## **DIANA MENDEZ**

CHICAGO BORN AND RAISED

Diana considers herself a "closet artist" – being that she's put the raising of her family and building her career at forefront that she had not been able to focus on her creative side.

Though she never went to art school, her father was a big influence in her advocacy for the arts and used to practice live drawing with him. Diana is ready to step out of the closet and shift her focus back to the arts.

"I feel like now more than ever I need to focus on my creativity because it brought me peace and some self-reflection. My career influences me in a way that I take nothing for granted and I see beauty even in despair."

- Diana Mendez

DIANA HAS EARNED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY FROM NLU AND A POST MASTER'S DEGREE FROM DU AS WELL AS OTHER CERTIFICATIONS AND ENDORESEMENTS

"CHICAGO HAS SHAPED ME AS AN ARTIST BY ALLOWING ME TO SURROUND MYSELF WITH A MELTING POT OF ART AND ARTISTS"

...WE LOOK FORWARD TO WATCHING HER BLOOM!