

## Center for Equity and Social Justice, Food Pantry

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Emilio has been part of the Basic Needs Center (BNC) team since fall 2021. After 18 months of the campus being partially closed, we resume in-person services including the BNC which houses the Food Pantry, Love's Closet, and CalFresh services. From his very first day working, Emilio demonstrated his interest in serving his fellow peers with care and respect. He is someone who is very energetic, determined to be successful, and able to deal with new or difficult situations easily. The entire BNC staff is grateful to have Emilio be part of the team. Emilio works tirelessly to provide the services that help the SBCC community with fighting food insecurities. For this and more we are so proud of you.

### Emilio's Words of Gratitude

I want to start by thanking my parents because if it were not for them it would not be possible for me to be in this beautiful city Santa Barbara, despite the distance they are always supporting me and helping me to make the best decisions, being an international student is not easy because we are far away from home and getting used to a new language complicates things, But Santa Barbara has made me feel at home and I am sure that the other students feel the same way, for this reason I also want to thank Santa Barbara City College for all the help they give us students to achieve our goals in a healthy and safe environment and especially the Basic Needs Center (Food Pantry) who have helped me to improve both in the educational and work environment, and with whom I have been able to form a great friendship.