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From the brink of academic overwhelm to the forefront of inspired leadership, my journey took an unexpected turn thanks to the mentorship received from Rebecca Salinas.

At the beginning of the 2024 fall semester, I was running low. I was a full-time student working full time to pay for tuition and necessities. My luck changed when I decided to join the Kaleidoscope of ARTS mentorship program; I saw this as an opportunity to push myself and meet more people.

From the roster of mentors, my first choice was Rebecca Salinas, Digital Executive Producer at KSAT 12 News.

Eager to glean insight from a seasoned journalist, I was thrilled to learn about her captivating journey. Rebecca Salinas’s career training began at San Antonio College, where she soon joined the school newspaper “*The Ranger*.”

Through experience, she honed the journalism skills that propelled her to an award-winning digital journalist at KSAT 12 News. Salinas’s continued dedication to tasks was rewarded in 2024 with her current position, leading the digital news team.

In her new role, I asked Rebecca about her leadership style and how she manages her digital writing team. With a confident nod, Rebecca emphasized the importance of respectful and critical leadership, adding that adaptability is paramount. She went on to say,



“ Collaboration is crucial in providing the most up-to-date news information.



In the competitive news industry, intent resolve is a needed strength to deliver impactful, accurate reporting. As I continue my media studies, I found this experience provided a deep dive into the disciplines and hard work needed to succeed in broadcasting.

More importantly, Rebecca Salinas, my mentor, taught me that commitment and adaptability will define my career.