



2025 *Distinguished* GRADUATE

LUCIANA SANCHEZ BARRONES | Communication Design

Luciana was born in Coahuila, Mexico and moved to the United States at the age of 10. From a young age, she found joy in drawing and painting — so much so that she nearly filled an entire wall with her artwork. Her passion for the visual arts only grew stronger as she continued developing her skills independently throughout high school.

While attending Churchill High School, Luciana participated twice in VASE, a juried art competition, earning medals on both occasions. Though drawing remained a creative outlet, her interest began to expand to photography — especially the art of capturing people through her lens.

After graduating, she debated whether to continue formal studies or pursue photography on her own. Ultimately, her curiosity and love for visual storytelling led her to enroll in a program focused on the arts, where she could explore her passion for photography in greater depth.

In Spring 2024, two of Luciana's design works were selected for a juried student exhibition, earning her the James C. Elmore II Memorial Scholarship — recognition that affirmed her talent and potential. Looking ahead, she plans to transfer to The University of Texas at San Antonio to pursue a BFA and possibly an MFA in the future.

Luciana dreams of one day hosting her own art exhibition — featuring both her drawings and photography — and hopes her journey will inspire others to embrace their creativity and pursue what they love.

“What you are **not changing**, you are **choosing**.”

— Laurie Buchanan

