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Compton College Selects Miguel Ramos as 2022 Commencement Student Speaker

Associate degree candidate Miguel Ramos is honored to be selected as the student speaker for the 2022 Commencement Ceremony at Compton College on June 10. In addition to currently serving as Compton College's Associated Student Government commissioner of public relations, he is an environmental advocate and humanitarian who enjoys giving back to his community. He is proud to be the first member of his family to pursue higher education.

Ramos is a communications major who plans to transfer to a four-year university to earn his bachelor's degree before ultimately pursuing a master's degree and Ph.D. He will attend California State University, Los Angeles this fall while juggling his new full-time job as a paid social media associate at Neo Media World. His lifelong goal is to continue working in the field of communications and eventually become the CEO of his own crisis communications firm.

Ramos chose to serve on Compton College's Associated Student Government to connect with other students. "I decided to run for office because I wanted to be more involved with Compton College community and have an opportunity to communicate with my peers about events and activities that would be beneficial to them," he said. Personally, being a member of the student government afforded him the opportunity to gain leadership experience, hone his communications skills, and learn about opportunities that could advance his educational and career goals.

He was selected for an internship through Compton College's partnership with an advertising agency, Palisades Media Group, which led to more hands-on experience and his current full-time job at another agency. He also applied and was accepted to the UC Summer Institute of Emerging Managers and Leaders (SIEML) program, spending two weeks at UCLA's Anderson School of Management last summer where he won the case study competition. Through this program, he earned a scholarship to any UC master's program awarded to all SIEML participants.

Ramos' commencement message is one of hope, positivity, and a triumphant tale of overcoming generational curses. Growing up, Ramos had to break through many personal obstacles such as alienation, health issues, and family trauma. Despite facing several challenges, he learned to use them as fuel to achieve his goals. "I wanted to audition to become the 2022 commencement speaker because I have many positive things to say about Compton College and I am grateful for all of the things I have learned during my time here," he said. "Many of my fellow graduates have overcome numerous difficulties and barriers to get where we are today; we continued to push through and pursue a higher education and it is important to acknowledge that."

Compton College has helped Ramos with the improvement of his personal and academic life. He is thankful for his access to great resources and experiences at Compton College such as networking opportunities, the college computer lab, participating on the track/cross country team as a distance runner, and the outstanding, supportive faculty members that believed in him.

The one takeaway Ramos hopes everyone receives from the 2022 commencement ceremony is “discover your inner power and be filled with gratitude at all times. It is important to recognize how far you’ve come and to appreciate those that helped you get there. We graduates have all wisely chosen Compton College, and now we can choose where we go from here!”

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