



## **Soledad Rosas**

Broadcast Journalism Student  
Profile by Mariana Gonzalez

She is twenty-four-years-old, a native of Mexico, is majoring in broadcast journalism at San Jose State University and would love to work for a Spanish Network one day, but Soledad Rosas is not your average student. She has an incurable brain disorder that affects her ability to speak, walk, and perform everyday tasks. While some people give-up the second they come across a little bump in the road, Rosas embraces that bump with wide open arms.

A day in the life of this ambitious RTVJ student is anything but ordinary. Everyday is a challenge for her, but that has not stopped her from working hard to reach her dreams. During her late teens, you could find Rosas busy working at the University of Santa Cruz's radio station where she worked for four years. There she was the editor, producer and host for "Poder de Joventude- Teen Power." Now, a junior at SJSU, she is constantly exploring the campus in search of new engaging stories to showcase on Update News.

Rosas is well aware of the reality of the field she hopes to work in. She sees her disability as an opportunity to change the industry. She hopes to create a ripple of diversity in broadcast journalism in which people like her can have equal access to pursue their careers.

"Disabled people are part of are population too. There is no reason why we can't see them reporting on T.V., "says Rosas.

Through her passion and perseverance, this determined young woman strives to connect with her audience. "I want people to see me and say 'If she can get up every morning and use the struggles she's gone through in a positive way, so can I' You don't want to just report, you want to inspire."

Rosas also participated in the Special Olympics from 1997 to 2006 where she took home a medal for weight lifting; something that she believes is ten-percent physical and ninety-percent mental.