

## English as a Second Language

Laura Pena

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Laura Pena is a first generation college student from Colombia. She is highly motivated, organized, inquisitive, and always shows a real generosity of spirit. She enthusiastically participates in small group work, values cooperation, is empathetic, and loves to help any classmates who are struggling. Her message to her peers is to continue to learn new things but not just intellectually. "They need to learn from people and experiences that life presents to them. Learning is the way that people have to develop in a diverse world because it allows them to understand beliefs, cultures, and perspectives." Laura is finishing the ESL program this spring and would like to pursue a career in Accounting or Business Administration at SBCC.