



## CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

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### PERSONAL PROFILE

Manuel Davila is a 2Spirit Coahuiltecan tradition keeper native to Yanaguana, commonly known as San Antonio, Texas. As a horticulturist and herbalist by trade, combined with their formal education in Pharmacy, they use their knowledge to educate the community on the medicinal flora of the area.

They have represented San Antonio at the Celebration of Basketry and Native Food Gathering as well as at the 2017 People's Climate March in Washington D.C. Manuel has been featured in the New York Times, San Antonio Express News, SA Current, The Washington Post, Democracy Now, The Albuquerque Journal, The Rivard Report, Edible Magazine and NBA.com for their invaluable work.

### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- San Antonio Certified Tourism Ambassador since 2012
- San Antonio World Heritage Ambassador since 2019
- Certified Permaculturist by the Traditional Native American Farmers Association
- Certified by the Tesuque Pueblo Seed bank

### OTHER SKILLS

- 10+ years in wedding, gala & large event planning
- Practices: Body Work, Nutrition, Medicinal herbs & Horticulturist
- Bilingual

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American Indians in Texas at the Spanish Colonial Missions | 2017 – Present

- Manuel Davila's work focuses on preservation of the culture of the Tap Pilam Coahuiltecan Nation. Their work focuses on raising awareness for the legacy behind south Texas indigenous arts and maintaining a decolonial approach to the history of our city.
- Recent successes include: launching a 7 piece apparel line with Spurs NBA player Patty Mills, inspired by the creation story of SA aboriginal people.
- 4 years hosting the Cactus Blossom Gala Dinner & silent auction Fundraiser
- Seasonal outdoor markets and fairs generating income for local artisans
- maintaining relationships with National Park Services and The Archdioceses of SA
- conduct regular walking tours of the San Antonio Missions, providing a mission history from the Native American experience



### SANARTE FOUNDING MEMBER

SanArte Healing + Cultura Clinic | 2019 – present

- SanArte is a community-led cultural healing and empowerment collective that offers live and virtual programming, mobile clinics, education, and facilitation to activate ancestral wisdom, traditional healing practices
- Offer nutritional education striving to bring ancestral foods back on to our dinner table.
- teach sustainable gardening to create an impactful change with our relationship with food.
- traditional medicine, allopathic and cultural healing arts practitioners building a community culture of wellness and collaboration.
- building cohesion amongst people and agencies that work for health equity, peace, and environmental justice in the Central Texas region.



### EDUCATION HISTORY

- KAPLAN UNIVERSITY 2007-2009 SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
- VOCATIONAL DEGREE IN PHARMACY
- PHARMACY TECHNICIANS LICENSEE

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