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## California Student Honored with International Award

**Arlington, Va., February 27, 2023** – Sabrina Hernandez of Riverside, CA, received the 2023 Yes I Can Award for Art from the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Sabrina will be honored this March along with other Yes I Can recipients at the CEC Convention and Expo in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Yes I Can Awards celebrate the achievements of children and youth with exceptionalities, encouraging these individuals to seek their highest potential and increase public awareness of the abilities, aspirations, and personal qualities of those with disabilities.

Sabrina has always loved art. From painting to photography and videography – she enjoys being creative and capturing beauty in her work. She does not let her bilateral, sensorineural hearing loss get in the way of achieving her dreams. She utilizes all resources available to ensure she stays on top of her school work and art projects. As she prepares to graduate, she's not only thinking about pursuing photography and videography in her future, but also mentoring younger students and sharing her expertise.

Sabrina puts the ABLE in fashionable. Her artistic side comes out in her style, including accessorizing her hearing aids with beautiful pieces of jewelry. Theresa Copple, one of Sabrina's teachers, says "when I call Sabrina up for our Deaf and Hard of Hearing meetings, I look forward to her style of the day! Is it going to be long eye lashes with striking, popping lipstick?...Regardless, Sabrina comes to our meetings ready to work."

Her love of art and creativity motivates and calms her. Sabrina says "my biggest supporter would be my art. It's helped me through a lot. It takes everything off my mind. It helps me...just as a relief!"



The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is the largest international professional organization dedicated to high-quality education that is inclusive and equitable for individuals with disabilities. Learn more about CEC at <https://exceptionalchildren.org/>.

Thank you to [Pearson](#) for their continued support of the Yes I Can Awards!