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**Lexi Hernandez Arce, Class of 2011**

This month's alumni spotlight features Lexi Hernandez Arce from the Class of 2011.

Since 2013, Lexi Arce has served in law enforcement. Initially working for the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, Lexi has spent the past four and a half years with the El Mirage Police Department as an investigations and charges specialist. One can imagine the stresses that Lexi's position can bring and, as her tenure increases, she faces more sensitive cases and higher profile investigations. As the intensity of her police department work heats up, Lexi's part-time job is usually hovering between 325 and 400 degrees Fahrenheit.

From kindergarten through 8th grade, Lexi attended St. Francis Xavier Elementary School. As the only one to attend Bourgade from her 8th-grade class, Lexi battled nerves in her first few weeks of high school. Quickly though, she embraced the small, inviting culture and found herself involved in sports and other extracurriculars. Lexi took an untraditional path after high school waiting 5 years before starting her college journey at Estrella Mountain Community College in 2016. After receiving her associate's degree in Applied Science in Administration of Justice, Lexi enrolled in Grand Canyon University's

Justice Studies program, earning her bachelor's this past summer. In August, she started her master's studies in Forensic Psychology at GCU and expects to complete her program in the Fall of 2022.

Since she was young, Lexi has always had an affinity for baking. Five years ago, Lexi's cousin asked if she would make cupcakes for a birthday. Lexi agreed that she would and that she would try to make the cupcakes match the theme of the birthday party. She was successful in baking the themed cupcakes and decided to show off her work on social media. Her post exploded with engagement and, before long, Lexi's inbox was filling up with requests for delicious desserts. She saw a business opportunity and quickly dove into organizing her LLC now known as Bake My Day.

Starting a business was a completely new venture and Lexi spent much of her time researching everything from food safety information to recipes and decoration methods. Initially, she tried to specialize in as many desserts as possible catering for special events mostly. Today, Lexi and Bake My Day specifically focus on custom cake orders as well as decorative cookies and cupcakes. Lexi has built a following of nearly 1,400 people across her Facebook and Instagram platforms. With the emergence of TikTok, she has really focused on showcasing her work through social media which is where she also happens to gain a lot of inspiration.

Looking back at her time at Bourgade, Lexi drew a connection to the structured elements of a Catholic high school and how it helps her stay organized and on-task with baking projects and communicating with others. As Lexi continues to make a difference in her role with the El Mirage police community and the lives of her customers, BCHS wishes her an abundance of continued success!

If you'd like to check out Lexi's awesome creations, give her a like and a follow!

Facebook - Bake My Day 23

Instagram - Bake\_my\_day\_LLC

TikTok - @bakemydayllc

Website - <http://www.bakemydayllc.com/>