

## Rafael Ramirez

The Alumni Association is pleased to award Rafael Ramirez, an LHS Alumni Association member of the Class of 2023, with a college scholarship. He is currently attending Allan Hancock College with a major in Film/Video Production. Rafael plans to earn a bachelor's degree from a film school in the Los Angeles area; he intends to become an independent filmmaker.

During his first semester, Rafael achieved a 3.82 GPA and was named to the Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society for academic excellence. Proud to be a first generation college student, Rafael seeks out resources to help him maintain his academic success as an associates degree student; those resources will also help him transfer to earn his bachelor's degree.

Outside of his academic classes, Rafael finds time to work with the Director of Career Center Program Specialist at Hancock College. There, he helps other students improve academically. His strong leadership skills are evident by his commitment to mentoring students for the Career Readiness Academy sponsored by the Future for Lompoc Youth.

He has also taken part on the Lompoc Trails Hike and Bike Committee. Rafael's strong work ethic and reliability in the college environment helped him earn a library position at the Lompoc Valley Center of Lompoc. With his commitment, determination and strong character, Rafael will continue to strive for excellence, and we know he will make a difference in the world.

Congratulations, Rafael, we wish you the best.