

Michelle S. Rivera

Multidisciplinary Artist & Art Educator



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SKILLS

- Fast learner
- Creative & Visionary
- Fluent in English and Spanish
- Bold & Charismatic
- Resilient & Self driven

EDUCATION

High School Diploma- Chicago Bulls College Prep (2016-2020)

Graduated with a 4.0 GPA. Ran track & field and Cross Country for all 4 years of high school. Was the Captain of my XC and Track team for 2 years. I did cheerleading for my last year as a Senior. I designed the posters for our Orchestra Concerts.

University Currently Enrolled- The University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign (2020-2026)
Majoring in Art Education.

ART EDUCATION TEACHING/OBSERVATION EXPERIENCE

Garden Hills Academy- 1st-6th graders.
(OBSERVATIONS)

Stratton Academy- 4th-6th graders.
(TEACHING)

Prairieview-Ogden South Elementary School-
5th graders. (TEACHING)

Urbana Middle School- 6-8th graders
(TEACHING TAKEOVER)

Central High School- Freshman-Seniors
(TEACHING TAKEOVER)

WORK EXPERIENCE

CHICAGO MIDWEST MADE (Cashier)

July 14, 2020- November 1, 2020

Swept, Organized, and wiped down the entire store. Marked down inventory, Cut vinyl, and Assisted Manager in putting designs on clothing.

THE MURAL MOVEMENT (Intern)

July 2020- December 2023

Assist Artists in Murals, Help set up and curate Events, Organize and clean up Gallery, Create

OTHER:

National Selling Artist/Muralist

- Exhibited in the following locations:
- 1823 studios- SD, California.
- NFT Convention- LA, California.
- Vault Gallerie- Pilsen, Illinois.
- Creative Cup Auction- Pilsen Arts & Community House.
- Krannert Museum- Urbana-Champaign, IL.
- Murals in Chicago, Pilsen, SD California, Melrose park, Champaign, IL etc.
- Various Pop-ups in the Chicago & Champaign Area.

OTHER RELATED:

- Teach Private Painting Classes
- Teach Painting Workshops at Vault Gallerie.
- Create flyers for The Mural Movement.

Community Activist

- Passed out food & Resources to the Pilsen, Little Village & O'Block communities. (2020-2022)
- Participated in the Poor People's Campaign in Washington, DC.
- Participated in the Black Lives Matter Protests.
- Participated in May Day (National March for immigrant children who've been affected by the Government's system)
- Participated in The People's Rally.
- Worked with the People from The Right 2 Family Act.
- Helped with Turkey & Toy drives, etc.

Prints, Make Art kits for CPS students, create flyers, etc.

BEST WAITERS CHICAGO (Waitress & Chef)

June 2022- September 2022

Helped set up & clean up tables with linen, silverware, and water & wine glasses. Served Euderves, wine, dinner, and late-night meal. Helped prepare Euderves, Entree, & Dinner.

HEALTHY HOOD CHICAGO (Intern)

July 2020-December 2021

Prepare and distribute meals to the Pilsen community, Help out during COVID Testing Events, Survival days, and assist in meetings.

WENDELLA BOATS (Ticket Scanner & Ticket Seller)

May 2021- August 2021

Directed guests, Scanned tickets, Gave out information on times/types of Boat rides, maintained Ticket Office space clean, and Sold Tickets.

CANOPY CLUB (Ticket Scanner, Ticket Seller, ID check, Coat check)

November 2022- Present

Directed guests, Scanned tickets, Gave out information on times/types of Music shows, maintained Ticket Office space clean, Sold Tickets, did coat check and checked IDs.

RAISING CANES (Certified trainer & Service Specialist)

March 2023- September 2025

Cashier, Bird specialist, boards, Take care of Mobile orders and Mobile Expo, toast specialist, Front counter Expo, Keep Dining area clean, greet customers. Make sure that the dining hall and takeout + Dine in orders are up to standard.

VAULT GALLERIE (Nurse)

December 2021- March 2022

Tested People for Covid-19, after every testing round everything was wiped down and sprayed with Lysol, entered patients' results in the computer, and at the end of the day counted all tests & prepared them to be sent to labs.

MO's Burritos (Waitress)

January 2025- Present day

I take the table's orders and deliver food to the tables once orders are out. I also sweep, mop, and clean tables. I'm in charge of closing the restaurant at the end of the night on occasion.

MO'S Burritos (Brand Ambassador)

May 2025- Present day

I make posts, reels, announcements, etc. for the social media account for The MO's Burritos Instagram and tiktok account. I also design flyers, posters, posts, etc.