

Journalism/The Channels

Michael Lopez

Submitted by Darleen Principe, chair of Journalism and faculty adviser to The Channels

Not many students are quite as diligent and committed as Michael Lopez. He joined The Channels as a photographer in spring 2025, and though he technically transferred to UCSB as a communication major last fall, that didn't stop him from continuing his journalism journey here at SBCC. Over the past year, he's been doing double duty: pursuing his bachelor's at UCSB, while simultaneously serving as photo editor of The Channels. This semester, he took on the additional role of co-Editor-in-Chief, helping to oversee the staff and taking on some of the most complex reporting assignments The Channels has had to tackle in years. Michael can do it all: shoot photos and videos, report, write and produce illustrations. And he does it all with a strong sense of journalistic duty and seemingly tireless persistence. Michael is the embodiment of an outstanding student and we are so happy to recognize him for his work and achievements.