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This month's Alumni Spotlight features Sabrina Martinez from the Class of 2013. Sabrina attended St. Thomas Aquinas Grade School before attending Bourgade. Following her high school graduation, she set off for New Mexico to attend Santa Fe University of Art and Design to study Digital Arts. Her passion for art and her determination for bringing joy to people's lives would lead her on a journey of early success.

Like many children, Sabrina had an interest in drawing at a young age. As she grew up, she felt called to stick with it as family and friends

continually encouraged her. While at Bourgade, Sabrina led a busy student life participating in Student Council and serving as President of the National Art Honor Society and Vice President of SADD club (Students Against Destructive Decisions). Her love for art continued to grow through high school as she made sure to have an art course on her schedule all four years.

In studying Digital Art at Santa Fe University of Art and Design, Sabrina had the goal of getting into animation. As she explored more, she eventually learned that animating wasn't exactly the right fit. In looking for new avenues, she became interested in the pre-production stage of animation known as visual development. Already having a love for creating whimsical characters and worlds, illustration became a way for Sabrina to bring her work to life.

Through a college friend of Sabrina's, she was able to connect with a publisher, Teacher's Discovery, which specializes in educational teaching resources. In one of Teacher's Discovery's most recent publications, *Cinco Pesos*, Sabrina is featured as the story's illustrator. *Cinco Pesos* is a Spanish Level 1 Acquisition Reader inclusive of learning resources for students. In partnership with Teacher's Discovery, Sabrina has also illustrated for other Spanish readers such as *Una Sorpresa* and *El Primer Trabajo de Nayeli*, which has a sequel coming out soon.

Beyond her work with an established publisher, Sabrina stays busy with her own ventures as well. She currently works as the Director of Digital Marketing for two companies, Zuggand Inc. and Rocket My Brand. When she's not busy tending to her directorships, Sabrina owns and operates her own business, Mr-Quacker's Artistry. Sabrina says that the Mr-Quackers name comes from the namesake of her favorite stuffed duck and that the name always reminds her to keep a childlike sense of wonder about the world. Through Mr-Quacker's Artistry, Sabrina works as a freelance illustrator and also creates a variety of products available for sale through her online shop.

There is no doubt that creativity is a must when it comes to Sabrina's line of work. But equally important are passion and drive, which she has both of. With her creativity, passion and drive, Sabrina hopes to eventually write and illustrate her own stories. Reflecting on her time at Bourgade, Sabrina expressed an appreciation for the support of her teachers citing that they were always cheering her on and participating in her accomplishments.

Congratulations to Sabrina on all her past, current and future successes. We are blessed to have such talented alumni representing Bourgade well!

If you would like to check out any of Sabrina's work, she can be found at the following social profiles:

Instagram: @mr_quackers_artistry

Twitter: @MrQuackersArt

Facebook: Mr-Quackers Artistry