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Self-effacing and funny, Edgar Rodriguez likes to joke around.

When asked what he misses most about CI, he includes "exam stress, the early mornings, late nights and *sleeping in class*" among his favorite things. "I always got the best sleep in class!" he says with a smile.

His lighthearted approach serves him well in his job as a Family Services Residential Worker with the County of Ventura's RAIN project site, a transitional living center for the homeless. Rodriguez performs a variety of tasks to keep the 24-hour facility functioning and assist its 50 residents with everything from transportation to daily encouragement.

It's a job he takes seriously.

"I used to be a counselor in the school system," he says. "That's where I realized that helping people address their problems is something I want to do for the rest of my life. I try to build relationships with the residents here. They need to know people care about them. It's a privilege to connect with clients in a way that they know I understand their situation and they trust me enough to allow me to help."

Rodriguez, who says he loved being a student at CI (and never hesitates to declare "*I'm a Dolphin!*"), looks forward to furthering his education and broadening his impact.

"I'm continually motivated by the people and kids I serve," he says. "It's all about them. I'm in it for the long haul."

NOTE: RAIN is located on Lewis Road, just a few doors down from campus.

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