

SBCC Hosts Summer Film Camp for High-School Students



During the first week in August, SBCC served as the final location for SkyPig Film Camp, produced and organized by Santa Barbara High School graduate Santi B Musacchio. The SBCC Foundation stepped in to assist by securing locations for the camp in the community and on campus. Santi and three SBCC film students—Abel Rico, Estella Ye, and Dominic Marchetti—guided six local high-school students who wrote and produced a short film.

Entitled “[RESET](#),” the film is a twist on Groundhog Day. It’s funny and well-paced, showcasing impressive talent both in front of and behind the camera. Thanks to the small camp size, participants received a lot of individual attention and mentoring.

“I was struck by the quality of their film,” Santi said. “It more than rivals many college-student films I’ve seen, and was made with a fraction of the time and budget.” A four-time winner of the Santa Barbara International Film Festival (SBIFF)’s [10-10-10 competition](#), Santi participated in the [SBIFF’s film camp](#) twice, and has volunteered there as an instructor.

The first few days of the camp were spent shooting on location and at a studio in downtown Santa Barbara, at the Community Environmental Council’s office. The four camp counselors worked daily with participants, who learned scriptwriting, directing, filming, lighting, and more. For the final two days, everyone worked in a classroom at SBCC, then gathered with friends and family for a final screening.

By all measures the film camp was a success, and there is hope that the SBCC film community will consider running a similar program. Meanwhile, the future is bright for those who brought their talents to the camp: Santi continues to produce films through his production company, [SkyPig Productions](#); Abel is making a name for himself as a talented cinematographer; Estella is studying music composition and working on her career as a film composer; and Dominic is studying sound production at UC Irvine.