# MARIEKE MICHELLE DAVIS

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## **SUMMARY**

High-achieving, highly motivated, award-winning artist and author looking to pursue a career as an artist, writer, illustrator, graphic novelist, and teacher while gaining experience in art entrepreneurship, self-publication, and audio production created especially for the visually impaired.

## **EDUCATION**

BFA Drawing, Minors in English Literature, Women's & Gender Studies,
Certificate in Creative Writing
Arizona State University – Summa Cum Laude – 4.00 Cum. GPA

#### **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS**

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi - Induction	Spring 2016
Dean's List, Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts, ASU	2012-17
The J. Russell & Bonita Nelson Art Scholarship for Outstanding Senior	2015-16
Golden Key International Honour Society	2015
ASU School of Art Talented Artist Scholarship	2012-13, 2014-15
ASU Alumni Association/Medallion Scholarship	2012-16
ASU New American University (NAMU) Dean's Award	2012-16
John W. Luttrell/Children's Cancer Network Scholarship	2012-16
Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation Scholarship	2013-14, 2014-15
Gilbert Lions Club Scholarship	2012-13

#### **HONORS & AWARDS**

	FINALIST (one of 15 nationwide) – VSA Emerging Young Artists Program,
August 2017	Sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
April 2016	AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARD, Herberger Institute IDEA Showcase
<b>Fall 2014</b>	FIRST PRIZE, Phoenix Sister Cities International Art Competition
	FIRST PLACE, ChoiceMagazineListening.com National Poster Contest,
Spring 2014	Providing Alternate Reading Formats for the Visually Impaired

## **PUBLICATIONS & EXHIBITIONS**

VSA Emerging Young Artists Program, Curated Exhibition at the Dillon S. Ripley Center, Washington, DC – Entry: Excerpts from autobiographical comic strip,	
"Life is Blurry." Inauguration of 2-year national tour.	Oct. 24-27, 2017
Phoenix Comicon Presentation & Panel, "Creating <i>Ember Black</i> "	May 2017
BFA Senior Art Exhibition, "Tell-Tale Art: An Exhibition of Narrative Art,"	·
Featuring My Graphic Series, Ember Black, in Print/Audio	<b>Fall 2016</b>
Publication of One-Act Play, "Disappearing Act," in Canyon Voices	Spring 2016

Publication of Five Original Drawings in ASU anthology, <i>Marooned</i>	<b>Fall 2015</b>
Publication of Short Story, "The Onlookers" in Marooned	<b>Fall 2014</b>
Exhibitor, Arizona Opera Company Artist Showcase	2013-14
Authored and Copyrighted Short Stories: "The Shift," "Cracked," "The Onlookers,"	
"The Toll," "True Colors," and Eight Poems	2012-16
Continuing Projects: <i>Ember Black</i> (graphic novel), <i>The Soul Keeper</i> (novel) <b>20</b>	07-Present

#### **ARTICLES AND INTERVIEWS**

- Interview with Attie Murphy, "Coloring Outside the Lines," *State Press Magazine*, Vol 17, Issue 5, March 1, 2017, <a href="www.statepress.com/article/2017/03/spmagazine-coloring-outside-the-lines-blind-cartoonist-thrives-at-asu">www.statepress.com/article/2017/03/spmagazine-coloring-outside-the-lines-blind-cartoonist-thrives-at-asu</a>
- Interview with Chris McCrory, "ASU Student Shows Off Superpower: Creating Comic Books," *State Press*, Nov. 10, 2016; <a href="https://www.statepress.com/article/2016/11/spcampus-ember-black-comic">www.statepress.com/article/2016/11/spcampus-ember-black-comic</a>
- Interview with Dr. Lorraine Festa for her show, "Lifestyles with Lorraine" on AZ State Talking News, recorded for the blind, June 6, 2016
- Interview with Jimmy Jenkins, KJZZ (91.5 FM) "The Show," May 16, 2016
   <a href="https://theshow.kjzz.org/content/306880/ember-black-graphic-novel-drawn-artists-unique-perspective">https://theshow.kjzz.org/content/306880/ember-black-graphic-novel-drawn-artists-unique-perspective</a>
- Interview with Marshall Terrill, "Reimagining the Comic Book Genre," *ASU Now*, May 2, 2016 https://asunow.asu.edu/20160502-creativity-reimagining-comic-book-genre
- Interview with Eric Mungenast, "Partially Blind Gilbert Resident Earns Accolades for Talents in Visual Arts," *East Valley Tribune*, June 18, 2014; www.eastvalleytribune.com/local/gilbert/articles\_09faabb2-f356-11e3-990e-001a4bcf887a.html
- "Adversity Doesn't Prepare Teen for Gun Tragedy," Guest Op-Ed & Political Cartoon, *The Gilbert Republic*, June 2, 2012

## **SKILLS**

- Experienced in PhotoShop and Illustrator
- Experienced in Audio Production and Direction

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

2017	Planned Parenthood Safety Escort
ınd	ASU Medallion Scholarship Service Projects, Including Pat's Run, ASU Cares, and
2012-16	Guinness World Book Record to End Hunger, and Feed My Starving Children
areness	Children's Cancer Network Volunteer, Assisting with Events such as Cancer Awar
2013-16	Fair, Holiday Party, & Spring Fashion Show
<b>Sept./Oct. 2015</b>	Foundation for Blind Children, Helping Children Create Audio Comics