

iRaíces: First Year and Beyond!

Alize Martinez-Madrid

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Alize came to SBCC from out of state, arriving in a new city with little familiarity. Despite this, she made it her mission to immerse herself and grow. She began working locally and actively built a community on campus.

|In her first semester, she joined Raíces, consistently engaging in courses and events. She regularly visits the Raíces Student Center, "La Plazita," and brings in friends from across campus and beyond.

Her professors, peers, and program staff have each made it known how impressive Alize's commitment to her growth and the growth of others is.

We have always known Alize to be strong, independent, and determined, but her impact on the community and commitment to helping others find their voice has been truly inspiring.