

# Distinguished Graduate

# 2024



## Angelina Rodriguez

VISUAL ARTS

*“Normality is a paved road: It’s comfortable to walk, but no flowers grow on it.”*

**Vincent Van Gogh**

Growing up as a military brat, Angelina’s life was full of challenges and triumphs, but one thing never changed: her love of art.

Her father, a constant source of encouragement, was essential in helping her to pursue her ambition. He gave her constant guidance and encouragement from her earliest sketches to her most elaborate works, encouraging her to believe that her artistic goals were worthwhile. Angelina’s mother played an equally important role; her devotion knew no bounds. She consistently made time to support her creative endeavors despite the pressures of daily life.

Angelina turned to art as a haven and a way to cohere the complicated existence she had as a military kid. Her artwork evolved, becoming a personal dialogue where she could find comfort and make sense of the complexity of her upbringing despite all the changes and turmoil in her life. She discovered her voice and a means of expressing the feelings and difficulties that frequently eluded words through art.

Her admiration for art took off after she moved to San Antonio in 2015. She decided to accept her artistic dreams and devote herself to the study of visual arts by the end of her senior year in high school.

Based on both academic and artistic merit, Angelina was unanimously chosen by the faculty of San Antonio College’s visual arts program to win the James C. Elmore II Scholarship in the fall of 2023, a reward for her dedication to her studies. After graduating from San Antonio College, Angelina plans to study overseas in Italy to further develop her art expertise before going to a four-year university to finish her visual arts bachelor of fine art.