

# Distinguished Graduate

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## Kirene Bolsen-Long

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*“Your time is limited, don’t waste it living someone else’s life. Don’t be trapped by dogma, which is living with the results of other people’s thinking. Don’t let the noise of others’ opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition.”*

**Steve Jobs**

Kirene Bolsen-Long is an extraordinary and distinguished graduate of San Antonio College whose academic journey is nothing short of remarkable. Starting college at the age of 12 and graduating with an associate degree at 14, Kirene’s story is one of exceptional intellect, resilience, and dedication.

Throughout her time at San Antonio College, Kirene displayed a profound passion for filmmaking and the arts. She excelled in various creative roles, including screenwriting, directing, music composition, and editing. Her notable works, such as “Nightmare’s Edge” and its accompanying documentary, highlight her diverse talents and commitment to the craft of filmmaking. The nurturing environment provided by her professors and mentors at the college played a pivotal role in fostering her skills and artistic vision.

As a recipient of the gold distinction from the Honors College and a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Kirene has been recognized for her outstanding academic achievements. Her journey was further supported by her honors advisor, Norma, and the dedicated staff at the college, who helped her navigate the challenges of a rigorous academic path.

Kirene’s aspirations for the future are centered around continuing to make significant contributions to the field of filmmaking and the arts. Her remarkable academic journey at San Antonio College serves as an inspiring testament to what young talent, coupled with dedication and the right support system, can accomplish.