

Distinguished Graduate

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Simon Chiquito

ARCHITECTURE

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”

– Mark Twain

Simon Chiquito has always been confident in pursuing a career in architecture, inspiration derived from building with Legos and checking the heartbeats of buildings with his toy stethoscope when he was a child. Simon was born in the United States but grew up in Colombia; this opportunity helped him understand that the only path to personal growth is challenging yourself and expanding your horizons. Coming from a family of immigrants, pursuing higher education was often challenging, especially as he is a first-generation student in a country foreign to him. Despite this, Simon pushed his limits and decided to use all these challenges as fuel and inspiration to graduate and pursue a career in this field.

Because of his drive and passion for learning about the complexity and beauty behind the art of designing a building, Simon enrolled in the San Antonio College architecture program to receive his education. All the experiences at SAC challenged, inspired, and helped him in his journey to becoming an architect. The program has inspired him to pursue a career that will help him impact the world positively. Simon is a big boy from a small city in Colombia pursuing big dreams.