

Distinguished Graduate

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Nati Roman

MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

“Te pueden quitar todo, pero nunca te podrán quitar la educación.”

– Consuelo Lopez (My Grandmother)

Natividad Román is a San Antonio native with strong family roots in Mexico and south Texas, particularly the Rio Grande Valley. Returning to her education as a non-traditional student was initially a challenge, but it has since blossomed into an immensely rewarding and life-changing experience.

History has always been her passion, and she knew she had found her calling when she began classes in the Mexican American Studies (MAS) program at SAC.

During her time at SAC, she helped lead the campaign to change the SAC Ranger mascot and served as president of Somos La Gente, a MAS student organization. Her poem, Living Witness, which she wrote as a final project for her Mexican American History class, was recently published in an anthology by UT Press.

After graduating at SAC, Nati plans to continue her education in MAS and Public History with the goal of one day obtaining a PhD. Her ultimate aspiration is to develop innovative ways to teach Mexican American history within the community and beyond traditional academic barriers.