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Education:

1996 - M.S. Ed., School Psychology - The College of Saint Rose, Albany, NY (3.8)

1994 - B.S., Sociology - Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ (Magna Cum Laude)

1992 – A.A., Social Sciences – SUNY Adirondack

Organizations

May 2020 – Director and Co-Founder of the Savant Artist Collective with Wilma Davidson, Ed.D. (Advisor).

Crypto Art / NFTs

June 2020 – Invited Artist / Creator– Foundation Labs, San Francisco CA. -

<https://foundation.app/@dianadeavila>

Commercial Work

November 2020 – “Artist / Designer” with [La Galeriste](#), Montreal Canada – Art on Clothing

November 2020 - “Blackdove Artist” - creating motion art for [Blackdove](#)

May 2020 - “Sedition Art Artist” - creating motion art for [Sedition Art](#)

Permanent Collections

The Virginia War Memorial – “Old Glory” and “Heavenly Ascent” in the Veteran Artist Gallery.

The Treffert Library – Agnesian Health Care – Fon du Lac, Wisconsin

Memberships:

- [The National Association of Women Artists \(NAWA\)](#)
- [The National Association of Women Artists – Florida Chapter \(NAWAFL\)](#)
- [National League of American Pen Women \(NLAPW\)](#)
- [Florida Artist’s Group \(FLAG\)](#)
- [National Association of Digital Artists \(naDA\)](#)
- [International Society of Experimental Artists \(ISEA\)](#)
- [Women Contemporary Artists – Sarasota, FL](#)
- [NALAC - National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures](#)
- Veteran Artist Program

Volunteer Work

- [Curator – Art Center Sarasota – *Onward & Upward* Online Juried Show](#)
- [Satchel’s Last Resort – Billboard, flyers, graphics](#)
- [National League of American Pen Women \(NLAPW\) – Social Media Director](#)
- [National League of American Pen Women – Sarasota Branch – Webmaster & Social Media Director](#)
- [Art Center Sarasota – Website work](#)

Awards:

- November 2021 – “Splinter Man” (Fourth Place) *ISEA – International Society of Experimental Artists* – International Online
- September 2020 – “Journey with Morpheus” (Award of Excellence and Publicity Award) “*The Spirit of Resilience*” - The Healing Power of Arts and Artists – Manhattan Arts International - New York, NY.
- May 2020 - “Antibodies” - Special Recognition - "*Art and Vision*" - Art Center Sarasota, Sarasota, FL.
- February 13, 2020 - [Featured Artist](#) - *ArtsyShark* juried competition.

- January 2020 - Honorable Mention - "Third Eye" - "Eye Candy" Art Center Sarasota, Sarasota, FL.
- December 2019 - Second Place - "Hanging by a Thread" - "Flashes of Brilliance" Venice Art Center, Venice, FL
- December 2019 - Special Award - "13 Thousand Bezier Curves" - "OPEN SEASON National Juried Competition" Art Center Sarasota, Sarasota, FL.
- September 2019 through September 2020 - One of the 41 Winning Artists for "8th Annual 'Celebration of the Arts'" - "A Modern Interpretation" - Tampa Bay Lightning, Amelie Arena
- September 2019 - Merit Award - "Spectra" - "Welcome Back To Paradise" Venice Art Center, Venice, FL

Juried Exhibitions:

- July 2021 - "Calla Lily" and "Simple Things" - "The Times they Are a Changin'" - Venice Art Center, Venice, FL.
- August 2021 - "The Ascent" and "Digital Valium No. 2" - "Here Comes the Sun" - Art Center Sarasota, Sarasota, FL.
- June 2021 – "Victor/Victoria" -- "Some Like it Hot II" – National Association of Women Artists (NAWA) Tri-Chapter Exhibit Virtual Museum Exhibit.
- March 2021 - "Journey with Morpheus" - "HERStory" – National Association of Women Artists (NAWA)- Online.
- October 2020 - "Journey with Morpheus" and "Fractal Sunflower" - "Onward and Upward" - Art Center Sarasota, Sarasota, FL.
- September 2020 – "Journey with Morpheus" (Award of Excellence and Publicity Award) "The Spirit of Resilience - The Healing Power of Arts and Artists – Manhattan Arts International - New York, NY.
- July 2020 - "Gravitational Pull" - "Less is More" - Venice Art Center, Venice, FL.
- July 2020 - "A Strange and Wonderful World" - "The Big Show - National Juried Exhibition" - Art Center Sarasota, Sarasota, FL.

- January 2020 - “A Wandering Soul” - "*Untamed*" - Venice Art Center, Venice, FL.
- November 2019 - “Majestic” - "*Giving Thanks*" - Art Center Manatee, Bradenton, FL.
- October 2019 - “Glitter Bomb” - “*In Gold We Trust*” - Ashton Gallery at Art on 30th, San Diego, CA.
- September 2019 - “Spectra” (Merit Award) and “Majestic” - "*Welcome Back to Paradise*" - Venice Art Center, Venice, FL.
- June 2019 - “Majestic” - "*Made Fresh*" - Art Center Sarasota, Sarasota, FL.
- June 2019 - “Majestic” - "*National Veterans Art Competition*" - Tampa FL and USA
- June 2018 - “Technicolor Kiss” - "*Florida’s Finest*" - Art Center Sarasota, Sarasota, FL.
- March 2018 - "Arabian Nights" - "*REAL - NOT REAL*" - Art Center Sarasota, Sarasota, FL.
- December 2017 - "Blocked" Diptych - "*New and Now*" - Art Center Sarasota, Sarasota, FL.

Group Exhibits:

- November 2021 - "[Shifting Perceptions](#)" – with Julie Kanapaux and Jessica Mowery – SPAACES, Sarasota, FL.
- November 2021 – “*Techspressionism 2021 INTERNATIONAL ONLINE EXHIBITION*”- Online.
- May 2021 - “*New Member Exhibit*” – NAWA National Association of Women Artists – Online
- 2020 - “*All Members Online Exhibit – ISEA – International Society of Experimental Artists* – International Online
- October 2020 - “*VX 2020 – The Center for Global Art*” – International Online
- 2020 - *FLAG 70th Annual Symposium and Exhibition* – Foosaner Art Museum
- 2020 - “*Artscape 2020 - Virtual Artists' Market*” - Baltimore, MD.
- 2020 - “*Off the Wall*” - Art Center Sarasota, Sarasota, FL.
- 2019 - “*Star Spangled Art Exhibit*” St Petersburg College, Tarpon Springs, FL.
- 2019-2020 - “*Inaugural Exhibit -- Veterans Art Gallery*” at the [Virginia War Memorial](#)

- 2019 - “*Four Seasons Art Showcase*” MSAA (Multiple Sclerosis Association of America)
- 2019 - “*ParkBeats*” at Central Park - Osseo, WI.

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