LUIS' BACKGROUND
Luis Gamboa performed many different types of jobs, but ultimately he knew one thing: “It was always about college.” He worked for UPS, Costco, and a bowling alley in San Francisco, all the while knowing school was going to be the priority eventually. His father and some of his uncles worked for the San Francisco Police Department, and at Thanksgiving he would ride around in a police car and deliver turkeys to senior citizens and low-income residents who did not have families. Those positive experiences always stuck with him over the years.

WHAT BROUGHT LUIS TO CCSF
Growing up, Luis’ mother was the backbone of the family. “My mom is one of my greatest fans. When things need to be said at the right time, she’s there to say it.” Additionally, the Gateway to College program, a CCSF partnership with the San Francisco Unified School District, helped Luis realize his educational goals. “I was very blessed and fortunate with Gateway to College. If CCSF didn’t have that type of dual-enrollment program, I probably would not be where I am today.”

LUIS’S CCSF EXPERIENCE
While taking courses at CCSF, Luis was accepted into the SFPD College Cadet program, which paid him and gave him a uniform. “That was a great jump start into my career. The whole idea is to be in college and work with the police department.” Luis graduated in 2017 and went directly to the police academy. “I wanted to make something of myself. I wanted to have a career. I wanted to go out and live the dream I have always wanted which is being a police officer.”

WHY CCSF WAS A GOOD CHOICE FOR LUIS
Luis studied and completed his degree because he was driven by what he wanted and knew it was his calling. In the future, he wants to teach or become a mentor. “Those are people who can actually make a mark on your career, because believe it or not, how you act in stressful situations or any situation is how you were taught something. The CCSF program really prepared me for the SFPD.”

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