2020 DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES



Nixon Maldonado Hernandez

Architecture

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.

-H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Nixon Maldonado Hernandez was born in El Salvador and raised by his grandmother from age four onward. Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness did not come easy for Nixon, and at age 12, he had to leave his country to move to the United States, where he met his parents for the first time. One of the most challenging obstacles Nixon faced when arriving was not being able to communicate and express himself. He gave his all to learn and succeed and, in 2018, delivered the speech at his high school graduation.

Even during childhood, he always had the love for the arts and felt curious about building and creating new inventions. In the Fall of 2018, he started in the architecture program at San Antonio College. He has applied the great lessons taught to him, not only in academia but in his is personal life as well. The program has influenced and inspired him to improve the lives and happiness of others through architecture.

