



Sofia Dominguez Salcedo

Student of the Year

Freestyle Academy

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First and foremost, Sofia is kind. She's a member of our community who acts in the best interest of others; indeed, she is motivated by a sincere desire to help people through empathy and brave honesty. I believe she has nurtured this powerful character trait through her love of literature. Sofia is one of the most passionate and dedicated readers I know.

Many of her superpowers as a student, including thinking critically, listening sensitively, and communicating powerfully, come from her lifetime relationship with books and visual art. For almost two years now, Sofia has shared her passions and perspectives with us, all the while kindly listening to—in essence, honoring—all of ours.

~Jason Greco, Freestyle Academy English Teacher

Sofia Dominguez has been an incredible student in Freestyle, her hard work and positive energy helped the classes get a wider perspective and deeper peer collaboration through the lots of class projects. She always brings a smile to the class and tries to help her peers. She is very self-directed, incredibly detail oriented and always trying to keep in mind the big picture in sharp focus. I have seen her work in many capacities during Freestyle years and her commitment and perseverance have been very inspiring.

Recently, as a team leader, she worked very hard on the senior narrative project, From the very beginning to the end of this long, hard project, the planning, the storytelling, time management, the production, post production and of course, the most important part of the process, the collaboration, she put in huge effort with full of positive energy with other team members, finally delivered the very successful visual narrative project as a result.

Congratulations, Sofia, for the 2023-2024 Freestyle Student of the Year. It was a very easy decision for me and other Freestyle teachers and she deserves this wonderful title 100%.

~Tommy Cho, Freestyle Academy Animation Teacher

Freestyle has changed in that we are now using our dream campus. Sofia has helped create the community at our old temporary location and now in our new facility. She is a big part of the Senior leadership team for our school events and does so willingly and just as passionately as she does her project productions. I also very much appreciate her multicultural perspective that she infuses into her project ideas and creations. Thank you, Sofia, for caring so much about what you produce at Freestyle and for caring so much about our community.

~Leo Florendo, Freestyle Academy Program Coordinator and Digital Media Teacher

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