I've trained in improving others' financial literacy through my internships at PensionMark Financial Group and Bank of America. I also believe in supporting underrepresented groups such as people experiencing homelessness, people who were in the foster care system, and people with exceptionalities. Clubs such as HomeForUs where I organized a clothing drive and RFASST where I went into the community to support foster families have shown me how urgent it is that we support one another and to be a leader. The best leaders strive for change, as Vice President of Operations and Finances, I am determined to make change happen.