

# SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE

## 2020 DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES



### **Gilbert Perez**

Accounting Technology

"I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day."

– Abraham Lincoln

Gilbert Perez, born and raised in San Antonio, Texas, graduated from James Madison High School in 1991. He attended Texas State University in 1992, but after two semesters of changing majors, he decided to move back to San Antonio. After spending a few years searching for a direction in the Alamo College District, he landed his career job at AT&T as a cable splicing technician.

Because of his battle with addiction, Gilbert lost his job, wife, family, and hit rock bottom. After 20 years of living with his disease, he committed to pursuing sobriety on December 14, 2009, and celebrated ten years of sobriety on December 14, 2019.

As a recovering alcoholic, he knew the personal, spiritual, and financial challenges associated with those seeking to get back on their feet. In 2015, he enrolled at SAC intending to start a fellowship where he can help others in recovery recoup financially.

Gilbert graduates from SAC in May 2020, with an Associate of Applied Science in Accounting Technology. He plans on transferring to Texas A&M University-San Antonio to earn a Bachelor's degree of Business Administration in Accounting.

