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Brenda Razo Avila

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Brenda Razo Avila is 38 years young and a single mother to four great sons. Like many, the pandemic allowed Brenda, and I quote, “the opportunity to do an inventory on my life and goals”, which included becoming a defense attorney or public defender. After much research, Brenda enrolled at SBCC in the Spring of 2021 as an Administration of Justice major, Legal Studies emphasis, and has been working diligently toward her goal ever since, even earning herself a spot on the President's Honor Roll. Brenda accomplished all of this while raising her four boys, working at least two jobs (one of which being an EOPS Peer Mentor), serving as a pillar of support in the recovery community and so much more. Brenda will be graduating with Associates degrees in Administration of Justice and Liberal Arts, Social Behavioral Sciences and Humanities. Brenda has applied to the UCLA Paralegal Extension Program with the hopes of working in and exploring the legal field prior to law school. While Brenda began with a keen interest in criminal law, her many SBCC supporters have encouraged her to consider exploring immigration and/or juvenile justice based on her passion for serving youth and experiential wisdom as an immigrant/ permanent resident. Brenda is a bright light in this world and we can't wait to one-day call her Abogada Brenda!